

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
August 25, 2026 – 6:30 PM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 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, Patricia Smith and Pat Pileggi; Mayor Robert Stanley and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Councilors Dennis Bucher Sally Thomas and were absent. Also present were 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 August 3, 2026 General Council Committee meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

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

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

Correspondence – Borough Council acknowledged the “thank you” correspondence from the Adams County Library System.

Executive Session – Council called an executive session at 6:38 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Executive session adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Solicitor’s Report - Solicitor Battersby asked Council for permission to draft a Property Maintenance Code ordinance based on the International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Pileggi made a motion to allow Solicitor Battersby to a Property Maintenance Code ordinance. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation. Solicitor Battersby will have it ready for review at next month’s meeting.

Budget & Finance – On a motion made by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Sites and carried by a vote of 4-1, Council approved the July financials and the PMCA invoice for \$4,920. Mrs. Gilbert opposed.

Mayor’s Report – The Mayor stated that Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris will be presenting the history of Carroll Valley on Thursday, August 27, 2026. All of Council is invited to attend. He also stated that he, Mayor Harris and a few other mayors would be meeting with Vale at Liberty Mountain Resort to discuss having the mayor’s conference there next year.

Municipal Service Report – Mr. Wivell has been busy mowing and weed eating or spraying weeds in the Borough. He replaced the light in the Borough front vestibule and tightened the wires on the one emergency light in the Village Hall. He has also cleaned the storms drains and picked up limbs from the recent storms.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports at this time.

Liaison Reports –

- A. The Fairfield Area Historical Society did have a meeting in August. They will be hosting a program on Colonia women in Sept. and a program on the Tapeworm Railroad in November.
- B. FREMA had a meeting scheduled August 17th but did not have enough for a quorum so they rescheduled the meeting to Monday, August 31, 2026.

- C. HARB had no meeting in August and no COA applications were received.
- D. Joint Parks and Recreation Commission met on August 8, 2026 and Mr. Pileggi reported that the paperwork for the grant to build the entertainment stage and for benches and trees in the dog park are being submitted. Astronomy Night is scheduled for November.
- E. Mrs. Smith stated that both developers for the proposed developments in Hamiltonban Township were at the meeting asking for capacity for sewer but neither developer has given a monetary donation to secure the deal.
- F. In Mrs. Thomas' absence, Mrs. Zimmerman stated that Pippinfest had 55 paid applications and at this time last year they had 47. Everything else is moving forward as usual.
- G. The Planning Commission met on Monday, Aug 10, 2026 to review data center verbiage to add to the zoning ordinance. They also discussed the "Draft" Property Maintenance Ordinance.
- 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 –

- It was decided that the gas line did not have to be upgraded as long as not all three heaters were in operation at the same time. Mr. Bucher and Mrs. Zimmerman discussed with Columbia Gas and McLaughlin's Energy about the number of BTUs need to power all three heaters. If one heater in the Village Hall was turned off then the generator could power the other Village Hall heater and the office heater plus lights and other necessities. This was agreed to by all parties and the generator was connected but needs to be tested.
- Mrs. Smith suggested that we hire someone do patrol for code enforcement of weeds and grass and tree height in the Borough. There was a lengthy discussion about the subject and someone suggested that Mr. Wivel could take care of weed whacking on sidewalks and curbs and trimming trees for Pippinfest to make the Borough look good. This would be done for Pippinfest only and hang a door tag on the door to remind property owners that this is their responsibility and if not, they would be subject to fines and court costs.
- Stevens St. and 3rd Ave drainage update is still happening when Mr. Harbaugh has the time.

New Business –

- Instead of moving to approve the estimate from the Gutter Guys for the gutter replacement, Council decided to have Mrs. Zimmerman call another contractor. Mrs. Zimmerman will get back to Council with the estimate.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything Good for Borough –

Next regular Council meetings: Tuesday, September 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President