

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
March 25, 2025 – 6:30 PM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 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, Phyllis Gilbert, Patricia Smith and 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 Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of March 5, 2025, were approved as presented.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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

Police Department Report – Council acknowledged receipt of the February Police report.

Correspondence – Council acknowledged receipt of the Realtors Association of York & Adams 2024 Adams County Real Estate Market Report

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanely shared that he attended Fire Company's Annual Recognition Banquet and it was a very nice evening.

Municipal Service Report – Mrs. Smith noted that Mr. Wivell installed the "Watch Children" sign on Water Street near Meadowbrook. He also replaced a stop sign on Balder Street and assisted Carroll Valley Borough in installing a new stop sign and post on Landis Drive.

Committee Reports – Streets & Alleys – Mr. McNeill made map of the Borough and marked on it the stop blocks and crosswalks that are in need of repainting. He will go back out and check for any curbs that need to be repainted and report back at the next meeting.

Liaison Reports –

- A. Mrs. Thomas did not attend the last Community Relationships Team meeting.
- B. The Fairfield Area Historical Society met on Thursday, March 20, 2025. They have scheduled an event for April 17, 2025 at 7 PM. It is called an Evening with Simon Cameron, who was a United States Senator and Secretary of War.
- C. FREMA did not meet in March.
- D. HARB had no meeting in March and no COA applications were received.
- E. Mr. Pileggi reported the Joint Parks and Recreation Commission had a work day on March 25, 2025. The Fairfield Lions Club came out to help clean and get the park ready for spring and summer. He also reminded everyone of Kite Day scheduled for Saturday, April 12th from 10 – 1 PM.
- F. Mrs. Smith reported the Municipal Authority had a long meeting with their attorney and engineer present. The developers from one of the proposed developments in Hamiltonban Township has offered two million dollars for the sewer connections but with the appropriations from the federal government canceled, the Municipal Authority will be asking them for a larger contribution to help cover costs. Mrs. Smith further reported that she received a letter from Senator Fetterman's office. He offered his support to the Municipal Authority if additional monies become available.

- G. Mrs. Thomas reported that the Pippinfest Committee had their kickoff meeting on Tuesday, March 11th.
- H. There was no Planning Commission meeting held in March.
- I. Adams County office of Planning and Development is in the process of scheduling a kickoff meeting with the municipalities for the Southwest Comprehensive Plan. A date will be announced soon.

Unfinished Business –

- On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 5-2 with Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Smith dissenting, Council authorized Freedom Landscapes to replace the Village Hall sign posts and replaced the raised planter, by the rear entrance, with treated wood. On a motion made by Mr. McNeill, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 6-1 with Mrs. Gilbert dissenting, Council voted to change the location of the Village Hall sign from the east side of the property to the west side, with the installation provided by Freedom Landscapes.
- Council acknowledged and reviewed the two options presented for replacement of the community mailbox lamp post and light. After some discussion, Council agreed to not make any decisions at this time.
- A Placemaking Grant Proposal was submitted to National Association of Realtors for the replacement of the benches at the community mailbox area on March 14th. The Borough is waiting to hear back from them before moving forward.
- After much discussion, Mr. McNeill emphasized his recommendation that Thomas Wells Paving needs to fix the asphalt around the grate at 110 Franklin Street.

New Business –

- On a motion made by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, Council authorized payment of the Hull's Electric Service invoice in the amount of \$165.00 for repairs to the community mailbox light, authorized payment to General Code for codification and integration of the Salvage Yard/Junkyard Ordinance based on their estimate; and authorized payment of the Borough of Carroll Valley's invoice in the amount of \$339.25 for install of a speed limit sign & assembly and installation of the new electronic speed sign.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, Council authorized participation in the Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 update.
- Council agreed, by general consensus, not to renew their membership with the Adams County Boroughs Association.
- Council agreed, by general consensus, to research how much it would cost to have more copies made of the publication Historic Reflections – 1776 Glimpses of Fairfield Area's Past.

Anything for the Good of the Borough –

- In response to an inquiry by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Thomas agreed to get a literature box for the Historic Home brochures and place it in front of the Village Hall. Since the weather is getting nicer, it could be advertised and accessed by visitors.
- Mrs. Thomas reported she is still looking for house number markers to identify the Historic Home tour. Amazon's option seemed too costly, and Mr. Pileggi noted his woodworking friend was not available at this time.

The next regular Council meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President