

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of September 24, 2024
108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, in the conference room of the Village Hall. In attendance were councilors Dennis Bucher, Camille Cline, Pat Pileggi, and Patricia Smith; Mayor Robert Stanley; Secretary Susan Wagle and newly-hired Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Mrs. Gilbert was absent due to ongoing recovery from surgery to repair a broken hip, and Mr. McNeill and Mrs. Thomas arrived later in the meeting.

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

Introduction - Mrs. Smith introduced Council to Dianna Zimmerman who has been hired to serve as the Borough Secretary.

Motion to amend the agenda: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by roll call vote of 4-0, Council amended the agenda to include review of the Code Enforcement Officer's report for the month of August and consideration of payment of the PMCA invoice for those services.

Minutes – Council acknowledged an amendment to the minutes clarifying that Council accepted the offer of the Historical Society Board to share in the cost of roller blinds for the Village Hall windows facing Main Street. On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 4-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of September 4, 2024, were accepted as amended.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

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

Police Report – Council acknowledged receipt of the August Police report.

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Council reviewed the code enforcement officer's report for the month of August.

Invoices for Approval – On a motion by Mr. Bucher, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 4-0, Council authorized payment of PMCA's invoice in the amount of \$550.00 for August services.

Review of the August financial reports – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by roll call vote of 4-0, Council accepted the financial reports as presented.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence requiring action

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanley welcomed Mrs. Zimmerman to the Borough.

Municipal Services Report – Mr. Bucher offered his assistance to install the various new street signs if help should be needed.

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

Committee Reports – Mrs. Smith pointed out the budget committee’s request that any new request or knowledge of changes for the 2025 budget be presented to the committee via the Borough office by Monday, September 30, of next week.

At 6:54 PM Mrs. Thomas arrived at the meeting

Liaison Reports

Fairfield Area Historical Society – Mrs. Cline shared that the Historical Society is hosting a public program presented by Kevin Bream on the third Thursday of October.

HARB – There was no HARB meeting in the month of September.

Joint Parks and Recreation Commission –Mr. Pileggi reported on the September JPRC Board meeting. He shared that a new public event – Astronomy night – will be hosted at the Park on November 8. Telescopes will be set up for night viewing, and he is preparing hot chocolate and coffee for attendees. The second Christmas Tree lighting event is scheduled for December 8. He noted that the September picnic for both Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township elected and appointed officials and staff was well attended with four individuals from Fairfield.,

At 7:00 PM Mrs. Thomas and Mr. McNeill left the meeting to attend the final pre-festival Pippinfest meeting which would convene on their arrival.

Municipal Authority – Mrs. Smith shared that the Municipal Authority had the Fairfield Commons and Meadowbrook lines cleaned and the Fairfield Commons lines televised. Additional televising will be done to assist in determining which sections of line should be replaced. The Authority continues to pursue grant opportunities with the assistance of a hired grant writer.

Pippinfest – Mayor Stanley affixed his hand to the annual Parking Restriction proclamation for Pippinfest, which takes place this coming weekend. Council noted the request for volunteers to help staff the information booth.

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

Unfinished Business

- There was no additional discussion regarding events to celebrate the country’s 250th birthday.
- The deposit has been paid for roll up blinds for the Village Hall windows facing Main Street.
- The Junkyard Ordinance has not yet been finalized or presented to Solicitor Battersby.
- The radar speed indicator sign has been received and installed at the east entry to the Borough.
- Quotes are being requested relative to replacing railroad ties at the outside of the Village Hall parking lot.
- Sealcoating of the Village Hall parking lot has been postponed until after Pippinfest.
- There has been no new word from the Adams County Office of Planning and Development regarding an update to the Southwest Comprehensive Plan.
- The new door for the east side rear of the Village Hall has not yet been received by Susquehanna Door.

- Street sign installation is temporarily on hold as the municipal employee is temporarily out of commission. As reported earlier in the meeting, Mr. Bucher offered his assistance should it be needed.
- Installation locations for the remaining “Watch Children” signs are still being researched.

New Business

Street sweeping of Main Street in advance of Pippifest has been scheduled for Thursday, September 26th beginning at 7:00 AM.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of-4-0, Council authorized advertisement of a request for bids for 2025 snow removal services.

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 2, 2024, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, October 22, 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 7:30 PM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, President