

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
June 23, 2026 – 6:30 PM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 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. Also present was Solicitor Matthew Battersby.

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. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, the minutes of the Council meeting of June 1, 2026 General Council Committee meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

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

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

Correspondence – There was no correspondence at this time.

Solicitor's Report - Solicitor Battersby asked Council to read and review the draft property maintenance ordinance he prepared and let him know of any changes to be made or if it is ready for advertising. He also stated that he reviewed the police contract the Fairfield Borough has with Carroll Valley Borough police because East Berlin Borough is looking for other municipalities to partner with to provide police services for their Borough. Mrs. Smith asked Solicitor Battersby if it would be appropriate for the Borough to contact Robin Fitzpatrick with Adams Economic Alliance to look into what can be done about the old grocery store in town that has not sold and is becoming distressed. Solicitor Battersby agreed that would be a good idea.

Budget & Finance – On a motion made by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved the May 2026 financials and the invoice from PMCA in the amount of \$1,459.80.

Mayor's Report – The mayor stated he went to the school board meeting and presented to them no increase in taxes for the next fiscal year. He noted the school board voted for a 1% increase in taxes. The mayor also noted he had a health scare a few weeks back but is doing much better. He gave the Borough office a State Seal Emblem Collection to put on display for this year the 250th Anniversary of America.

Municipal Service Report – Mr. Wivell dug up the iris in the front of the Village Hall. He has been mowing and weed eating and also spraying for weeds. He set up tables and chairs for the craft night on June 16, 2026.

Committee Reports - There were no committee reports. However, Mrs. Smith suggested Streets Committee check out the paved streets and parking lots in the Borough to see if they need crack sealed or seal coated before the summer is over.

Liaison Reports –

- A. The Fairfield Area Historical Society had a program on June 18, 2026 on Rhyolite rock in the area. This was used to make spear heads and arrow heads. The presenter also noted there was a quarry in the mountain, up Iron Springs Rd. Mrs. Gilbert said it was very interesting and well attended. Mrs. Cline stated that in September the Historical Society will be hosting a speaker on the Life of Colonial Women

and in November they will be having another presentation on the Tapeworm Railroad. Also next March, they will host a speaker will discuss spies that were in and around the Catocin Mountain area.

- B. FREMA did not meet in June.
- C. HARB had no meeting in June and no COA applications were received.
- D. Joint Parks and Recreation Commission met on June 9, 2026 and Mr. Pileggi did not attend the meeting but reported that they discussed the tree placement around the dog park. He said approximately eleven trees will be planted.
- E. Mrs. Smith stated that the LGI, the developers of David Sites property in Hamiltonban Township, presented to the Municipal Authority their need for sewer capacity to move forward with building 250 homes. The Municipal Authority set up a meeting for them with DEP (Department of Environment Protection) to share their plan and explore the possibilities. They also advised the developers to speak with Hamiltonban Township Supervisors. In other news, grant monies are coming in to offset the cost of the lift station and get started in repairing the lines on North Miller Street.
- F. The Pippinfest Committee did not meet on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 as there was not enough for a quorum. However, Mrs. Thomas did mention that they t-shirt lady is not responding to any calls. Mrs. Zimmerman will provide the name and number of another t-shirt company she was recently given. Mrs. Zimmerman also stated that to date there are 32 approved applications and 6 new applicants waiting for approval at the next meeting.
- G. The Planning Commission met on Monday, June 8, 2026 and Mr. Bucher stated that each Council member should have a copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to review. He noted that most were just renumbering.
- H. Southwest Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Thaeler has contacted Mrs. Zimmerman regarding scheduling monthly meetings at the Village Hall late afternoon on Wednesdays. No date and time has been scheduled to date.

Old Business –

- The back up generator will be installed on Friday, July 25, 2026. Mrs. Zimmerman has contacted Columbia Gas regarding upgrading the meter but has not heard back from them as to when that will take place. McLaughlin's stated the generator can be installed and just not be connected until Columbia Gas is finished the upgrade.
- No word from Mr. Harbaugh regarding the status of the Stevens St. and 3rd Ave. ditch digging.

New Business –

- On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council moved to recommend adopting the Zoning Ordinance amendment. Mrs. Zimmerman will make contact with Mr. Thaeler to start the advertising process.
- On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council moved to approved the quote from Real Kill Pest Control to treat the Borough building for ants inside and outside.
- Council was informed that Alexander's Plumbing had to be called to repair or replace the water spigot on the outside of the building as it was leaking. They came on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 and had to replace the spigot. No invoice has been received as of yet.
- Council acknowledged and agreed to allowing the Southwest Regional Comprehensive Committee to use the Village Hall as a meeting place. No exact dates and times have been scheduled.
- Council acknowledged that Brightspeed LLC will be installing fiber optic cable underground and aerial within the right of way in the Fairfield Borough.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything Good for Borough –

- Mr. Bucher asked Council if they had thought anymore about getting an EZ dump for the Borough pickup truck to make it easier for Mr. Wivell to haul brush and other debris. Council agreed to looking into getting a used one. Mr. Bucher will get prices for a used EZ dump.
- Mrs. Zimmerman shared that the Borough received a complimentary phone call from the Borough of New Oxford. The head of the public works department complimented the yellow curb painting in our Borough and how good it looked.
- Mrs. Smith noted the Outdoor Event for the Fairfield Community Fire Company was well attended as was the 1st Annual Golf Tournament.
- Mrs. Smith also asked Council members to take a look at the sidewalks in front of their house and be mindful of getting rid of the weeds that grow up through the sidewalk and along the curb.

Next regular Council meetings: Monday, July 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM and Tuesday, June 28, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment - On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President