

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
November 18, 2025 – 6:30 PM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 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 Richard Taylor, Deanna Duvall 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. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of November 5, 2025, were approved with one minor change.

Public Comment: Mr. Taylor of 109 Franklin Street asked Council what could be done with the street light in front their home. It was recently replaced from a high-pressure sodium light to an LED light. Mr. Taylor explained that his wife had emailed Mrs. Zimmerman twice offering various options to calm the brightness of the light; including, a dimmer, a light shield, painting the light and lastly having the light turned off completely. He also noted that he and his wife had done research on darkskyinitiative.org and said that there are many ill effects on humans with lights of this brightness. Mr. Taylor shared their research with the Borough Council.

Mrs. Deanna Duvall of 107 Franklin Street also asked Council what could be done with the street light that was just replaced with an LED light on Franklin Street. She explained it was “horrible” and that it shines on multiple houses. She shared photos with Council of how bright the light is and that its beam overlaps with the other street lights disrupting sleep for her and her husband. Mrs. Duvall had also done some research on the PA Outdoor Lighting Council who says LED lights have different levels of brightness. She wondered if the brightness level could be lowered and if not, could the street light be turned off.

Council President, Patricia Smith responded to both of these residents noting that Mrs. Zimmerman has been in conversation with Met-Ed regarding the street light on Franklin Street as to what options are available to the Borough for dimming the light. She explained that turning off the light completely would be a complicated process, if it could be done at all due to liability issues.

Mr. Jordan Sites of 21W. Main Street was there to see if Council had received the write-in vote election results. Mrs. Zimmerman explained to him that the Borough was waiting for notification from the county election office on whether or not the people who won the write in vote were going to accept the position. She will follow up with him.

Fire Department Report – Council acknowledged receipt of the October Fire Company report. Mrs. Smith also added that Chief Bill Jacobs enacted a burn ban until further notice for the Fairfield Borough.

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

Budget & Finance – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 7-0, the following invoices were approved as presented; PMCA invoice for \$1,200, Ensor & Sowers invoice for \$1,173.50, Rose Computers for \$125 and PA State Mayors’ Association membership renewal for \$70.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Stanley reported that he attended the Veteran’s Day breakfast at Liberty Mountain Resort and it was very nice. He noted there are only 7,000 veterans left in Adams County. He also asked

Council if they all experienced power outages the week of November 17th. Council confirmed they all had experienced power outages. Met-Ed apparently had a loose wire on the three phased poles they had just installed.

Municipal Service Report –Mr. Wivell has replaced broken lamp post pane, replaced falling ceiling tiles in the Village Hall and has gotten some of the Christmas decorations out of the shed.

Liaison Reports –

- A. The Fairfield Area Historical Society has a regular Board meeting scheduled on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025.
- B. FREMA had no meeting in November.
- C. HARB had no meeting in November and no COA applications were received.
- D. Joint Parks and Recreation Commission met on November 11th. Mr. Pileggi reported that Astronomy Night had to canceled and will not be rescheduled. The Commission will likely host it again next year. The Christmas Tree lighting on Sunday, Dec. 7th will start at 5 pm and end around 7 pm with the tree lighting happening at 6 pm. He also noted that the Commission received several dog park estimates and have decided to go with the least expensive estimate costing approximately \$16,000.
- E. Mrs. Smith reported the Municipal Authority is working with the golf course developers and they also have a buyer for the two-acre lot on Wortz Drive.
- F. The Pippinfest Committee has received five applications for next year’s festival but will not meeting again until early 2026.
- G. The Planning Commission met on Monday, Nov. 10th. Mr. Bucher reported that they are still working on the zoning ordinance. He also said that the Commission had received a Chapter 102 permit for the two-acre property on Wortz Drive and they were working with Mr. Thaler to complete it.
- H. Southwest Comprehensive Plan – There is no meeting date scheduled as of yet.

Unfinished Business –

- Mr. Harbaugh confirmed with Mrs. Zimmerman that the Water Street storm drain cleaning and the Third Ave. ditch digging is still on his calendar.

New Business –

- Mrs. Zimmerman shared with Council two emails she had received from Met-Ed regarding the three-phase pole transfer which should conclude sometime before the end of the year and the street light replacement with LED light probably won’t happen until late 2026.
- Mrs. Zimmerman shared with Council a program that was purchase by Adams County Emergency Management and will soon be offered to its Boroughs and Townships for Hyper-Reach. This is a mass notification system designed for public safety. Once Adams County Emergency Management has set up the program, they will instruct the Boroughs and Townships on how to use it in their communities.
- Mrs. Smith explained to Council how the Village Hall Closet door had popped out of its track and was not able to be replaced properly. She and her husband had to “rig” it in order for it work as intended. Also Mrs. Zimmerman explained that the access door to the attic in the Village Hall is not installed properly and it also letting lots of warm air escape through it as it is not flush with the ceiling. Mrs. Smith noted that both of these doors are 20 plus years old and should be replaced. Mrs. Zimmerman has been in contact with a contractor who intends to come give and estimate for replacement of both doors.

Public Comment – Mrs. Deanna Duvall thanked Council for listening and said she understood they the Borough was trying to find a resolution to the street light issue on Franklin Street.

Anything Good for Borough – Mrs. Cline made two suggestions for next year’s America 250PA. First was to purchase a full-size American flag with 250th in the center and to fly it on the flag pole. Second, was to advertise to Borough residents to purchase an American flag with an 8-10 ft. flag pole and a medallion with the name of the veteran they are honoring. Then the Borough would display them in front of the Village Hall with the flag. Mrs. Zimmerman will follow up on these suggestions.

The next regular Council meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 9 AM and Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President