

**FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Borough of Fairfield**  
**Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting**  
**October 28, 2025 – 6:30 PM**

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 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. Also in attendance from the public were Robin Laumann and Jordan Sites.

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. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of October 1, 2025, were approved with one minor change.

**New Business** – There was one snow bid received and opened. It was from Harbaugh's Hauling & Excavation. The bid specifics were read and since there were no other bids received, a motion was made by Mrs. Gilbert to award the 2026 Snow Removal Contract to Harbaughs Hauling & Excavation. This motion was seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0.

**Public Comment:** Mrs. Robin Laumann of 209 W. Main St. asked Council if it were possible to get a street light outside her home at Stevens St. and Main St. She explained that several people have run into their yard when turning into Stevens St. She has reached out to PennDOT once before about getting a street light installed at that intersection but never heard a reply back from them. Mrs. Smith explained to her that the Borough would make a call to PennDOT to see if it can be done and how much it would cost. Mrs. Laumann also had a concern about the drainage at the same intersection, Stevens St. and Main St. She reported that when we receive a heavy rain it collects and does not drain properly. She also noted that when snow melts and refreezes, that intersection is very icy. Mrs. Smith told her that this issue had previously been discussed and Mr. Harbaugh would be digging a small ditch on the west side of the intersection for the water to drain properly. Finally, Mrs. Laumann reported that she had been asked by Mayor Stanley to come sit in on the Council meeting and consider running for Council.

Mr. Jordan Sites of 21 W. Main St. explained he had read in the Borough Newsletter that there were Council positions open so he decided to attend a meeting, listen and perhaps consider running a write in campaign.

**Fire Department Report** – Council acknowledged receipt of the September Fire Company report. Mrs. Smith also added that she attended the Quarterly Fire Company Meeting and reported that they are still waiting on the new fire truck to arrive, they intend to replace the concrete apron in front of the garage bays as it is not strong enough to support the weight of the new fire truck and they have a buyer for the Special Unit vehicle.

**Police Department Report** – Council acknowledged receipt of the September Police report.

**Budget & Finance** – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the PMCA invoice totaling \$1,000 and the PSAB invoice totaling \$228 were approved as presented.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Stanley reported that he and Stacey, the arborist from Met-Ed drove around town to view the placement of the new electrical poles. He also noted that he does welfare checks on various people in town and they are concerned about the high prices of things and having no job.

**Municipal Service Report** – Mr. Wivell has finished mowing for the season. He has also been working on removing leaves from the storm drains.

### **Liaison Reports –**

- A. The Fairfield Area Historical Society had a program on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025 about the history of floor cloths. They had over 30 people attend and they had many questions. The Historical Society will have a board meeting on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and noted they are indeed of board members.
- B. FREMA met on Monday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Ron Harris was not able to attend so Vice Chairman Mickey Barlow ran the meeting. There was discussion on changing the date and time of the FREMA meetings due to conflicts with other meetings but no definite change was made. Also Adam Wines performed a CERT table top exercise that was very informative.
- C. HARB had no meeting in October and no COA applications were received.
- D. Joint Parks and Recreation Commission met on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pileggi reported some events coming up are Astronomy Night on Friday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and the Christmas Tree lighting on Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. He also noted that approximately \$120.00 was collected for the dog park from donations given during Pippinfest.
- E. Mrs. Smith reported the Municipal Authority is working with Mr. Snyder on an easement agreement to gain access to the lift station for upgrades.
- F. The Pippinfest Committee reported that only three members showed up for the wrap-up meeting which was not a quorum so they discussed things that they would change for next year.
- G. The Planning Commission met on Monday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bucher reported that questions they had regarding the zoning ordinance had to be tabled until another member was present. However, they did discuss with Mr. Thaler whether or not the Borough could still enforce permit requirements for property owners who did not get them before changes were made. Mr. Thaler verified that the Borough could require permits from the property owners.
- H. Southwest Comprehensive Plan – There is no meeting date scheduled as of yet.

### **Unfinished Business –**

- Mr. Harbaugh stated that the Water Street storm drain cleaning and the Third Ave. ditch digging is on his calendar. He also noted that the Water St. storm drain is allowing water through as its only half full on the community mailbox side of Main St.

### **New Business –**

- Prior to the vote, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gilbert noted that the budget increase was primarily due to the new auditor. On a motion made by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the Fairfield Borough Council approved and authorized for advertisement the Preliminary 2026 General Fund Budget to include a .3674 mil increase to the current rate of 1.5626 resulting in a new rate of 1.93 mils.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, Council approved the appointment of Dianna Zimmerman as Fairfield Borough Treasurer and the removal of Susan Wagle as Treasurer.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimously acclamation, Council approved the purchase of two new office blinds totaling \$77.28.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the increase in secretarial authorized spending from \$50 to \$100.
- After some discussion, Council agreed that it was not currently interested in joining the Adams County Boroughs Association for 2026.

**Public Comment –** There was no additional public comment.

**Anything Good for Borough –** Mrs. Smith asked Council to please make sure they are aware of the sidewalks in front of their properties and to keep them clean of leaves and debris.

The next regular Council meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2025 at 9 AM and Wednesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

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Patricia Smith, Council President