

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of August 27, 2024
108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, in the conference room of the Village Hall. In attendance were councilors Dennis Bucher, Camille Cline, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith, and Sally Thomas; Mayor Robert Stanley; Carroll Valley Borough Police Chief Cliff Weikert; and Secretary Susan Wagle. Mrs. Gilbert was absent.

Also present was Gettysburg Times reporter Liz Caples.

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. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of August 7, 2024, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Police Report –Chief Weikert reported on the recent National Night Out event which was conducted indoors due to rainy weather. He shared that the Department is conducting an aggressive driving program made possible by state grant funds. He inquired as to the readiness of Pippinfest, and Mrs. Thomas indicated that the committee wants and needs police presence as much as possible. Shortly before Pippinfest he intends to install the radar speed indicator sign at the west end of the Borough. Mr. McNeill has been in touch with Carroll Valley Borough assistant manager, Gayle Marthers, for assistance in obtaining two PennDOT electronic message signs to advise motorists of busy roads ahead.

At 6:39 PM Chief Weikert left the meeting.

Enactments - With no comments received at the Public Hearing conducted this date, on a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council repealed the current Zoning Ordinance and adopted new Zoning Ordinance number 08-01 of 2024. The Secretary will get information on codification costs for consideration at the next Council meeting.

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

Correspondence – Council acknowledged receipt of an invitation to attend the 2024 PSAB Leadership Conference and of a survey relative to the America 250 in Adams County Community Events. Mrs. Smith shared that the 250-year celebration was discussed at the recent Council of Governments meeting with county representatives sharing information on County activities being planned. She'll share more detailed information about the COG meeting at the September 4 Council meeting.

Mayor's Report – There was no Borough business on which to report. Mayor Stanley indicated his preference that the radar sign be installed at the east end of the Borough.

Municipal Services Report – No extraordinary municipal services were required in August.

Committee Reports – There were no reports.

Unfinished Business

Mr. McNeill and Mr. Bucher reported on the upcoming installation of recently received street signs. They marked installation locations for the new signs in preparation for 811 calls which will be handled by Mr. Bucher. Once locations are cleared, Dick Wivell will contact the Carroll Valley Borough roads crew for assistance with installation.

At 6:54 PM Mrs. Thomas left the meeting to attend the Pippinfest meeting.

Liaison Reports

Fairfield Area Historical Society – Mrs. Cline reported that the Board met and discussed a variety of topics with no action taken on any new business.

At 6:56 PM Mr. McNeill left the meeting to attend the Pippinfest meeting.

FREMA – The August 21 FREMA meeting was canceled.

HARB – There was no HARB meeting and no COA applications received in the month of August.

Joint Parks and Recreation Commission –Mr. Pileggi reported he did not attend the meeting. The Secretary shared that a letter of support from the Fairfield Borough Council was provided to the JPRC to be included in a grant application for planned improvements to be made at the Park.

Municipal Authority – Mrs. Smith shared information on the ongoing process to obtain grants. She reported that three Fairfield Commons construction applications have been received for duplex units on Wortz Drive. Since the infrastructure was installed over 15 years ago, the Authority is checking to be sure that there are no leaks before construction begins.

Pippinfest – Pippinfest reports will be received at the September 4 Council meeting.

Planning Commission – There was no Planning Commission meeting in August.

Additional Unfinished Business

1. Two quotes were received for installation of a steel door with an emergency exit bar at the east side rear of the Village Hall. On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by roll call vote of 4-0, Council authorized engaging Susquehanna Doors to install said door, without a window, at the quoted price of \$2,870.00.
2. The Secretary distributed copies of a proposed Junkyard Ordinance and asked that Council review and be prepared to make comment at the September 4 Borough Council meeting
3. Chief Weikert confirmed the recommended radar speed indicator sign, and the required forms are in process of completion to enable the purchase order to be processed.
4. Relative to corrective work done on Second Avenue by Thomas Wells III Paving, Mr. Pileggi reported that it appears that the tar problem has been taken care of. The Wells workers brushed and blew stone into the street and applied dust which created a surface that is “pretty much solid.”

5. Sidewalk letters have not been mailed.
6. Officials of the Southwest Group (Carroll Valley Borough, Fairfield Borough, Freedom Township, Hamiltonban Township, Highland Township, and Liberty Township) are awaiting word from the Adams County Office of Planning and Development as to whether or not the County is willing and able to assist in an update – not an overhaul – to the Southwest Comprehensive Plan. Update not overhaul.

New Business

Mrs. Cline shared information on a quote received from Budget Blinds for roller blinds for the front room windows facing Main Street. She shared that in appreciation for use of the building for the past several years, the Historical Society Board is willing to donate up to \$1500 toward the cost of window blinds. Council agreed to consider, and the topic will be an agenda item for next Wednesday’s regular meeting.

Mrs. Smith requested that Council also consider using ARPA monies to purchase new railroad ties for around the Village Hall parking lot. The topic will be another agenda item for the Wednesday meeting.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything for the good of the Borough – All interested are encouraged to support the Fairfield Football and Cheer teams at their season opening parade on September 7, beginning at the Fire Hall at 9:00 AM. Mrs. Smith welcomed officials to harvest vegetables from the garden, if desired.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, President