

**FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Borough of Fairfield**  
**Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of December 20, 2022**  
**108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA**

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, in the front room of the Village Hall. In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith, Dean Thomas, and Sally Thomas; Mayor Robert Stanley; Carroll Valley Borough Police Chief Cliff Weikert; and Secretary Susan Wagle.

At 7:01 PM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order, and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes** – On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of December 7, 2022, were accepted as presented.

**Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

**Fire Department Report** – Council acknowledged receipt of the November Fire Department report.

**Police Report** – Chief Weikert reported that a new officer has been hired and will report for duty on January 3rd. Significant discussion ensued following his report of a high number and wide variety of scams circulating in the area.

At 7:19 PM Chief Weikert left the meeting.

**Enactments & Appointments**

On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council passed the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution 10 of 2022 approving 2023 Fairfield Fire & EMS activities as a component of the Workers' Compensation insurance law;
- b. Resolution 11 of 2022 approving operational support activities for participating members of Fairfield Fire & EMS;
- c. Resolution 12 of 2022 declaring the intent to dispose of certain public records generated in the years 2015 through 2019;
- d. Resolution 13 of 2022 declaring the intent to dispose of certain public records generated in 2006.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council appointed Frank Cool to a new 5-year term to the Municipal Authority, serving from 2023-2028. Note: the agenda incorrectly identifies the appointment as an appointment to the Planning Commission.

**Correspondence** – Council acknowledged receipt of a broadband survey request from the Adams County Planning Office. It was noted that the survey is available in either paper or digital format.

**Financial Reports** – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, the financial reports were accepted as presented.

**Mayor's Report** – In response to inquiry by Mayor Stanley, various council members suggested that SCCAP (South Central Community Action Programs) could be a good resource for low income individuals looking for housing.

**Municipal Services Report** – It was recommended that the municipal employee check the storm drains and the gutter in the first block of Water Street.

## **Liaison Reports**

**COG** – The December 15 meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

**Historical Society** – Mrs. Gilbert reported that about 30 people attended the December 8 Historical Society Christmas party and enjoyed the music provided by Rich Fehle.

**FREMA** – Mayor Stanley reported that the current slate of FREMA Board officers was re-elected to serve in 2023 by representatives of the four municipalities represented at the December 19 FREMA meeting. The EMC and Deputy EMC were unable to attend the meeting due to training being conducted at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services.

**HARB** – There was no HARB meeting in November.

**Joint Parks & Recreation Commission** – Mr. Thomas reported on a short December 13 meeting at which it was reported that the construction underway should be completed soon.

**Municipal Authority** – Mrs. Smith reported that details to enable submission of grant applications were worked out at the December 15 meeting, and all grant applications have been submitted within the required deadline date. Mark Keller was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Board member, Donald Collins, who recently died. A bid has been awarded for line repairs on Balder Street.

**Pippinfest** – Mrs. Thomas shared that one of last year’s new members has resigned from the committee and another of the new younger members has been unreachable. New committee support is critically needed.

**Planning Commission** – As planned, there was no meeting in December.

**Unfinished Business** – Mr. Thomas reported that it appears that trimming has been done on North Balder Street and West Landis Drive, but one additional branch needs to be removed. He offered to do the job.

**New Business** – Council heard that there has been a request to remove the marked handicap space in front of 120 West Main Street. It was noted that the space was so designated many years ago at the request of Lockwood Business Support which is required by PennDOT to provide a handicap parking space in order to offer PennDOT vehicle services. Mrs. Beckman, current owner of Lockwood Business Support, has offered to find out if Penn DOT will allow the business to assign a handicap space in the business parking lot instead of on the street. Mrs. Gilbert noted that handicap spaces are established by ordinance, and a change would require an ordinance amendment. The topic will be revisited when additional information has been obtained.

**Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

## **Anything for the good of the Borough**

- ❖ Council supported Mr. Thomas’ request that Joint Parks and Recreation meetings be added to the posting notice of 2023 meetings.

- ❖ Mr. Stanley shared that Eric Hutchison conveyed his thanks to Council for installing street name signs at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and East Main Street.
- ❖ Mrs. Smith expressed her thanks to everyone for their service on Council and conveyed best wishes for happy holidays.

**Next Meetings** –The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

**Adjournment** – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

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Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

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Patricia T. Smith, President