

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
October 1, 2025 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on October 1, 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; Mayor Robert Stanley; Solicitor Matthew Battersby and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Sally Thomas and Nate McNeill 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. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation, the minutes of the Council meeting of September 23, 2025 were approved as presented.

Solicitor's Report - Solicitor Battersby advised citing the property owner of 121 W. Main St. and 15 E. Main St. for junk accumulation in the yard and a barn roof that has not been repaired. He also noted that he is still doing research on the property maintenance ordinance.

Budget & Finance: Since this meeting was October 1st, September financials were not yet available nor prepared.

On a motion made by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved the invoice for Battersby Law for \$250.00 (paid by retainer).

Committee Reports – There were no reports.

Old Business – Mrs. Smith noted that she got information on a painter for the America250 PA Paint Night.

Solicitor Battersby advised he is still researching the property maintenance ordinance.

New Business – Mrs. Smith asked Solicitor Battersby what his recommendation would be, for the code enforcement officer, on the amount of time between the violation letter and citing the property owner. Solicitor explained the amount of time should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis; however, generally 2 weeks for minor violations such as grass height and weeds on the sidewalk and 30 days for more serious violations.

Solicitor Battersby advised Council that Mrs. Zimmerman should be bonded for the amount she has access to on a daily basis. He also suggested that Council vote in favor of the stacking for cumulative form of the bond. On a motion made by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council voted to have Mrs. Zimmerman bonded for \$500,00 and the bond should be stacking or cumulative.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mrs. Smith stated she had recently attended a COG Legislative Forum with Senator Mastriano and Representative Dan Moul. She noted that in the 1970's there were approximately 300,000 volunteer firemen and today there is approximately 70,000. They want to increase tax mills for Fire and EMS due to the lack of volunteers. She also noted that

electronically posting on websites instead of newspapers has passed the House of Representatives. This is due to the decrease in newspaper circulation and the increase in online media.

Mrs. Smith also suggested that the zoning officer look into 30 E. Main St. and 106 E. Main St. as both are supposed to be single rental units but it has been reported that both are double rental units with no permits on file and not enough parking on site. She asked Mr. Bucher if he would speak to Mr. Thaler at the Planning Commission meeting to verify that the Borough can still go back and require a permit from the property owners. Also 106 E. Main St. needs their sidewalk fixed immediately.

Mr. Bucher asked Council if it was ok for a person to serve on the Municipal Authority and the Planning Commission. Council agreed that was not a problem.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Borough Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President