FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA

Borough of Fairfield Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of November 26, 2024 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2024, in the conference room of the Village Hall. In attendance were councilors Dennis Bucher, Camille Cline, Pat Pileggi, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, Sally Thomas and Patricia Smith; Mayor Robert Stanley; and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Mr. Bud Creighton was present from the public.

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 7-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of November 6, 2024, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Fire Department Report – Council acknowledged receipt of the October Fire Company report and notice that the burn ban had been lifted effective 11/25/24.

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

Correspondence – There was no correspondence to share.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanley reported that he forwarded the Caterpillar Clubhouses' Emergency Plan to FREMA for reference.

Municipal Services Report – Mrs. Smith reported that Mr. Wivell cleared leaves from the storm drains and purchased a shop vac to help clean up the water that was caused by a leaky pipe in the Village Hall utility room.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

Liaison Reports

The Fairfield Area Historical society canceled their November meeting and will meet again in January 2025.

There was no FREMA meeting in November.

There was no HARB meeting or COA applications in November.

Mr. Pileggi reported that the Joint Parks and Recreation Commission's community tree lighting event will be held Dec. 8th at 5 - 8 pm at the Hamiltonban Community Park with refreshments and music provided. He also shared that Astronomy Night was well attended and that the Commission plans to host the event again next year.

Mrs. Smith shared that the Municipal Authority is pursuing grants to repair leaks in the water lines on Carroll's Tract Rd and North Miller Street. She also reported the Municipal Authority has already received two grants to repair a piece of equipment and replace the lift station.

Mrs. Thomas reported that the Pippinfest Committee will meet again in January 2025 to start planning for next year's festival.

There was no Planning Commission meeting in September.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Bucher volunteered to be the Council liaison for meetings relative to the Southwest Comp Plan update.

Council acknowledged repairs to the cracks in the drywall that were created when Susquehanna Door replaced the old door.

Mr. McNeill tried reaching out to Chief Weikert to discuss the Borough's interest in purchasing a second radar speed indicator sign but their schedules did not align. He suggested tabling the topic until the next meeting.

New Business

By general consensus, Council established the Borough of Fairfield Regularly Scheduled Meeting Dates for 2025.

By general consensus, Council appointed Bryan Leese of Keller Engineering as Sewage Enforcement officer to provide input on the sewage treatment facility at 121 N. Miller Street.

By general consensus, Council agreed to the maintain the Code Enforement Officer's hours in the Borough until the leaves are cleared.

By general consensus, Council expressed no objection to securing the ceiling tiles around the air intakes in the front room of the Village Hall with spray adhesive.

By general consenus, Council opted out of fixing the rusty holes on the side of the Borough truck unless it will not pass inspection.

Mrs. Thomas voluteered to serve on the newly forming committee whose goal it is to build community relationships and raise funds. The Committee is being spearheaded by the Fairfield Area School District.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything for the good of the Borough – Mrs. Smith reminded Council that the Christmas decorating contest judging will take place on Dec. 11th. She noted that last year 61 houses in the Borough participated.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary Patricia T. Smith, President