

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
February 24, 2026 – 6:30 PM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were Councilors Camille Cline, Dennis Bucher, Patricia Smith, Jordan Sites, Sally Thomas, Pat Pileggi, and Mayor Robert Stanley. Phyllis Gilbert and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman were absent.

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 unanimous acclamation, the minutes of the Council meeting of February 4, 2026 General Council Committee meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment – Robin Laumann of 209 W Main Street asked about the status of the drainage issue on Stevens St. and the status of the LED light on Franklin St. Mrs. Smith stated that Mr. Harbaugh would be working on the drainage issue once the weather breaks and that the LED light on Franklin St. was replaced with a high-pressure sodium light which is what was there prior to the LED. The homeowners were satisfied with this fix.

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

Police Department Report – Council acknowledged receipt of the January Police report. Chief Weikert shared with Council graphs from the speed signs in town. One showed traffic coming through town at the east end from September 2024 until February 2026. There were approximately 1.5 million vehicles that traveled through town during that time frame. Another showed average speeds were approximately 28 mph in a one-month period and another compared January through March of 2024 and 2025 which noted a 20,000 vehicle increase in 2024 and a 30,000 vehicle decrease in 2025. Chief Weikert stated that he plans to give Council graphs with his monthly report. He also reminded Council of Drug Take Back day which is April 25, 2026 from 10 – 2 at the Carroll Valley Borough office.

Correspondence – Council acknowledged receipt of the Civil War Trails notification of a yearly price increase.

Budget & Finance – On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved an invoice from Rose Computers for \$312.50 and an invoice from the Borough of Carroll Valley for \$334.62.

Municipal Service Report –Mr. Wivell hasn't had a lot to do in recent weeks. Mr. Cooper has been working on repainting the window sills in the Village Hall which are looking very nice.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanely stated that he noticed several houses in town had sold.

Committee Reports - There were no committee reports.

Liaison Reports –

- A. The Fairfield Area Historical Society will meet on Thursday, February 26, 2026.
- B. FREMA had a meeting scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2026 but did not have a quorum so that meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, February 25, 2026.
- C. HARB had no meeting in February and no COA applications were received.

- D. Joint Parks and Recreation Commission met on February 10, 2026 and Mr. Pileggi reported that the dog park is moving forward and signs for the gates have been ordered. These signs will list dog park guidelines. Also kite day is scheduled for May 2, 2026.
- E. Mrs. Smith reported the Municipal Authority has received a Local Shares grant for 2025 in the amount of \$577,000 to repair the water leaks on N. Miller St., a Local Shares grant for 2026 to replace the force main and along with that they will be replacing the lift station. They also believed they have been approved to received one million dollars from the Community Project Fund which is waiting for the President's signature. This will replace the almost all the water line on Carroll's Tract Rd.
- F. The Pippinfest Committee met on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 and welcomed new members, Deborah Maspari and Jordan Sites. They also welcomed Camille Cline back to the committee. They are moving forward with preparations for this year's festival.
- G. There was no Planning Commission meeting in February.
- H. Southwest Comprehensive Plan – There is no meeting date scheduled as of yet.

Unfinished Business –

- Mrs. Smith noted that each Council member should have received a Council Committee and Liaison list that states which committee they've been assigned.
- Hyper-Reach training for Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Zimmerman had to be rescheduled until March 3, 2026. This is a mass notification system built for public safety that Adams County Emergency Services is offering to municipalities.

New Business –

- On a motion made by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved the Fairfield Recreation Association's Opening Day Baseball and Softball parade permit. This is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2026.
- Mrs. Smith shared three estimates for emergency generators for the Borough building with Council. Estimates were received from Hefflin Electric for a 30KW Generac emergency generator for \$26, 940, Hull's Electric for a 26KW emergency generator for \$13,570 and from Ketterman Electrical Service for a 26KW emergency generator for \$19,874. Mrs. Smith asked Mr. Bucher to review them closely to verify we are comparing apples to apples. She did not want Council to make a decision tonight. It will be discussed again at the next meeting.
- Mrs. Smith shared with Council that Facebook will allow a page without commenting. She suggested this idea as another way to communicate information to the community. Mr. Sites suggested we make the posts sharable as well. Council thought a Borough Facebook page for notification purposes only was a good idea.
- Mr. Smith asked Council for their thoughts on using Pippinfest funds to help subsidize the Paint/Craft nights for this year. She explained that the Borough is charging attendees an amount to help offset the cost of supplies but she would like to pay the instructors something for their time. Mrs. Thomas stated that since it is for the good of the Borough so she thought it would be fine. The rest of Council was in agreement as well.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything Good for Borough –

- Mrs. Thomas stated that this Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 8:30 until 12 at Strawberry Hill is Maple Fest.

Next regular Council meetings: Wednesday March 4, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment - On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President