

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
May 26, 2026 – 6:30 PM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were Councilors Camille Cline, Dennis Bucher, Phyllis Gilbert, Jordan Sites, Sally Thomas, Patricia Smith and Pat Pileggi. Mayor Robert Stanley 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 May 6, 2026 General Council Committee meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

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

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

Correspondence – Mrs. Smith shared with Council a listing of all of the America 250 celebrations that have been scheduled for Adams County.

Budget & Finance – There was nothing to report at this time.

Mayor's Report – The Mayor was absent from this meeting.

Municipal Service Report – Mr. Wivell got the red, white and blue buntings up on the windows in the front and the back of the Village Hall, he has been mowing on a regular basis and will be digging up the iris from out in front of the Village Hall. Mrs. Smith asked Council if they wanted some of them when they are removed.

Committee Reports - There were no committee reports.

Liaison Reports –

- A. The Fairfield Area Historical Society had a meeting on May 21, 2026 and Mrs. Cline announced that in June the Historical Society will be hosting Mr. Bream, who will be speaking about Ryalite rock that is very abundant in the area. In September they will have a speaker on Colonial Women and in November Mrs. Cline is working on another speaker. Also next March, they will host a speaker will discuss spies that were in and around the Catoctin Mountain area. Mrs. Gilbert said they were also trying to get a lady that was kidnapped by Bicycle Pete getting off the bus around the Fulton County area; however, she draws quite a crowd so they might need a larger facility to host her.
- B. FREMA did not meet in May.
- C. HARB had no meeting in May and no COA applications were received.
- D. Joint Parks and Recreation Commission met on May 11, 2026 and Mr. Pileggi reported the water fountain has been repaired, the “What’s Happening” kiosk by the building is being replaced and Music in Park will happen once in June, July and August. Astronomy Night is scheduled for October 10, 2026. The Committee had some negative feedback from some during Kite Day about the dog park. Some think it’s too large and some want lots of trees. They will be slowly and carefully putting bushes and small trees. Larger trees will go in one area as to not limit the open area for sports games and other things to happen there. The next meeting they will be discussing what they will be doing for America 250.

- E. Mrs. Smith reported that the Golf Course Developers are still working on the fine details of a donation agreement to replace the Carrolls Tract Road sewer. There is a possibility the Authority could get one of the Municipal wells that was drilled for the Empire Homes project which is a very high capacity well. This would still have to be approved by DEP. David Sites and the developers of his land in Hamiltonban Township have asked to be on the next Municipal Authority agenda to make a presentation about their proposed development.
- F. The Pippinfest Committee met on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 and Mrs. Thomas stated she has been in contact with the Art teacher from the School District and she is having trouble getting students to show up to paint the hydrants. She also stated they are discussing whether or not Pippinfest is going to continue after this year. They need people to help with Pippinfest because it takes so many to make it happen.
- G. There was Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026 and Mr. Bucher stated that they are going to pass some amendments to the Zoning Ordinance at the next meeting.
- H. Southwest Comprehensive Plan – There is no meeting date scheduled as of yet.

Old Business –

- The back up generator has been ordered. Mrs. Zimmerman spoke to Columbia Gas engineering wants to upgrade the pipe at the street and the meter before the generator is installed. This will be no cost to the Borough. They also wanted to verify that from the property line to the meter and from the meter going into the building we have at least a 1 ¼” pipe. McLaughlin’s did come out to verify we have a 1 ½” pipe from the street to the meter and 1 ¼” pipe from the meter going into the building. McLaughlin’s will be using a 1 ¼” pipe to feed the generator.
- Mr. Harbaugh’s machine broke down in town and he had to get the parts to fix it. He should get the drainage ditches dug the week of May 25th, weather permitting.

New Business –

- NIMS (National Incident Management System) training for new Council members and those who have never been trained. Each Council member should have basic level training which includes ISC 100 or 200 and ISC 700 or 800. Training can be taken online or at the PSAB conference on Saturday, May 30 from 2:45 to 6:15 at the Hershey Lodge. Mrs. Smith suggested that Mrs. Zimmerman take the courses too.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything Good for Borough –

- Mrs. Cline reminded everyone of the “Ring of the Fairfield Bells” on July 4, 2026.
- Mr. Smith weeded the vegetable garden to get it ready for plants.
- Mrs. Cline stated that the Memorial Service at the Cemetery was well attended.
- Mrs. Smith stated that the Carpenter’s Son Ministries church will be starting the church on Sunday, June 7, 2026.
- Mrs. Smith asked Council if seniors could use the Village Hall to meet and play Mahjong, cards, puzzles, read and/or chat. They would have to sign a release form to remove the Borough of any liability.

Next regular Council meetings: Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:30 PM and Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. Sites, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President