

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of October 22, 2024
108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, in the conference room of the Village Hall. In attendance were councilors Dennis Bucher, Camille Cline, Pat Pileggi, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, and Patricia Smith; Mayor Robert Stanley; and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Mrs. Thomas was absent.

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 Mr. McNeill and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of October 2, 2024, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

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

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

Correspondence – Council acknowledged correspondence from RETTEW, a consultant for Columbia Gas, whose specific task is to evaluate how to get a new pipeline along Main Street at the intersection of Spring Street where they will need to cross beneath the existing culvert and stream.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Stanley attended the FREMA meeting on October 21st. A full report will follow at later meeting.

Municipal Services Report – Mrs. Smith reported that Mr. Wivell is injured and will be limited on what he can do for the Borough for at least three weeks. Mayor Stanley reported that the One-Way sign behind the Mansion House is bent. Mrs. Smith expressed concern with keeping storm drains clear of leaves. It was also noted that the light at the community mailboxes is not working and the pedestrian crosswalk sign between the community mailboxes and Ventura's is broken. It was suggested that we ask Carroll Valley Borough for assistance with these repairs while Mr. Wivell is out.

Committee Reports – There were no Committee reports.

Liaison Reports

Fairfield Area Historical Society – Both, Mayor Stanley and Mrs. Gilbert commented on how nice and informative the History of the Mason Dixon Line presentation was. Mrs. Cline noted the Historical Society has nothing else planned until the new year.

HARB – There was no HARB meeting or COA applications in the month of October.

Joint Parks and Recreation Commission –Mr. Pileggi reported that six trees were donated and are being planted in the park. Spotted lantern flies have infested the maple trees as they are drawn to the sweetness of the tree. Astronomy night is scheduled for Nov. 8th from 7-10 p.m. The Christmas tree lighting is planned for Dec. 8th at Hamiltonban Community Park. The Commission has asked Liberty Worship Center to assist with music and to provide some baked goods.

Municipal Authority – Mrs. Smith shared that the Municipal Authority had their meeting Oct. 8th and developers from LMI Homes out of Texas would like to build 275 units in Hamiltonban Township on property at Rt. 116 and Iron Springs Rd. They wanted to speak to the Municipal Authority about possible water and sewer connections for this property. With no prior notification that they were coming, our consultants asked them a few questions to obtain more information but there was no conversation had between them and the Municipal Authority. The developers had invited a Gettysburg Times reporter to attend the meeting so there was a small article written in the newspaper.

Pippinfest – Mr. McNeill reported that the Committee had a lengthy wrap-up meeting on October 15th with a lot of information presented and possible changes proposed. Unfortunately, again this year, rainy weather had a negative impact on the festival's visitor and vendor turn out with approximately 20 fewer vendors participating. He noted that the committee will have their first planning meeting for the 2025 festival in January.

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

Unfinished Business

- The blinds for the Village Hall windows have been delivered and are scheduled to be installed on Wednesday, October 30th.
- The Junkyard Ordinance was presented to Solicitor Battersby for review. Mrs. Zimmerman noted that the fees schedule needs to be updated to add the junkyard application fee. Council agreed to review the fees schedule at the January meeting.
- The radar speed indicator sign has been moved to the west entry of the Borough and will remain there for approximately a month according to Chief Weikert.
- The railroad tie replacement around the Village Hall parking lot has been completed and the tree has been planted. Council concurred it all looks very nice!
- Sealcoating of the Village Hall parking lot is scheduled for Friday, October 25th. No one should drive on the parking lot once the sealcoating is complete for at least 48 hrs.
- Mrs. Smith opened the single bid received for 2025 snow removal services. The bid was from Harbaugh's Hauling and Excavation, and the quoted prices were the same as those quoted for 2024. On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council accepted the snow removal bid from Harbaugh's Hauling and Excavation. Mr. Harbaugh was present and suggested that some bushes and trees need to be trimmed to provide clearance for his vehicle and plow. Mr. Bucher offered to ride along with him to help with the trimming.
- 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 is scheduled to be installed by Susquehanna Door on Thursday, October 31st. Mrs. Smith is also going to ask them to adjust the panic bar on the back door entrance to the Village Hall. It will pinch you if you're not careful.
- Street sign installation was completed on Tuesday, October 15th.
- Installation locations for the remaining "Watch Children" signs are still being researched.

New Business

- Mr. Bucher received a complaint from a resident who stated that the lawn at 28 W Main Street is getting very tall. Ms. Smith stated that we would send that request to our Code Enforcement Officer.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything for the good of the Borough – Mrs. Smith shared that the Borough's "Christmas elves" will be hosting a Christmas decorating contest again this year.

Mayor Stanley welcomed Mrs. Gilbert back to Council meetings after her time away to heal from surgery. He also shared that he and Mayor Harris of Carroll Valley spoke and will have police visibility at both polling locations on November 5th.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, November 26, 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 7:30 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, President