

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
May 27, 2025 – 6:30 PM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Sally Thomas, Camille Cline, Pat Pileggi, Nate McNeill, Phyllis Gilbert, Patricia Smith, Mayor Robert Stanley, and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Also present was Mr. Butch Harbaugh. Dennis Bucher was absent.

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 Mrs. Gilbert and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of May 7, 2025, were approved as presented.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanely shared that he attended the Memorial Day service at the Fairfield Union Cemetery and it was a very nice event. He also reported that he attended the Fairfield Area School Board Meeting and spoke during public comment. He asked the school board to consider a 1% increase because senior citizens in town can't afford to pay much more in school taxes. The maximum allowable increase was 4.2% and the school board voted for a 2% increase.

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

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

General Business – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, Council approved the April financial reports.

Enactments – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, Council approved Resolution #02 of 2025 No-fee Use of the Village Hall for Purposes Related to the Death of Elected or Appointed Officials.

Municipal Service Report –Mr. Wivell has been busy mowing, setting up for Primary Election Day, removing the lamppost base at the community mailboxes, reattaching a downspout to the gutter on the Village Hall, putting up and taking down street sweeping signs and spraying on Water St. and Landis Dr.

Liaison Reports –

- A. Nothing new from the Community Relationships Team.
- B. The Fairfield Area Historical Society did not have a meeting in May.
- C. FREMA did not have a meeting in May.
- D. HARB had no meeting in May and no COA applications were received.
- E. Mr. Pileggi reported the Joint Parks and Recreation Commission is still working on the dog park, repairing the walking path and securing the acreage adjacent to the park (with the house). He also stated they are working on prices for memorial trees, decided to limit Music in the Park to June and July only, as it is too hot in August, and the Lions Club members helped to install lattice around the pavilion to help provide shade.
- F. Mrs. Smith reported the Municipal Authority has hired a different engineer; however the former engineer will see to completion the lift station and the screening device replacement. She also stated that she and Mr. Keller had a meeting scheduled with Rep. Dan Moul on May 28, 2025 to keep him informed of what the Fairfield Municipal Authority is working on and ask for his support when needed.

- G. There was no Pippinfest meeting in May. Mrs. Thomas stated that many committee members had conflicts and would not be available to attend the May meeting. The next meeting is schedule for June 10, 2025.
- H. There was no Planning Commission meeting held in May.
- I. We are still working with Mr. Rob Thaeler to coordinate a date for the Southwest Comprehensive Plan meeting.

Unfinished Business –

- Council reviewed two estimates received from Jim Benner for the use of his migrant workers and from AAA Paving for painting the curbs, crosswalks and stop blocks in town. Both estimates were deemed a bit expensive so Mrs. Zimmerman will be calling the Probation Office and checking for individuals owing community service as a possibility.
- Council reviewed two estimates received from Thomas Wells Paving and AAA Paving for crack sealing on Franklin St. On a motion made by Mr. Pilleggi, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by a roll call vote of 5-1, Council voted to accept the estimate from AAA Paving. Mrs. Gilbert voted no.
- Mr. McNeill contacted Butch Harbaugh to look at the 101 Franklin Street grate. Mr. Harbaugh suggested shooting grade between the dip in the road and the grate to find the lowest point, lift the grate and shave off the amount needed for the water to drain properly. On a motion made by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, Council authorized Mr. Harbaugh to perform the work needed to fix the grate.

New Business –

- On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council authorized Mrs. Zimmerman to participate in two trainings offered by PSAB totaling \$155.
- On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council authorized the Boy Scouts to use the Village Hall for their Eagle Scout ceremony on July 20, 2025 free of charge. They will only pay the \$100 refundable deposit.

Anything for the Good of the Borough –

- Mrs. Zimmerman reported that she had been contacted by the dance group who had previously rented the Village Hall every week for their “jams”. They wanted to know if they could return and what the cost would be. According to the “Schedule of Fees” Resolution regular multi-use renters are charged \$85 for up to 8 hours per use; however, no rate for a security deposit and/or storage rental was ever discussed. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation. Council approved a \$250 refundable security deposit and \$20 a week storage rental fee.

The next regular Council meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President