

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough General Council and Committee Meeting
January 5, 2026

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on December 3, 2026, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Pat Smith, Phyllis Gilbert, Dennis Bucher, Jordan Sites, Sally Thomas, Pat Pileggi, Camille Cline; and Mayor Robert Stanley; and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman.

Council President Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and Council did not recite The Pledge of Allegiance since it was recited in an earlier meeting.

Public Comment: There was no public Comment.

General Business: Mrs. Thomas asked Council for their blessing to make Pippinfest 2026 more historically significant with it being the 250th Anniversary of America. Mrs. Thomas noted with that being said, it will likely require the Pippinfest Committee to spend more than normal for these extras. Council gave Mrs. Thomas and the Pippinfest Committee their support to use the funds needed to celebrate America's 250th at Pippinfest 2026.

Solicitor's Report - Solicitor Battersby was not able to attend this meeting.

Budget & Finance: The December financials were not yet ready for review. Mrs. Zimmerman had not received the PMCA invoice and \$531.25 for Battersby Law (paid from retainer) was acknowledged and accepted by Council. Council also asked for the total for Solicitor Battersby's services in 2025. Mrs. Zimmerman will available at the next Council meeting.

Committee Reports: Mr. Bucher asked Council their thoughts on asking Mrs. Robin Laumann to join the Planning Commission since she was not appointed to Council. He felt that will still give her an opportunity to serve. Council was in agreement that was a great idea.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Old Business:

- American 250PA – Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Zimmerman asked Council if there should be a charge for the community paint night and if so, what they were thinking. Mrs. Thomas said she thought \$10 to \$15. A discussion followed regarding what was needed and what supplies were need for the paint night. Mrs. Cline suggested \$20 was a reasonable amount and Council agreed. There was additional conversation regarding other ideas for American 250PA in the Fairfield Borough. Mrs. Cline suggested having an excerpt read on July 8, 2026 about what happened on that day back in 1776 in front of the Village Hall building and then the school bell at the Village Hall, the bells at St. John's Lutheran Church and the bells at the Carmelite Sanctuary all ring at the same time. It was also noted that the Borough contact Met Ed to inquire about having flags hung on the electric poles. A discussion followed regarding the cost and the logistics of having this done. Mrs. Smith suggested someone on Council take charge of these ideas as Mrs. Zimmerman is very busy and does not have time to take on additional tasks at this time.
- 121 W. Main Street update – Mrs. Zimmerman explained to Council that she received a copy of the letter from the Borough Code Enforcement Officer that Mr. Reaver the property owner of 121 W. Main Street is being sited for multiple violations at this property.

- Met Ed Street light update – Mr. Bucher explained to Council that he and Mrs. Zimmerman were scheduling a meeting with Met-Ed representatives to see what their options are for the street light conversion to LED lights. This will be done before contacting anyone else that was suggested by public at the last meeting.

New Business: Waste Contract – Mrs. Zimmerman explained that when the bidding for a new multi-municipal contract was done in December of 2025, only one bid was received, it was from Parks Garbage and it included a price increase. Some discussion followed regarding who the Borough has used in the past and if there were many problems reported with current service received from Parks Garbage.

- On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and approved by unanimous acclamation, Council rejected the only bid that was submitted on December 10, 2025 by Parks Garbage: Option 1 - \$360/year or Option 2 \$303.45/year.
- On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and approved by unanimous acclamation; however reluctantly by Mr. Pileggi, Council approved rebidding the Multi-Municipality Waste Contract with an updated bid opening date of January 28, 2026. The current contract end date is March 31, 2026.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mrs. Smith asked Mr. Sites to introduce himself to Council and it was noted that he would not be able to attend the Wednesday morning Council meetings as he works a full-time job. After some discussion by Council Mr. Bucher made a motion to change the Wednesday General Council and Committee meetings from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Mrs. Thomas seconded this motion and it was approved by unanimous acclamation.

Next Meeting: The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President