

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of October 24, 2023
108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, in the conference room of the Village Hall. In attendance were councilors Dennis Bucher, Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Pat Pileggi, and Patricia Smith; Mayor Robert Stanley; and Secretary Susan Wagle. Mr. McNeill and Mrs. Thomas were absent.

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. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of October 4, 2023, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Fire Department Report – Mrs. Smith reported on the quarterly municipal meeting that was attended by Mr. McNeill. It was a short meeting with advertising materials provided for upcoming activities. There was no Fire Department report submitted for consideration.

Police Report – In the absence of Chief Weikert, Council acknowledged receipt of the September Police Report.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence to consider.

Mayor's Report – There was no Borough business on which to report.

Municipal Services Report – The municipal services employee took care of a variety of trimming and outdoor maintenance tasks in preparation for winter weather. It was requested that he be diligent about keeping storm drains and street gutters cleared of leaves and debris.

Committee Reports – The budget committee prepared a first draft of a general fund budget at a meeting on October 23. They will meet again on October 25 and hope to have a proposed budget to present to Council at the November 1 Council meeting in anticipation of advertising the proposed budget for public review.

Liaison Reports

Fairfield Area Historical Society – Mrs. Gilbert reported that the public function held on October 19 was attended by over 50 individuals and was well received. Most of the 2024 calendars have been sold; there are a few still available. The next public function will take place in March and will be a show and tell of “Make Do’s” by David Thomas.

FREMA – The FREMA meeting scheduled for October 16 was canceled.

HARB – There was no meeting in October.

Joint Parks & Recreation Commission – Mr. Pileggi reported that the Board is continuing consideration of adding a sports field at the park. A mulching project has been completed, and a Christmas tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for December 3 around 4:00.

Municipal Authority – Mrs. Smith reported that the Municipal Authority engineer has provided the Board information on local share grants which they will prepare for a fee of \$750.00. If a resulting award is made, they will be compensated an additional \$750.00. Awards could be as high as \$1,000,000. Announcement of awards for grants submitted over a year ago is anticipated to be made on November 21. The engineer also provided rate comparisons of 15 municipal authorities. Fairfield Municipal Authority rates are at the low end, and York Water Company’s rates are the highest. The Authority intends to petition Representative Dan Moul to have the state intervene to eliminate new EPA testing requirements on the radar which are not pertinent to the Authority.

Pippinfest – In Mrs. Thomas’ absence the Secretary reported that the wrap-up meeting originally scheduled for October 10 has been rescheduled to December 12.

Planning Commission – Mrs. Cline reported that the Planning Commission reviewed and approved proposed changes to sign definitions and anticipates receiving a final Zoning Ordinance document for review at the November meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Road work has begun.
- Sidewalk letters have not yet been sent.
- It was noted that due to a glitch in advertising, snow bids will be received through October 31 and opened at the November 1 meeting.

New Business – Mrs. Smith shared that she will hand out candy at the Village Hall on Halloween.

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, November 1, 2023, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

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

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, President