

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
January 28, 2025 – 6:30 PM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Dennis Bucher, Camille Cline, Pat Pileggi, Nate McNeill, Patricia Smith, Phyllis Gilbert, Sally Thomas; Mayor Robert Stanley and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman.

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

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Ms. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of January 8, 2025, were approved as presented.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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

Police Department Report – Council acknowledged receipt of the December Police report; including radar speed sign graphs comparing speeds for the months of December and January when the sign was on versus when the sign was in “ghost mode”.

Correspondence – Council acknowledged receipt of Fairfield Fire & EMS Profit and Loss report, Incident report by Municipalities, Total Loss report and Fairfield Fire & EMS Coverage report. Council also acknowledged receipt of the request from Met-Ed seeking a 25’ tree trimming right-of-way easement and granted permission to sign the agreement form.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Stanley expressed concerns he had with the new houses being built in Fairfield Commons. He asked Council to have the Planning Commission review the building ordinance and suggested changes he would like to see made to it.

Municipal Service Report - Mrs. Smith stated that Mr. Wivell has been shoveling snow around the Borough building and the community mailboxes, as well as, put away Christmas decorations, with the help of Mr. Keller.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

Liaison Reports –

- A. Mrs. Thomas did not attend the last Community Relationship Team meeting, at the school district, because she was not well.
- B. The Fairfield Area Historical Society did not meet on January 16, 2025 due to not having a quorum.
- C. FREMA did not meet in January.
- D. HARB had no meeting in January or COA applications received.
- E. Mr. Pileggi reported the Joint Parks and Recreation Commission met on January 14, 2025 and tentatively planned events to be hosted in 2025. Some of them include; Kite Day April 26th, Music in the Park June 8th and July 6th, Astronomy Night Nov. 1st and the Tree Lighting on Dec. 7th. He also reported that they received money from a grant that will fund the installation of a drinking fountain and dog watering bowl this year.
- F. Mrs. Smith reported that the Municipal Authority had been negatively affected by the President’s executive order to stop the progress on funding all grants. Currently the Municipal

Authority has eight grants, at different points, in the approval process. This will cause a delay in making needed repairs and expansion of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Municipal Authority is also looking for a part-time employee to assist Mr. Keller. They are reaching out to the local high school and colleges in the area for possible candidates.

- G. There was no Pippinfest Committee meeting in January.
- H. There was no Planning Commissions meeting in January.
- I. Mr. Bucher reported nothing new from the Southwest Comprehensive Plan.

Unfinished Business – Mrs. Smith reported that Municipality Cybersecurity Risk Assessment Survey will be released on February 3, 2025. The Council of Governments has approximately 20 municipalities participating.

The Junkyard Ordinance is being advertised and set for adoption at the February 25th Council meeting.

The radar speed sign is on order and we are awaiting shipment.

Mrs. Zimmerman reported that she attended an America 250 PA planning meeting on Jan. 15th and shared some possible ideas for how our community could celebrate any time during 2026. She suggested partnering with the Fairfield Area Historical Society, the Pippinfest Committee, Fairfield Fire & EMS, local restaurants, churches and involving the youth at Fairfield Area School District. Destination Gettysburg has offered to help promote community events to residents and visitors within a 300-mile radius.

New Business – After some discussion regarding the purchase of the new office laptop and whether or not to repair the broken office laptop, it was decided that it was not cost effective to repair the broken laptop. However, two new hard drives will still have to be purchased to accommodate the drive inside the new laptop for daily backup. Amidst all the conversation, a vote to approve the invoice from Rose Computers for \$1,105.98 for the new office laptop was not taken. Therefore, this invoice will appear again on the February 5th agenda for approval.

The Village Hall rental fees that were changed by Council vote at the January 8th meeting was revisited as not all Councilors were present at that meeting and wanted to partake in the discussion. Mrs. Gilbert felt the new rental fees for Fairfield Borough residents was too high because they are taxpayers of this community. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to only adjust the rental fees for the residents of the Borough. On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, Council approved the Village Hall rental fees for residents at \$70 for 6 hrs. and \$95 for 12 hrs. with a \$100 refundable deposit if the Village Hall is cleaned and nothing is found broken. It was also suggested that the rental agreement include wording regarding “not moving Borough property” and that surveillance cameras are in place.

Mrs. Smith asked Council to think about a replacing the current flower boxes and benches located next to the Borough community mailboxes as they are falling apart. She asked for ideas to be discussed at the next Borough Council meeting.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough: There was nothing new to report.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th, at 9:00 AM.

On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mr. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President