

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

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, March 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, Phyllis Gilbert, Jordan Sites, Sally Thomas, Pat Pileggi; Mayor Robert Stanley and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Richard Taylor and Cathleen McGowan-Taylor were present from the public.

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 Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the minutes of the Council meeting of March 4, 2026 General Council Committee meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment – Mrs. Cathleen McGowan Taylor addressed her concerns regarding Met-Ed installing LED street lights throughout the Borough. She would like to see Met-Ed install 2700 kelvin LED shielded street light instead of the 3000-kelvin unshielded street light that is intended to be installed. She stated that it was illegal for the light from the street light to trespass onto their property. She asked if Council would like Mark Grosz from Dark Sky International to come speak with them and/or Met-Ed for free.

Mr. Richard Taylor reiterated his wife’s concerns over the quality of light produced by LED street lights.

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

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

Correspondence – Council acknowledged receipt of the Realtor Association of York & Adams County annual report, home sale info from 2025 for Fairfield Borough & local economic report for Fairfield Borough. Council also acknowledged receipt of the PennDOT District 8 Municipal Outreach Session

Budget & Finance – After some discussion regarding the QuickBooks annual subscription, a motion was made by Mrs. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Cline. On a roll call vote of 7-0, Council approved an invoice from Zepp Court Reporting for \$415.50 for the zoning hearing, COG annual membership fee of \$100 and the QuickBooks annual subscription of \$1,149.

Municipal Service Report – Mr. Wivell has been busy repairing a stop sign on Steelman St. and trimming bushes in front of the Village Hall. He also cleaned the storm drains on the east end of town and tightened a leaky pipe under the sink in the kitchen area. He will start mowing in April.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Stanely stated that he attended the Fire Company Annual Banquet. There were approximately 88 people in attendance and it was a very nice event.

Committee Reports - There were no committee reports.

Liaison Reports –

- A. The Fairfield Area Historical Society held a board meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026. Upcoming programs include Lincoln’s cabinet on April 16, an archeologist on June 18 and Women of Colonial Times on September 17, 2026.
- B. FREMA did not meet in March.

- C. HARB had no meeting in March and no COA applications were received.
- D. Joint Parks and Recreation Commission met on March 10, 2026 and Mr. Pileggi reported that Kite Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026. Dog park finances have been met and signage has been ordered. He also stated that the Commission is looking for a sign to connect to the Township sign to advertise their events and unfortunately, there were some broken pieces of exercise equipment along the walking trail at Township Park so they are looking into getting those repaired.
- E. Mrs. Smith reported the Municipal Authority had just recently met with their grant writing compliance team to verify they have everything needed to receive the grants. In total they are expected to receive one million dollars in grants from the state and other resources and when the President signs the budget, they are expected to receive a one-million-dollar grant from the federal government. The Consumer Confidence report was received and the Municipal Authority is still compliant with a satisfactory rating. They are also looking to ACNB and the USDA for bridge loans to help cover the gaps in between when grant money is received.
- F. The Pippinfest Committee met on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 and the National Art Honor Society will be painting the fire hydrants along Main St. red, white & blue before Memorial Day. The National Art Honor Society is also doing a design a t-shirt contest for the 2026 Pippinfest t-shirt. They also welcomed Jordan Sites to the committee.
- G. There was no Planning Commission meeting in March.
- H. Southwest Comprehensive Plan – There is no meeting date scheduled as of yet.

Unfinished Business –

- Mrs. Zimmerman shared another estimate she received from McLaughlin’s Energy Services that day. They will also do the gas work that is needed to be done for the job. All the other contractors would not be able to do the gas work. It would be and additional cost. She also shared the answers to the questions from Mr. Bucher for the other contractors regarding their estimates for generators.
- American 250PA paint night is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026 and there are 20 participants registered to paint that night. Kenny Kuykendall supplied the wood and Mrs. Zimmerman will be instructing the class.
- Mr. Bucher will send Met-Ed another email regarding the possibility of installing shields around the LED street lights when they are switched from high pressure sodium.
- Mr. Butch Harbaugh is hoping to begin work on the drainage issues at Steven St. and 3rd Ave. the week of March 30th.

New Business –

- Mrs. Thomas noted that she would not be able to attend the Wednesday meeting as she has taken a new job that is not able to make it at 4:30 p.m. Council discussed changing the meeting time to 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Zimmerman explained it could not be changed for the next meeting as there would not be enough time to advertise the change. The meeting time change will be voted on at the next meeting.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything Good for Borough –

- Mr. Pileggi asked if the Borough could look into purchasing actual “Scoop your poop” signs to be placed around town. It seems that clean up is becoming more of an issue.

Next regular Council meetings: Wednesday April 1, 2026 at 4:30 PM and Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mr. Sites and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President