

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
September 23, 2025 – 6:30 PM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors, Camille Cline, Pat Pileggi, Phyllis Gilbert, Sally Thomas, Nate McNeill, Dennis Bucher, Patricia Smith, 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 Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of September 3, 2025, were approved as presented.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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

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

Budget & Finance – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the August financial reports were approved as presented.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanely showed Council photos of him 53 years ago just for fun.

Municipal Service Report –Mr. Wivell has removed some brush for a few residents. He will be putting up the No Parking signs for Pippinfest and replacing a screw in the freezer door in the Village Hall. He may be limited on his availability in the foreseeable future as his wife is not well.

Liaison Reports –

- A. The Fairfield Area Historical Society had a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025. They have scheduled a program for October 16th. Sally Thomas will be explaining the history and demonstrating the art of colonial rug making.
- B. FREMA did not have a meeting in September.
- C. HARB had no meeting in September and no COA applications were received.

Mrs. Thomas and Mr. McNeill left for at Pippinfest Committee meeting at 6:58 PM.

- D. Mr. Pileggi reported the Valley Quarry has been receptive to possibly of donating or selling the land adjacent to the Hamiltonban Township Community Park. This would include ten plus acres. The dog park is moving forward with a solid bid for fencing. Astronomy Night has been changed to the second Saturday in November.
- E. Mrs. Smith reported the Municipal Authority is still talking to the developer of the golf course community. Mr. Keller had a meeting with the developer and DEP in Harrisburg and DEP seemed very willing to work with them to keep this project moving forward.
- F. The Pippinfest Committee reported that most everything is confirmed and although our vendor count is down just slightly, things are moving forward and they are hoping for a beautiful weekend.
- G. The Planning Commission did not have a meeting in September.
- H. Southwest Comprehensive Plan – There is no meeting date scheduled as of yet.

Unfinished Business –

- Mr. Butch Harbaugh reported that the work at 100 Franklin St. is complete. He is just waiting for a good rain to make sure that his fix works properly.
- Mr. Butch Harbaugh reported that he will determine what exactly needs to be done to the Water St. storm drain by Ventura's restaurant once we receive a good rain. However, he doesn't think it is completely clogged.
- Mr. Butch Harbaugh also asked Council if they would like him to take care of the drainage problem in the alley behind Mrs. Gilbert's house. This problem was brought up once before but no clear direction was given. To fix the problem he would open the ditch at the corner of Centennial St. and 3rd Ave. and clean the dirt out and skim it down for about 3 foot in order for the water drain properly. Council gave him the authority to take care of this issue.

New Business –

- On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0, Council approved the advertisement of the new multi-municipality waste contract.
- On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0, Council approved the advertisement of the Snow Removal bid.
With this approval, Mr. Butch Harbaugh gave Council a list of places and/or intersections in the Borough that need to have trees or bushes trimmed so they do not impede the plow truck.
- On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilber and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0, Council authorized the advertisement of the 2024 Fairfield Borough Audit.
- Council approved the Mayoral Proclamation for Pippinfest 2025 parking restrictions and road closures by unanimous acclamation.
- The board did not agree to use the Borough truck to park across S. Balder St.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything Good for Borough – Mrs. Smith asked Council if she could have the Holiday Decorating Contest in the Borough again. It would be no cost to the Borough. Council agreed for her to host the contest again this year.

The next regular Council meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 9 AM and Tuesday, September 28, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President