



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2025



I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 3:00 PM (TIME) BY: VAUGHN;

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL: PAUL ALTIMUS-Present JAMES BROWN-Present SOLICITOR- Present (Dan Hewitt)
ERNEST HENDERSON-Present SECRETARY-Present (Carrie Tantlinger)
CITIZENS-24(Vaughn Tantlinger, Tawnia Nixon, Doug Nixon, Paul DeStefano, Allison DeStefano, Joe Anthony, Nicole Jones, Mike Jones, Rod James, Darla James, John Shearman, Cindy Shearman, Jared Bruno, Patrick Snickles, Alex Ashcroft, Rick Svesnik, Tom Stiffey, Cathy Stiffey, Chrissy Felbaum, Rich Felbaum, George Cramer, Thomas Altimus, Kathleen Mack, John Beaufort)

III PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE AGENDA: None

IV. PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2025: APPR BY Paul 2ND BY Ernie
UN-Yes (3Yes/ 2 No) (P. A.-Yes/ J. B.-Yes/E.H.-Yes)

V. TRUE BILLS PAID AND TO BE PAID ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 2025:
APPR BY Jim; 2ND BY Paul UN-Yes (3Yes/ 2 No) (P. A.-Yes/ J. B.-Yes/E.H.-Yes)

VI. CORRESPONDENCE: 1. XPR Resources -RePermitting for the Corbett 10H Natural Gas Well

2. Conemaugh Generating Station – Downstream Storage Tank Notification

VII. PERSONS PLACED ON AGENDA: Mike Jones – He is here in regards to the city water and where the board stands.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Consideration of Intermunicipal Project Development Agreement between Ligonier Township Municipal Authority and Township of Fairfield. Dan this was tried in 2019 and fell through and we approached this time and came up with a different agreement and different map. The best thing that is in this agreement is that there is no mandatory tap in. The proposal is specific to the Fort Palmer area and end at the PA Game Commission. That is the general design area in this stage. Being that this in intermunicipal with two entities it is easier to secure grants being that it moves us up a few points for the project. The authority would be in charge of all the installation and costs. The goal would be to follow the 711 corridor and stay in the right of way so they would not try to go onto private right of ways. The township would not want to take land if that don't have too however if there is an area that requires eminent domain the township has the right to do so. What we have now is a Draft Intermunicipal Project Agreement that we have reviewed. We also have Resolution 9-2025 for approval. I will be happy to answer any questions at this time. George Cramer- Is there a map of the proposed area? Dan – 711 corridor to the PA Game Commission. George Cramer— Not coming any further? Dan-Not at this time. If there is interest for farther out right now that is all they are looking at for funding at this time. Cathy Stiffey-There is interest for public water up Fairfield Hill. Why would not you go with a proposed deal to go with Highridge to bring up water up the hill? Paul – that proposal was considered back in 1997. In 1997 there was approximately 80 people certified mailed to get their opinion and 69 were against it. Cathy Stiffey-that was 23 years ago this is a different generation. Dan- I have been coming to these meetings for 4-5 years this is the first time this has been mentioned. Mr. Jones has been coming to these meetings for over a year pushing this issue and that is why we are at this point. I would say if you have a group that is looking to Highridge for potential service you should be talking to Highridge to open the conversation to see what can be done. Right now, we are looking at through a financial point of view and this is first step is cost effective. Will there be a second step? I don't know. This has been the plan. We are happy to have you here and this process does not happen overnight, Cathy Stiffey- Would it be cost effective to run it to Fairfield Hill. Possibly look at it to get from Highridge. Dan- I would recommend you go knock on doors get a petition going to get water like Mike Jones and here we are here a year later getting water. Cathy Siffey-Who would a contact at Highridge? Paul-Contact Carrie tomorrow and she will get you the information. Champion Lakes Golf Course- We have a gift here at Champion. We want to make sure that we can keep competitive in this market place and there is a lot of competition in this area and without water we can do the improvement we need to keep the club for the next 100 years. Highridge and this line has nothing to do with each other. I have seen what happens when water gets brought into a community everybody says yes that is what we need. This year we had two months of no rain and Champion is the only golf course that did not loose greens or fairways and next year we might not be as lucky.

PA Game Commission (Patrick Snickles)- We have just found out about a couple of days ago and talking to my supervisor and the agency highly supports having public water. The agency from Harrisburg has been pushing us to find a new location with public utilities for the past 5 years. Locally we like where we are at and we realize don't put a lot of money into the township but know Harrisburg was happy to hear about public water. Patrick Snickles – as a resident on Beaufort Road my wife and I highly support public water. We have already spent \$13,000 in two wells in 6 years. We have water but always have to watch. Doug Nixon – Here with the fire company. We think it is good to get public water for fire protection. We are also support of water coming to the firehall to provide safe drinking for the community that comes in for events. We have about \$20,000 into the well. Jared Bruno – We live in Fort Palmer and are in favor of water. Safety issues with having fire hydrants and having them available. We also have a well and not everybody has \$40,000 to dig deeper or put in cisterns. Something like this would crush a family. Dan-Anyone opposed to it? John Shearman- I have lived on Beaufort for 48 years. My dad and I put in no less then 6 cisterns for residents and put in \$30,000 in my systems. All my neighbors you pump by a timer to but into a cistern. I can honestly tell you I never got a letter but let that go but something got to happen. Paul – There is a gentleman on Mountain View by the name of Brian Chappie that called in a year ago he is suppose to be coordination with Highridge to have an informal with the supervisors.

MOTION BY Paul, to tentative approval to the agreement subject to a limitation to the specific service area. 2ND BY Jim, UN-Yes (3Yes/ 2 No) (P. A.-Yes/ J. B.-Yes/E.H.-Yes)

IX. NEW BUSINESS: 1. 2025 HALLOWEEN TIMES-BOLIVAR PARADE IS 2 PM. BOLIVAR BOR. TREATING IS ON OCTOBER 25 FROM 4 pm to 6 pm. MOTION BY Paul, 2ND BY Ernie, FFTWP TREAT DATE/TIME WILL BE OCTOBER 25th, FROM 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

UN UN-Yes (3Yes/ 2 No) (P. A.-Yes/ J. B.-Yes/E.H.-Yes)

2. 2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP MOTION BY Ernie, 2ND BY Jim; TO ADVERTISE BUDGET WS FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2025 AT 3:00 PM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

UN-Yes (3Yes/ 2 No) (P. A.-Yes/ J. B.-Yes/E.H.-Yes)

3. FOREIGN FIRE MONEY-WAS DIRECT DEPOSIT IN GF ON September 17, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,701.88. THIS MONEY IS BASED ON 50% POPULATION AND 50% ON MARKET VALUE OF THE REAL ESTATE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES. RES #7-1988 STATES THAT FAIRFIELD V.F.C. RECEIVES 85% (\$12,496.60) AND BOLIVAR V.F.C. RECEIVES 15% (\$2,205.28). MOTION BY Jim, 2ND BY Ernie, TO DISTRIBUTE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF RECEIPT, THE FOREIGN FIRE MONEY.

UN-Yes (3Yes/ 2 No) (P. A.-Yes/ J. B.-Yes/E.H.-Yes)

4. STATE AID FOR TWP PENSION FUND WILL BE DIRECT DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,108.34.; IT IS TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE PENSION PLAN(S) BY THE TREASURER OF MUNICIPALITY WITH 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT. MOTION BY Ernie, 2ND BY Paul; TO DEPOSIT THE MONEY INTO THE PENSION PLAN.

UN-Yes (3Yes/ 2 No) (P. A.-Yes/ J. B.-Yes/E.H.-Yes)

5. Trout Run Woods Partnership LP. - Motion by Ernie to approve Trout Run Woods Partnership L.P.

subdivision contingent upon county approval 2nd By Paul UN-Yes (3Yes/ 2 No) (P. A.-Yes/ J. B.-Yes/E.H.-Yes)

X. PUBLIC COMMENT: Cindy Shearman-I think this astonishing to me that this is the first time you heard that our area is concerned about water. Paul-Mr. Chappie is spearheading an informal with Highridge. Mike Jones will tell you it is a process. Cindy Shearman-what if it Highridge says no is Ligonier out of question? Paul- It all depends on how Highridge present the project. For me it was that LTMA came to us with no mandatory tap in and for me that was a no brainer if you want water you can tap into it and if you don't then you don't have to. John Beaufort- We don't know a tap in fee but the last one was about \$3,000-\$3,300. George Cramer-the last time the tap in fee was \$500 and it has gone up. Mike Jones- just wanted to say Thank-You. Doug Nixon- I can't make the meetiings and the website is not updated. Carrie-our website crashed and cannot upload anything because I locked out. The program that is used is no longer. Darla James-Our homeowners went up because we do not have fire hydrants.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY Jim 2ND BY Ernie Time 3:38PM

UN-Yes (3Yes/ 2 No) (P. A.-Yes/ J. B.-Yes/E.H.-Yes)

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