

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
July 28, 2026 – 6:30 PM

The Borough Council met in executive session prior to this meeting to discuss legal matters. The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were Councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Jordan Sites, Sally Thomas, Patricia Smith and Pat Pileggi; Mayor Robert Stanley and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Councilmen Dennis Bucher was absent. Also present were Solicitor Matthew Battersby and Chief Cliff Weikert.

Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order at 6:40 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 July 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 June Fire Company report.

Police Department Report – Council acknowledged receipt of the June Police report. Chief Weikert reviewed eBikes with Council after an incident that happened in the Borough. He explained that eBikes are used to assist the rider when peddling not to power the bicycle for the rider. Legal eBikes should not be over 750 watts and no one under 16 years old should be riding them on the roadway. For more information on eBikes and other motorized two-wheeled vehicles, please visit the Carroll Valley Police Department's Facebook page.

He reminded Council that National Night Out is August 4, 2026 from 5-8 p.m. Chief Weikert also stated he has applied for grant monies to update the police officers tasers, two license plate readers for the patrol cars and to update their handguns with sites. He will find out in December if he got the grant. Finally, he noted that they are down one patrol car as it needs a new engine and it will be a least a month before its complete; however, it is under warranty.

Correspondence – Borough Council acknowledged the correspondence from the Adams County Library System and Dan Moul's Legislative Update regarding the cost of building a new Vo-Tech School.

Solicitor's Report - Solicitor Battersby noted that an executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss legal matters and Council has given him permission to look into how to declare a blighted property. He asked that the Planning Commission to look over the Property Maintenance Ordinance Draft before moving forward. He also discussed data centers and the possibility of them coming to the area. He suggested that the Planning Commission review and add verbiage regarding data centers to the Borough's zoning ordinance.

Budget & Finance – On a motion made by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, Council approved the Civil War Trails membership fee in the amount of \$300 to be paid by Pippinfest funds.

On a motion made by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, Council approved the Adams County Library donation of \$831 and the Gettysburg Times ads for \$268.30.

Mayor's Report – The Mayor stated he asked Mayor Harris to ask about data centers at the mayor's conference that he was attending. Mayor Harris stated that he learned many other municipalities are tightening their ordinances to keep them out. Mayor Stanley suggested that it something that he would like to see Council do in the Fairfield Borough.

Municipal Service Report – Mr. Wivell has been busy mowing and weed eating or spraying weeds in the Borough. He climbed on the roof the lady's room to look at the gutters that were bent. He said he could not bend them back into shape and the one gutter has pulled out of the brackets. He felt they needed to be replaced.

Committee Reports – Mr. Sites shared pictures with Council of the areas in the Borough he felt needed to be crack sealed. The worst spots are in the Borough mailbox parking lot, as well as, in front of 100 and 136 Franklin Street. Mrs. Zimmerman will call and get estimates for crack sealing.

Liaison Reports –

- A. The Fairfield Area Historical Society did not have a meeting in July.
- B. FREMA did not meet in July.
- C. HARB had no meeting in July and no COA applications were received.
- D. Joint Parks and Recreation Commission met on July 14, 2026 and Mr. Pileggi stated that Supervisor Eddie Deardorf suggested that the Parks & Rec Commission consider getting a gator as many other townships have them. He also noted that the Commission received a grant for trees and benches for the park and to build a bandshell. The trees will be planted soon and the benches will be installed when they are received. The bandshell is still in the planning stages.
- E. Mrs. Smith stated that both proposed developments are at a standstill. DEP will accept leaking line replacement instead of expanding the plant as a way to obtain more EDUs. The golf course development is on their 9th iteration of the donation agreement. Solicitor Battersby stated that Hamiltonban Township is looking for a commitment from the Fairfield Municipal Authority before moving forward. It was suggested the two attorneys discuss the status of the project.
- F. Mrs. Thomas stated the Pippinfest is moving forward as planned. Solicitor Battersby stated that he and his wife have an antique quilt they would like to donate for raffle at Pippinfest this year. They would like all the proceeds to go to the Fairfield Community Fire Company. Mrs. Thomas suggested he speak with the fire company as a raffle requires a small game of chance license that Pippinfest does not have.
- G. The Planning Commission met on Monday, July 11, 2026 and since Mr. Bucher was absent, Mrs. Zimmerman stated that they discussed the Conditional Use Application for 123 Main St., Mrs. Wastler-Stainslaw's property. She noted the Planning Commission recommended the Conditional Use to Borough Council.
- H. Southwest Comprehensive Plan – The Southwest Comprehensive Planning Committee met on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. Mr. Bucher is the Borough committee member and he was absent.

Old Business –

- We are still waiting to hear from Columbia Gas regarding when they will begin the gas line upgrade at the Borough building.
- On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0, Council approved purchasing a used EZ dump for the Borough truck at a cost of \$2,500.
- Mr. Harbaugh stated that he will be digging the drainage ditches on Stevens St. and 3rd Ave. very soon.

New Business –

- On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved closing the ARPA 2021 PLGIT account.
- On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved the estimate from Gutter Guys to clean out and flush the downspouts on the Borough building.
- Council discussed the repairs needed to the gutters on the Borough building that were damaged by ice dams this past winter. They would like the Borough secretary to call to get other estimates. This item was tabled until those estimates are obtained.
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- Mrs. Zimmerman explained that the Free Little Library outside the Borough office has a roof leak. Council advised Mrs. Zimmerman to call a handyman to see if it can be repaired instead of replaced.
- Mrs. Smith explained to Council that she has received many complaints about the Borough not looking very good. Weeds growing from the curbs and sidewalks, as well as, grass not being mowed and so on. Mrs. Smith told Council that she has informed the zoning officer to visit the Borough once a week to stay on top of the issues and issue violations as necessary. She would like the Borough clean and looking nice again especially for Pippinfest.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything Good for Borough –

Next regular Council meetings: Monday, August 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM and Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment - On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President