

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough General Council and Committee Meeting
March 4, 2026

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on March 4, 2026, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Pat Smith, Dennis Bucher, Jordan Sites, Sally Thomas, Pat Pileggi, Camille Cline; and Mayor Robert Stanley; and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Councilor Phyllis Gilbert was absent. Also in attendance from the public was Mr. Richard Taylor and his wife Mrs. Cathleen McGowan-Taylor.

Council President Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM, and Council recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Mr. Richard Taylor of 109 Franklin Street was there to express his concerns with the LED street lights that Med Ed will eventually replacing throughout town. Mrs. Cathleen McGowan-Taylor also of 109 Franklin Street distributed updated information from Dark Sky International that states 2700 kelvin is the new standard for acceptable lighting in residential areas and that lighting should be shielded. They both would like to see Met Ed install shields on the new LED lights when they are installed in town.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, the minutes from the Council meeting of February 24, 2026 were approved as presented.

Solicitor's Report - Solicitor Battersby stated that the property maintenance ordinance was still a work in progress.

New Business (moved forward): Mrs. Smith asked Solicitor Battersby about adjusting the Zoning Hearing Application fee given the costs the Borough has incurred with the last Zoning Hearing. The fee currently stands at \$500 for residential and \$700 for non-residential. Solicitor Battersby agreed it should definitely be increased. He noted that the Borough should not make money from the fees it charges but should adjust them according to current costs. Solicitor stated he would check with other local municipalities and see what they are charging for a Zoning Hearing fee.

Solictory Battersby left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Budget & Finance: On a motion made by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Sites and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, Council approved the February financial reports and payment the following invoices; PMCA \$745, Battersby Law \$31.25 (paid from retainer), Barley & Snyder \$2,390 for Professional Services for the Zoning Hearing, Safeguard \$256.14 and Workwise \$271.25.

Committee Reports: There were no Committee reports.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Old Business:

- American 250PA – Mrs. Thomas stated that she is waiting for a call back the High School art teacher regarding students painting the fire hydrants. Mrs. Zimmerman also shared the cost of the quilt squares for the America 250 Community Quilt. Council was in agreement to approve the purchase of the quilt squares. Mr. Pileggi stated that he has a quilt at the Corner Brick that someone made that displays all the U.S. flags throughout history. He would bring it in for the Pippinfest quilt show.

- Emergency Generator Estimates - Mr. Bucher discussed the estimates with Council. Each contractor is installing the generator slightly different. He had some questions that he would like answered before Council makes a decision. Mrs. Zimmerman will contact the contractors and get his questions answered and Mr. Bucher will bring his recommendation to Council at the next meeting.
- Hyper Reach (mass notification) Training – Mrs. Smith stated that she and Mrs. Zimmerman went to training at the Emergency Services building and she saw no reason for the Borough not to use it to get emergency notifications out to the Borough. She explained the system was very similar to the current system she uses for the Municipal Authority.

New Business:

- Covered Device Recycling – Mrs. Smith stated that this is a part of the waste contract and all the municipalities take turns hosting the event twice a year. The Fire Company allows our Borough to set the dumpster in the rear of the parking lot. Once the Borough gets a date approved by Parks Garbage Service and the Fire Company, we will need a few volunteers to help unload vehicles. Mrs. Smith also thought it would be nice if the Borough would make a donation to the Fire Company for letting us use the parking lot for these events. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and approved by unanimous acclamation. Council approved giving the Fairfield Community Fire Company a \$1,000 donation.
- Toilet seat covers/dispenser – Mrs. Zimmerman stated the cost of three toilet seat dispensers and covers was \$67.50. Council agreed to the purchase for each stall in the ladies and men’s restroom.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mr. Smith asked Council if they thought the size of the flags she purchased last years was a good size to purchase again this year to put on properties throughout the Borough. Council agreed to placing flags on properties though out the Borough again this year especially since it’s the 250th celebration year.

Mr. Sites has noticed more dog droppings along the street that is by the mailboxes. Mrs. Zimmerman will put a reminder in the newsletter to clean up after your pets.

Mrs. Smith would like to Mr. Wivell cut the bushes back, significantly, in front of the Village Hall in order to place buntings on the windows for the 250th celebration year. Council was in agreement with having this done.

Next Meeting: The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 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 5:50 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President