

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
December 3, 2025 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on December 3, 2025, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Pat Smith, Phyllis Gilbert, Dennis Bucher, Nate McNeill, Mayor Robert Stanley; and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Sally Thomas, Pat Pileggi and Camille Cline was 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 Mr. Bucher, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation, the minutes of the Council meeting of November 16, 2025 were approved as presented.

Prsentation: Cheif Weikert of Carroll Valley attended the meeting to inform Council of the cost of maintaining the icloud subscription for the two speed signs in town. This will enable him to drive up to either sign and download the informtion stored in the cloud. The cost of this subscription for each sign is \$500 a year. However, if Carroll Valley Borough enrolls in the subscription that lowers the cost to \$400 a year per sign. Cheif Weikert is working with the company to get all four signs on the same renewal rotation since Carroll Valley's signs were purchased more recently than the Fairfield signs. He will get back to us with that information.

Solicitor Battersby arrived at the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Solicitor's Report - Solicitor Battersby has been researching the property maintenance ordinance. Those that he has researched so far all refer back to the ICC for standards which are very generic. He is looking to get more specific standards so that they can be easily enforced. It's still a work in progress and he will update us at the next meeting.

Budget & Finance: On a motion made by Mr. McNeill, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved the invoice for Battersby Law for \$625.00 (paid by retainer) and the ACBA membership dues for \$60. The November financials were not yet ready for review.

New Business & Enactments:

On a motion made by Mr. Bucher, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved the 2026 budgets.

On a motion made by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council adopted Real Estate Tax Ordinance 12-01-2025 affixing tax rates for 2026.

On a motion made by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council enacted Resolution 04 of 2025 authorizing Fire Company activities for 2026.

On a motion made by Mr. McNeill, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved Doug Kump to finish the vacated term of Rick Cordell on the Zoning Hearing Board, effective immediately and expiring 12/31/26.

Mr. McNeill left the meeting at 10 AM.

Committee Reports: There were no reports.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Old Business – Mrs. Smith suggested that the Borough purchase bunting for the windows in front of the Village Hall and for the two windows in the rear of the office. They are relatively inexpensive on Amazon. Mayor Bob Stanley suggested that Council encourage everyone in town to fly a flag in the front of their home for next year celebrating America250 PA. Mrs. Smith suggested we put that information in the newsletter but it would not be something we could make everyone do if they chose not to.

Mrs. Zimmerman is still waiting to hear back from the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the status of 121 W. Main St.

The Borough has received no official election results yet. Mrs. Zimmerman called the Adams County elections office and they explained to her that the two people who were voted in have until December 19, 2026 to accept or decline the position. They will contact us with the results after that date.

Mr. Bucher sent an email to the gentlemen at Met-Ed that he and Mrs. Zimmerman were speaking to and he has still not heard back from them. Council will revisit at the next meeting.

Mrs. Zimmerman had Terry Shriner of Down to Earth General Services come out and look at the closet doors. He measured them and will get back to the Borough with a price for replacing or repairing them. He has not looked into the attic access door yet.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mrs. Smith invited Council to a Christmas luncheon/retirement party for Susan Wagle. She said they could donate towards a gift if they so choose.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting ended at 10:25 AM without a motion to adjourn because there was no quorum.

Dianna Zimmerman, Borough Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President