

**FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Borough of Fairfield**  
**Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of March 26, 2024**  
**108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA**

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 2024, 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; and Secretary Susan Wagle.

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

At 6:30 PM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order, and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes** – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of March 6, 2024, were accepted as presented.

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

**Fire Department Report** – Council reviewed the Fire Department report for the month of February.

**Police Report** – The police report was deferred to later in the meeting.

**Correspondence** – Mrs. Smith explained to Council that the correspondence regarding renewal of the Municipal Authority’s NPDES permit is standard operating procedure which takes place every five years and authorizes operation of the wastewater treatment plant.

**Municipal Services Report** – After discussion of the damaged street name sign at North Miller and Main Streets, by general consensus Council directed that the sign be replaced in the same location.

**Mayor’s Report** – Mayor Stanley shared information on speaking invitations he has recently received.

**Committee Reports** – There were no reports. Mr. Pileggi shared that he has noticed several occasions when youth on bicycles have darted out of Third Avenue onto Main Street, and he considered that signage directing traffic to watch for children might be warranted. Council agreed to consider and discuss further at a subsequent meeting.

**Liaison Reports**

**Fairfield Area Historical Society** – Mrs. Gilbert reported that the March 21 public program on “Make-Do’s” was well received. On the third Thursday in June James Rada will share a presentation on the Daughters of Charity. A public program having to do with the Mason-Dixon line is in the planning stages for October.

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

**Joint Parks and Recreation Commission** – Mr. Pileggi reported that the Board reviewed the activity schedule for the upcoming year. Kite Day takes place on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM until 1 PM. Food will be available at that event. Musical entertainment for Music in the Park has been engaged, and consideration was given to combining some functions in the future.

**Municipal Authority** – Mrs. Smith reported that most of the Board’s discussion centered around permit renewal for the wastewater treatment plant and the impact of heavy rains on the plant.

**Pippinfest** – Mrs. Thomas reported that the Pippinfest Committee had their first meeting of the year on March 12. Two new members have joined the committee – Moriah Tyler, the Education and Visual Arts Coordinator for the Carroll County Arts Council, and Ginny Makous, corporate employee for Five Below. On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the following individuals were appointed to the 2024 Pippinfest Committee: Dennis Bucher, Camille Cline, LuAnn Dille, Ginny Makous, Nate McNeill, Moriah Tyler, Sally Thomas, and Nancy Wenschhof.

After a brief discussion and on a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council authorized fee-free use of the Village Hall on June 29th for the purpose of a fundraiser specifically to benefit Pippinfest Kids Corner activities. The fundraiser is a program entitled “Lookin’ at Country” performed by musicians Kip and Dale Young.

**Planning Commission** – The Secretary reported that Planning Commission members considered an amended plan for the Fairfield Commons development at their March 11 meeting. Proposed changes to the currently approved plan were significant, and there were many questions to deliberate. Ultimately the plan was tabled, and the applicant has the option of submitting a further amended plan for consideration at a future meeting.

After some discussion and on a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council voted to authorize advertisement of the intent to repeal the current zoning ordinance and to adopt the new zoning ordinance as previously recommended by the Planning Commission.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Sidewalk letters have not yet been mailed.
2. The engineer has not yet been contacted to assess the condition of North Balder Street.
3. No word has been received from Rebert Masonry regarding a date to begin repair of damaged brick along the entrance ramp. The Secretary will call to follow up.
4. Regarding consideration of allowing resident parking at the municipal parking during snow emergencies, by general consensus Council agreed take no action as there is little or no demand for the same.
5. The one-way sign for installation on East Landis Drive at the rear of Monahan Funeral Home has been delivered. Installation will be coordinated with the municipal employee and Carroll Valley Borough roads crew.
6. The change of location of the “no parking” sign on North Balder Street will be coordinated with the installation of the one-way sign on East Landis Drive.

**New Business** – Mrs. Smith shared that a thorough spring cleaning, wall patching, and touch up painting is needed at the Village Hall. She asked Council members for assistance in locating an individual or entity who might be able to provide such services.

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

**Police Report** – Several council members noted that they have observed police vehicles monitoring traffic in the Borough at various location. In the absence of Chief Weikert, there was no review of the police report.

**Anything for the good of the Borough** – Mayor Stanley shared that this year’s Mayor’s conference will take place in Johnstown PA. He further shared that The Eisenhower Society is hosting a “D-Day Plus Eighty” symposium on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Gettysburg College. He can arrange for entry if anyone is interested in attending.

Mrs. Smith reported that the Fire Company is planning to offer drive-through dinners on Thursday evenings. She further reported that the recent dinner and meat raffle held by the Fire Company was very successful, and the dinner was delicious.

**Next Meetings** – The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment** – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

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Patricia T. Smith, President