

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of June 27, 2023
108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, in the conference room of the Village Hall. In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Sally Thomas, and Patricia Smith; Mayor Robert Stanley; Carroll Valley Borough Police Chief Cliff Weikert and Officer Seth Reed; and Secretary Susan Wagle. Mr. Thomas was absent.

Present from the public was R. Lee Royer, surveyor, on behalf of the Todd R. Reamer Centennial Street subdivision plan.

At 7:00 PM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order, and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 7:02 PM Gettysburg Times reporter Mary Grace Kauffman arrived at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2023, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Fire Department Report – Council acknowledged receipt of the May Fire Department report.

Police Report – Chief Weikert reported that the Department conducted a "Click it or Ticket" event and issued no citations. The Department has resumed the hiring process for a new officer. He shared that an award was presented to Officer Reed by the Carroll Valley Borough Council on May 15 as a commendation for his exemplary service in rendering aid to an unconscious individual in Fairfield Borough and his 'beyond the line of duty' additional support provided to the individual's wife after her husband was in the care of medical professionals. Council applauded Officer Reed and expressed appreciation for service received by the Department.

Correspondence – Council received an update on burn bans currently in place in Adams County.

Financial Reports – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, the financial reports were accepted as presented.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanley reported that he attended the Fire Company drive in car show last weekend.

Municipal Services Report – Regular summer maintenance needs were taken care of during the month.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

Liaison Reports

ACBA – There was no report on the meeting as no one from the Borough attended.

COG – Mrs. Smith reported that Mark Clowney, the county's senior planner of rural development, gave an informative presentation at the June 22 Council of Governments meeting. She noted that the County Elections Office has relocated from the Courthouse to the Emergency Services Building and has increased

the number of its employees from two to four. Work on broadband and cyber security for municipalities continues, and Pictometry training classes are being made available.

Historical Society – Mrs. Gilbert reported that the Board met in June. Revised bylaws should be ready for adoption next month. Public events are scheduled for August 17 and October 19 with presentations on the Civil War by author Bradly Gottfried and about the apple industry and the Musselman Company in Adams County by Phil Roth, respectively.

FREMA – The FREMA meeting was canceled due to lack of business.

HARB – There was no meeting in June.

Joint Parks & Recreation Commission – There was no report as no one attended the June 13 meeting.

Municipal Authority – Mrs. Smith reported that the Authority is still waiting for results of their two grant applications which have a combined value of approximately \$2,000,000. She shared that only 4.23" of rainfall was recorded during the month of May. Additional water testing is being required by the state, and if legislation regarding testing service lines for lead content is passed it will surely dictate a rate increase. Currently there is significant resistance to the legislation. On the positive side, during the most recent electric cycle the Authority saved approximately \$11,352 by contracting for electric supply.

Pippinfest – Mrs. Thomas reported that the committee is operating as a "well-oiled machine" and met on June 13 to continue planning for the festival. She expressed appreciation to Camille Cline for taking on critical duties despite having resigned from the committee last year. New options for traffic control are being pursued in light of the disappointing news that the Constable's association is not an option due to insurance concerns.

Planning Commission – Mrs. Cline provided an update on the status of the subdivision plan for 23-27 Centennial Street noting that the plan has been reviewed by the Adams County Planning Office, the Zoning Officer, and the Borough Engineer. At their meeting on June 12th, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that Council express support for the Plan with two motions which Council action on as follows:

On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council voted to approve the signature of the Sewage Facilities Non Building Declaration upon receipt and confirmation from the Borough Engineer that it is acceptable.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council voted to conditionally approve the Todd R. Reamer Property Final Subdivision Plan for 23-27 Centennial Street, pending satisfactory completion of all items within the May 24, 2023, Borough Engineer's review letter.

Mr. Royer invited Council to visit the Monterey Pass Battlefield and Museum on July 3rd when he will serve as docent, and he left the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Unfinished Business

- Lion's Club members began painting curb today!
- Sidewalk repair notices have not yet been sent to property owners.
- Mrs. Smith reported that three conference room chairs have arrived and another five have been ordered.
- New members are still needed for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board

New Business - By general consensus Council chose to leave the burn ban in effect in the Borough and to re-visit at the July 5 meeting. Mrs. Smith suggested that information on fireworks restrictions be put on the Borough website.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough

Mayor Stanley reported on a public telephonic hour-long question/answer session with Senator Mastriano. He shared that Met Ed will be trimming trees from around power lines in the Borough and expressed his opinion that Mrs. Cline and Mrs. Dille did a very good job planning and executing the Memorial Day event held at the Fairfield Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith reported that the Fire Company is conducting a sandwich sale fundraiser on July 1st and 8th with three options available at a cost of \$10.00.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, President