

**FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Borough of Fairfield**  
**Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of June 25, 2024**  
**108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA**

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 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. Nate McNeill arrived later in the meeting, and Sally Thomas was absent.

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

At 6:33 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 Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of June 5, 2024, were accepted as presented.

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

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

**Police Report** – In the absence of a representative of the Carroll Valley Borough Police Department, Council acknowledged receipt of the emailed police report. The Secretary shared comments from Chief Weikert regarding the graph results indicating the apparent success in reducing speed in the Borough through use of the digital radar speed sign. He indicated will have a purchase recommendation for our own digital sign next week.

**Correspondence** – Council acknowledged receipt of the transportation plan for Caterpillar Clubhouse and delivery of free LED tubes from FirstEnergy.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Stanley reported on two upcoming personal events. As reported in a previous meeting, he will not be attending the mayor's conference this year.

**Municipal Services Report** – Among the jobs performed by the municipal employee were mowing, sign installation on North Balder Street and Landis Drive, installation and removal of Children Playing signs, and measuring for crosswalk signs.

At 6:50 PM Mr. McNeill arrived at the meeting

**Committee Reports** – Mrs. Cline shared that the sample junkyard ordinance from Waynesboro seems to be a well-rounded ordinance that would be suitable for Fairfield. The Secretary will draft a document for review.

### **Liaison Reports**

**Fairfield Area Historical Society** – Mrs. Gilbert reported that the June 20 public event was well received by the 30 to 35 individuals who attended. She shared, too, that in October the Historical Society is hosting another public event with Kevin Bream speaking about the Mason-Dixon line.

**FREMA** – Mayor Stanley reported that only Liberty Township was not represented at the June 17 FREMA Executive Board meeting. The Board is actively updating the Emergency Operations Plan and could call a special meeting to adopt the updated plan if it is completed in July. In response to his sharing that all elected officials are now required to take the NIMS 200 course in addition to the NIMS 100 and 700 courses, Mrs. Smith suggested that council gather as a group to prepare.

**HARB** – The Historic Architectural Review Board reviewed via e-mail an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for solar panel installation at 33 East Main Street. It was noted that the Borough Ordinance permits roof-mounted solar panels in all zoning districts. As such, HARB recommendations for improving the project appearance were included in the body of the COA resolution. After significant discussion in which concerns were expressed about the appearance of solar panels in the historic district, on a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council passed Resolution #05 of 2024, authorizing installation of roof-mounted solar panels at 33 East Main Street.

**Joint Parks and Recreation Commission** – Mr. Pileggi reported that a new event – Astronomy Night – is being planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October. TriState Astronomers, an organization of amateur astronomers from the general area, will set up telescopes and provide guidance for viewing. The June Music in the Park event was successful and enjoyable. This year’s Christmas tree lighting is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>, and Santa Claus might be present for the event. The Board plans to apply waterproofing to the bridge over the spillway later this week. Mr. Pileggi noted that the Park must pass an inspection in order to be qualified for future grants. The Secretary shared that the Borough’s annual \$1,000 park donation was recently made with Pippinfest funds.

**Municipal Authority** – Mrs. Smith reported that: the Authority recently signed a new 10-month electric contract and will be saving 35% over the ‘price to compare;’ the timbering project is just about finished with the remaining portion requiring approval to access the property using someone else’s road; and the Authority’s attorney is in the process of planning a developer agreement. She further shared that there have been six property transfers in the Borough, to date.

**Pippinfest** – Mrs. Cline reported that the committee met in June and that plans are moving forward. Unfortunately, the Kids Corner fundraising event had to be canceled.

**Planning Commission** – The Secretary reported that the Planning Commission considered new language for updated open space standards for cluster development and recommended that Council continue the adoption process for the new Zoning Ordinance with the new standards included. A public hearing is the next requirement of the adoption process and can be scheduled for any time after July 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was deferred to the July 3 meeting.

**Unfinished Business** – The following updates to unfinished business were received:

1. The No Parking and Snow Emergency Route signs have both been installed on a single sign post on North Balder Street.
2. Replacement street name signs for North Miller and Main Streets and crosswalk signs for the crosswalk at Centennial Street have not yet been ordered.
3. Sidewalk letters have not yet been mailed.

4. The Secretary shared that three “Watch Children” signs were installed and subsequently removed when it was discovered that the bottoms of the signs were closer than seven feet to the sidewalk.
5. Repairs to the Village Hall hallways have begun.

**New Business** – Mrs. Smith noted that any news for the quarterly newsletter should be sent to the Borough office right away. She recommended that the newsletter advise readers to check with the Borough Office whenever any property or grounds changes are planned or under consideration.

The Fairfield Postmistress has requested that a street name sign for Polley Drive be installed, as mail delivery drivers have had difficulty locating the address. Council was supportive and charged the streets and alleys committee with determining specific sign locations. One is to be installed at the end of Centennial Street and the other at the intersection of Polley Drive with Water Street.

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

**Anything for the good of the Borough** – Mr. Pileggi shared that the recent prolonged excessive heat has caused tar to rise from Second Avenue, and it is being tracked into his home and onto his rugs. He noted that this issue would not exist if the road had been paved last fall, as requested, instead of treated with tar and chip. He noted, too, that potholes in the roadway are returning, despite the tar and chip job. He recommended that Thomas Wells Paving be contacted to rectify the problems with the road. It was noted that rising tar is not uncommon during extended high heat periods and that it is typically handled by applying stone dust onto the roadway. Mr. Bucher indicated that he would talk with the roads superintendent in Carroll Valley to get information and, perhaps, assistance.

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

**Adjournment** – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

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Patricia T. Smith, President