

VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD  
COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order on June 23, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. with the following answering Roll Call:  
Mayor Luma - present; Fox - present; Ball - present; Hutson - absent; Nickles - present; Miller - present; Walti - present.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
3. Fiscal Officer reported **\$1,773,006.79** in all funds. **\$366,618.98** in the General Fund.
4. The Bills were read. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Fox to pay the bills presented.

VOTE: Fox - Yes; Ball - Yes; Hutson - absent; Nickles - Yes; Miller - Yes; Walti - Yes.

5. **GUESTS:** None

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Park Committee**

This will be discussed in new business.

7. **POLICE REPORTS:**

**ZONING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

Chief Motter provided the council with updated zoning and property maintenance issues including a list of houses that needed attention, a list of properties that needed house numbers, and a list of properties that received letters for having at least one vehicle not in compliance with the junk vehicle portion of the zoning code. that Including in your council packets with this police report are properties that are currently in the enforcement process. As of the writing of this report, there are a couple of properties that need to be discussed in old business that the council will need to decide if further enforcement action should take place.

Chief Motter also mentioned that the Zoning Board of Appeals will have training on July 15, 2025. Solicitor Daniel Bey will be present to train the board and answer questions as to proper procedural matters. So, when a resident files an appeal with the Zoning Board, then the proper due process rights are given.

**SCHOOL STATISTICS**

Chief Motter provided a copy of the 2024-2025 school-related activity log that was provided to W-G Superintendent Tim Pence and the Board of Education. The log did not include the normal 3-day a week lunch coverage.

Chief Motter said he anticipates meeting with Superintendent Pence before the July council meeting to discuss the SRO agreement for the upcoming school year and anticipates bringing the agreement for council to consider passing at the July council meeting before school begins at the end of August.

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

Chief Motter reported that this past month, there had been a noticeable decrease in traffic enforcement from the police department. Unfortunately, traffic complaints are still present. There were two primary reasons for the decrease in

enforcement. First, Chief Motter has been consumed with code enforcement issues for multiple hours nearly every shift in between handling daily administrative duties, required training, calls for service, and meetings. Chief Motter said there has not been much time to patrol, much less conduct traffic enforcement. Secondly, Officer Humes has been largely unable to work due to medical issues. He's had several medical procedures that forced him to be off from work.

Councilmember Nickles asked how many properties that did not have property numbers were residential versus businesses versus vacant. Chief Motter referred to the list he provided to share that information. Councilmember Nickles also asked if there would be money in the budget to hire an additional part-time officer due to Officer Humes unavailability. Chief Motter explained that the appropriations should be looked at for next year as this year will be close as to whether or not we could pay an additional officer based on this year's appropriations.

## **8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

### **Electric**

AMP is scheduled to come and help set a new power pole on Waynesfield Rd.

Bucket truck and digger truck are repaired and back in service. AMP will also be in the Village on the 25<sup>th</sup> to recertify us on CPR. Crews have been out trimming trees out of power lines.

Administrator Bender updated the council as to the source of the power outage.

### **E. Wapakoneta St.**

Administrator Bender provided an update on the East Wapakoneta Street project. Letters will be sent out to residents that will be directly affected, explaining the project and what it will entail. Waiting to hear back from engineer as to a hard start date. Councilmember Ball asked about the detour and how to get around road construction. Councilmember Nickles asked Administrator Bender if there was a projected completion date. Administrator Bender said he believes the project should be done in October.

### **Park**

Would like a motion to proceed with details from what the park committee brings to the full council.

### **Zoning**

Will be an amendment to the zoning ordinance making the Board of Zoning Appeals separate from the Zoning board.  
(New business)

### **Water**

Administrator Bender updated the council on a water leak on South Westminster Street.

Administrator Bender said there will be a letter going out to all customers regarding the lead service line inventory as required by the EPA. Councilmember Nickles asked if there were any way residents could help in notifying the village if they have lead or copper lines coming into their house. Administrator Bender said it is possible, but there are more EPA requirements coming in 2027 that may address this. Councilmember Walti asked if you could look at a pipe and see if it is lead. Administrator Bender said there is not an easy way to look at the pipe and tell unless it's plastic. Administrator Bender and Councilmember Walti then spoke about the history of lead pipes in the village.

Councilmember Nickles said she and Councilmember Hutson met with the Muchinippi Club and they commented how nice the front of the park looked and thought the employees were doing a really nice job and making the entrance extremely presentable.

## **9. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- a. Mayor's Court Report- **\$706.00** was deposited in the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account for the month of May.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS:

### **Ordinance 25-4-1**

Motion made by Nickles seconded by Miller to have the third reading for Ordinance 25-4-1, An Ordinance adopting the Fixed Asset Policy for the Village of Waynesfield, State of Ohio.

VOTE: Fox, yes; Ball, yes; Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller, yes; Walti, yes

### **Resolution 25-4-1**

Motion made by Ball, seconded by Walti to have the third reading for Resolution 25-4-1, A Resolution designating The Waynesfield Park to "The Waynesfield Veterans Memorial Park."

VOTE: Fox, yes; Ball, yes; Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller, yes; Walti, yes

### **Resolution 25-4-2**

Motion made by Ball, seconded by Miller to have the third reading for Ordinance 25-4-2, An Ordinance adopting Rules and Regulations Governing the use of Municipal Utilities.

VOTE: Fox, yes; Ball, yes; Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller, yes; Walti, yes

### **Ordinance 25-5-1**

*This will be the SECOND reading. Since there were only 4 council members present, the Village could not pass Ordinance 25-5-1 as an emergency last month.*

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Ball, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 25-5-1. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 24-4-5, an Ordinance Repealing Chapter 95: Unclaimed and abandoned vehicles of the 2024 Edition of the Ohio Basic Code adopted by Ordinance 24-2-1, and replacing it with Junk and abandoned motor vehicles, attached as exhibit A and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Fox, no; Ball, yes; Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller, yes; Walti, yes

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Ball, to pass Ordinance 25-5-1. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 24-4-5, an Ordinance Repealing Chapter 95: Unclaimed and abandoned vehicles of the 2024 Edition of the Ohio Basic Code adopted by Ordinance 24-2-1, and replacing it with Junk and abandoned motor vehicles, attached as exhibit A.

VOTE: Fox, no; Ball, yes; Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller, yes; Walti, yes

### **Code Enforcement Property (Chief Motter)**

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Nickles to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 25-6-1.

VOTE: Fox, yes; Ball, yes; Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller, yes; Walti, yes

A motion was made by Miller seconded by Nickles, to pass Resolution 25-6-1. A Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of 205 West Mulberry Street, Parcel #'s N4201200500 and N4201200400, Waynesfield, Ohio, and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Ball to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 25-6-2.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

A motion was made by Nickles seconded by Ball to pass Resolution 25-6-2. A Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of 205 West Mulberry Street, Parcel #'s N4200500800, Waynesfield, Ohio, and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

A motion was made by Miller seconded by Nickles, to pass Resolution 25-6-3. A Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of 404 North Westminster Street Parcel #'s N4200500800, Waynesfield, Ohio, and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Ball to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 25-6-2.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

A motion was made by Nickles seconded by Ball to pass Resolution 25-6-2. A Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of 404 North Westminster Street Parcel #'s N4200500800, Waynesfield, Ohio.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

\*Action tabled to July meeting for 205 East Mulberry.

Action tabled to July meeting. Chief Motter will speak with the tenant regarding tall grass and remaining scrap material.

200 North Westminster Street, action tabled until the July meeting with pictures for council. Action tabled to monitor property for any future action.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Ordinance 25-6-1**

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Miller to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 25-6-1. An Ordinance to Approve the Execution of a Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. for Participations in Safety and Training Programs and to Declare an Emergency.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

A motion was made by Nickles seconded by Ball, pass Ordinance 25-6-1. An Ordinance to Approve the Execution of a Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. for Participations in Safety and Training Programs.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller, yes; Walti, yes

### **Park (Administrator and Park Committee)**

Administrator Bender met with the potential splashpad installer, and he stated our infrastructure is more than adequate to operate the proposed splashpad equipment selected.

An equipment shed will not be required for the splashpad, instead all their operational components would be housed in a buried vault. The only concerns would be about back flow issues; Administrator Bender will check for more information from the Celina installer.

Also, no household electrical service will be needed to run the splashpad. All the controls are operated on low voltage rechargeable batteries.

The splashpad representative also suggested we would not need proposed windsails for shade. Our existing structures (shelter houses) are close enough to proposed sites to provide adequate shade.

Provided the committee with proposed splashpad colors. The committee chose water palette color 3 and will be taking it to the council.

Placing a sidewalk from the octogen shelter house to the splashpad was discussed, this could be placed on hold for later date to see if they would be needed and the funding is available.

Timeline for project: Start for planning with 8-week lead time and 2-3 weeks for completion. Next spring proposed start time.

The committee looked at two possible bench types and considered the considerable price difference. The committee is still looking to install 2 on the east and 2 on the south side of the playground. These will be surface mounted benches.

The committee discussed having the council consider relocating the 3 benches in the traffic light area to be utilized in the park, necessitating the purchase of only 1 bench. The committee was not sure if the benches are very well utilized in their current location.

Provided to the committee were proposed colors for playground equipment: blue and gold, flooring colors: blue and black speckle and blue benches.

Administrator Bender will address the guidelines for spending the grant money.

Administrator Bender stated that the drain work is still ongoing at the park to relieve standing water close to walking path.

The Committee suggests proceeding with 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on park naming. Official naming dedication to coincide with grand opening of new park layout next year.

Councilmember Walti gave a Park Committee Report with Administrator Bender assisting. Councilmember Walti presented information on the splash pad and playground equipment. Councilmember Ball asked if there was a way to recycle the water used in the splash pad. Administrator Bender explained the differences and why we need to go with the "pump and dump" system versus the recycled water system. Councilmember Nickles asked if there was any way a valve could be put on the splash pad to save the water for alternative ways such as watering flowers. Administrator Bender said it would be incredibly expensive to put a below ground tank to hold the water and valve.

Councilmember Ball asked about the battery power to power the splash pad. Administrator Bender explained how the battery power would work.

Councilmember Nickles asked about the timeline issue regarding the splash pad and playground. She also asked about the concrete sidewalk and the placement of it.

Discussion was held regarding the benches to be placed around the playground and the prices associated with the two options. Councilmember Nickles asked if there was any bargain for purchasing multiple benches. Administrator Bender said the biggest savings would be shipping because the playground equipment would be shipped at the same time as the benches.

Councilmember Nickles asked that all the benches in the park look the same.

Administrator Bender asked the council for a motion to move forward with the splash pad and playground equipment due to ODNR Funding requirements.

A motion was made by Nickles seconded by Walti to allow Administrator Bender to move forward with the splash pad and playground equipment due to ODNR Funding Requirements.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

Councilmember Nickles said she and Councilmember Hutson spoke with the Muchinippi Garden Club regarding the organization of a celebration event for when the park is finished. Councilmember Nickles said we need to begin that process sooner rather than later because we should make this a huge event to recognize everyone. Councilmember Nickles said she wanted to thank the Community Development Team for securing the funding.

Councilmember Walti said he would like to see an ad hoc committee outside the Park Committee to be part of the organization of the celebration event involving people outside

A motion was made by Ball, seconded by Walti, to name Lisa Nickles as the chair of the ad hoc organizational committee for the Waynesfield Veterans Memorial Park dedication.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, abstain; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

#### **Ordinance 25-6-2 (Amending Zoning Ordinance)**

A motion was made by Ball, seconded by Fox to have a first reading on Ordinance 25-6-2. An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

#### **Resolution 25-6-2 (School Resource Officer)**

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Fox to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 25-6-2.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

A motion was made by Miller seconded by Fox, to suspend the rules pass Resolution 25-6-2. A Resolution to Approve the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Waynesfield and Waynesfield-Goshen Local School District for the 2025-26 School Year and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

**12. SOLICITOR REPORT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Fox seconded by Ball.

VOTE: Fox, yes, Ball, yes, Hutson, absent; Nickles, yes; Miller; yes; Walti, yes

End of meeting: 8:13 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer



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Mayor