

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
May 7, 2025 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on May 7, 2025, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Pat Smith, Phyllis Gilbert, Pat Pileggi, Camille Cline and Sally Thomas; Mayor Robert Stanley and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Mr. Butch Harbaugh was also present. Nate McNeill and Dennis Bucher were absent.

Council President Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, and Council recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a unanimous acclamation, the minutes of the Council meeting of May 7, 2025 were approved as presented.

Solicitor Battersby arrived 9:10 AM.

Old Business – Mr. Butch Harbaugh accessed the area around the grate at 100 Franklin St. He found a very slight slope up just before the grate. This would not be something that should cause excessive ponding in that area. However, he did note that the culvert pipe, that runs under the street, was full of sediment, leaves and other debris at the end just below the grate. He recommend having the Fire Company take their hose and see if they can spray it out the other end. Upon further investigation, he found that the rip-rap at the output end of the pipe would have to be removed first and then a small trench dug to allow the water to flow along the bank of the creek, as the the output end of the pipe sits below the stream level. Mr. Harbaugh said he would be able to complete this work for the Borough for an estimated price of \$500 or less. On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council authorized Mr. Harbaugh to remove the rip-rap and dig a trench to carry the water away.

New Business – Mr. Butch Harbaugh also recommended that Council consider repairing/replacing the culvert pipe on Third Ave. He noted he has issues with this area when he is plowing snow. Apparently the pipe has been crushed and does not carry water away anymore. Council agreed to have Mr. Harbaugh investigate further and report back his findings.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Battersby asked Council if the Fairfield Borough had an ordinance for satellite dishes. Council confirmed there is an ordinance and that satellite dishes may not be installed in the front of the residence. Solicitor Battersby noted two satellite dishes, in town, that are installed in front of the residence. Council President, Pat Smith, explained that a few satellite dishes were “grandfathered in” as they were installed before the ordinance was enacted. After some discussion it was decided to have the Borough's Zoning Officer take a look around town for any other violations. Solicitor Battersby also commented on Liberty Township's helicopter and the liability exposure it creates. A lengthy discussion was had and Council agreed to have Solicitor Battersby draft a letter to Liberty Township, exonerating the Borough from any and all involvement with their helicopter venture.

Solicitor Battersby left the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Budget & Finance: On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by a unanimous acclamation, Council approved the March financial reports.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council authorized the payment of Battersby Law in the amount of \$187.50 (paid from retainer) and PMCA bills for March and April in the total amount of \$500.

Correspondence – Council acknowledged the AREMS Responses by Municipality report.

Old Business – Mrs. Smith is still working with the Fire Department to host a joint event for America 250 PA.

The Borough of Fairfield was not selected to receive the Placemaking grant from the REALTORS Association of York and Adams Counties.

On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council concurred not to replace the lamp and post at the community mailboxes at this time. Mrs. Zimmerman will check with Mr. Wivell about having the base removed.

Mrs. Thomas will check on paint for the Village Hall sign posts.

Mrs. Zimmerman reported that carpet and pad for the Village Hall coat room is cheaper to purchase from Ollie's but she has not found anyone to install the carpet. Mrs. Cline gave her the name of someone in Fairfield to contact.

Street Sweeping is scheduled for May 16, 2025.

Mrs. Zimmerman reported that she checked with Jim Benner of El Vista Orchards regarding his migrant workers painting the curbs, crosswalks and stop blocks and they would be willing to do the job for \$25 an hour. This price included base pay, workers comp insurance and transportation. She is also awaiting an estimate from AAA Paving.

Mrs. Zimmerman reported that she had contacted multiple printing companies in regards to having the book Historic Reflections – 1776 Glimpses of Fairfield Area's Past reprinted; however, no one was able to take on the task as a digital copy is not available. Mrs. Cline agreed to take it to Bream's and Mrs. Thomas will have her brother-in-law look at it and see if either can do the reprinting.

New Business – Mrs. Smith noted that crack sealing on Franklin St. needs to be redone after the extremely cold winter. Mrs. Zimmerman is getting estimates from Thomas Wells Paving and AAA Paving.

Council responded to a resident's request to not set a formal rain date for the Pippinfest yard sales.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mrs. Gilbert stated that alley on Polley Drive filled with water during this last heavy rain. She believes it needs to be lowered to drain properly. Council would like Mr. Butch Harbaugh to look at it to see if he can remedy the problem.

The Kilwins would like to post a sign outside the Village Hall advertising their blueberry sale. Council concurred that it was fine to do so.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Borough Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President