

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of September 26, 2023
108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, in the conference room of the Village Hall. In attendance were councilors Dennis Bucher, Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith, and Sally Thomas; Mayor Robert Stanley; Carroll Valley Borough Police Chief Cliff Weikert; and Secretary Susan Wagle.

Present from the public was Gettysburg Times reporter Mary Grace Kauffman.

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

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

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Fire Department Report – The August Fire Department report will be reviewed at the October 4 meeting.

Police Report – Chief Weikert shared that a Drug Take-Back event is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, from 10 AM to 2 PM. He anticipates that new police vehicles will be delivered fairly soon.

At 7:15 PM Chief Weikert left the meeting.

Correspondence – There was no commitment to attend an informational presentation on electric vehicle charging infrastructure plans.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanley expressed thanks to everyone who worked for Pippinfest.

Municipal Services Report – It was noted that mowing outside the fence along East Landis Drive will be added as a regular job for the maintenance employee.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

Liaison Reports

Fairfield Area Historical Society – Mrs. Gilbert reported that the Historical Society board met on September 21. A public event will take place on the third Thursday of October. Mrs. Cline shared that the Society has prepared a 2024 calendar which is available for purchase.

HARB – There was no meeting in September.

Joint Parks & Recreation Commission – Mr. Pileggi reported that the Board has decided to prepare a setting to house quality portable toilets rather than install permanent plumbing for bathroom facilities. Discussion of installing a pickleball court or a ball field is still underway. While acknowledging the high cost of either, the Board's goal is to make the Park appealing and meaningful to all segments of the population. The 2023 Music in the Park program was deemed successful and will be continued into 2024.

Municipal Authority – Mrs. Smith shared details on the leak and repair of the main water line which impacted all properties served. Two rounds of follow up testing were conducted with results both times indicating that the water contained no bacteria was safe to use. She noted that milky-looking water is most likely the result of tiny air bubbles, which readily dissipate.

The Authority has had no response to its current grant application – the deadline for which was almost a year ago. Some new grants have become available at a reasonable cost, and the Authority may pursue with assistance from the Authority engineer. The county-wide drought watch has not yet been lifted.

Pippinfest – Mrs. Thomas shared that volunteers and committee members worked diligently throughout the festival weekend despite the rainy weather and that vendors who braved the weather were not upset. She noted that in the 12 years she has served as Pippinfest chair, this is the first time the weather has had such a negative effect on visitors and vendors alike. Mrs. Gilbert observed that it may be the first time a "wash out" has happened since the festival began in 1980. The Pippinfest Committee wrap up meeting is scheduled for October 10.

Noting that local Scout Troop 76 prepared for Pippinfest but chose not to cook in the rain, Council expressed no objection to their use of the Village Hall grounds if they should choose to orchestrate a follow-up fund raiser to enable using supplies purchased for Pippinfest.

Planning Commission – Materials have been distributed for discussion at the October meeting. There was no meeting in September.

Unfinished Business

- **Copier Leasing** – Council considered copier leasing costs as provided by Quality Kyocera. Since the turn-around time for a new copier is fairly short and the current copier is functioning fine since its recent repair, no action was taken toward obtaining a new copier.
- **Streets and alleys repair proposals** – Council considered quotes from Driveways2Day and Paving by Thomas Wells III for various road improvement projects. After discussion and on a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council voted to engage the services of Paving by Thomas Wells.

New Business – Mrs. Smith noted that the ceiling in the men's restroom is in need of repair and considered that ARPA funds could be used for funding. She shared that Brian Buch pressure washed the Village Hall on Monday in preparation for upcoming improvements.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough –

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

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, President