

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
August 6, 2025 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on August 6, 2025, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Pat Smith, Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Dennis Bucher, Pat Pileggi and Sally Thomas; Mayor Robert Stanley; Solicitor Matthew Battersby and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Nate McNeill was absent.

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

Solicitor Battersby arrived at 9:03 AM

Public Comment: Mr. Paul Royer introduced himself to Council. He is running for Adams County Judge of Court of Common Pleas. His campaign is based on truth and law, not politics.

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 July 22, 2025 were approved as presented.

Solicitor's Report - Solicitor Battersby explained he dropped off his vehicle at Fairfield Auto Service and decided to walk back to work. He was flabbergasted at the condition of 121 W. Main Street. He could not believe that nothing has been done to this property to clean it up. He questioned whether the zoning officer has made contact with the property owner and why the junkyard ordinance is not being enforced.

Mrs. Smith asked Solicitor Battersby if volunteers from the Fairfield Lions Club are allowed to use the Borough truck to carry buckets of paint to Main Street for the curb painting. Solicitor Battersby said that it should not be an issue if they were given permission by Borough personnel; however, he suggested Mrs. Zimmerman check with the insurance agent.

Solicitor Battersby left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Budget & Finance: On a motion made by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, Council approved the July financials and invoices for Battersby Law for \$281.25 (paid by retainer), PMCA for \$615.50, progress billing for Boyer & Ritter in the amount of \$3,250 and Williamson Law Book Co. for \$201.73 (300-page minute book).

Correspondence – Council acknowledged receipt of a letter from Adams County Library System updating their community outreach programs.

Old Business – Mrs. Smith noted that the Paint Night/Craft Night is still in the works for America250 PA. She asked Council if they had any other ideas for events the Borough could host. Mrs. Thomas noted that the focus of the Pippinfest committee October meeting would be ideas for America250 PA.

New benches for the community mailbox area were advertised in the third quarter newsletter and so far, no interest has been shown. Council agreed to not replace the benches at the mailbox area.

Historic Reelections – 1776 Glimpses of Fairfield Area's Past. Mrs. Thomas could not find the spiral binder she thought she had. The Borough office will keep the final copy of this book for historical purposes.

Mrs. Smith explained to Solicitor Battersby that Council is in favor of creating a property maintenance ordinance to clean up certain properties in town. Mrs. Cline made a motion to have

Solicitor Battersby work on drafting a property maintenance ordinance for the Borough. Mrs. Thomas seconded the motion and it was carried by a roll call vote of 6-0.

New Business – There was no new business.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mayor Stanley noted he volunteered at National Night Out in Carroll Valley and it had big turnout.

Mrs. Smith stated Ken Kuykendall found a volunteer to fill the seat left open by the death of Mr. Frank Cool on the Municipal Authority. Mr. Steve Fitz will put on the next Council agenda for approval.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Borough Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President