

VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING

July 28, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order on July 28, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. with the following answering Roll Call: Mayor Luma; present; Fox, absent; Ball, present; Hutson, present; Nickles, present; Miller, present; Walti, present.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
3. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,767,954.01 in all funds. \$369,043.07 in the General Fund.
4. The Bills were read. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Ball to pay the bills presented.

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

5. GUESTS:

Craig Mescher attended the meeting and went over the East Wapakoneta Street Funding. He stated that Ohio St and Cook St have OPWC paperwork in and those streets will not be on this project. He also stated that OWDA water and wastewater loans can only come out of the water and sewer funds.

Administrator Bender asked about the CBDG Grant. Mr. Mescher stated that the village does not qualify for grants due to the Village's water and sewer rates. They are too low to be considered for those Grants.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ad Hoc/Park Dedication/Celebration Committee Meeting

July 10, 2025

White Memorial Library

Attendance: Sheet attached

Time: 11:00 AM-Noon

I. Welcome:

- a. Thanked all individuals present for their time and participation in the committee.
- b. Introduction of all present.
- c. Brief overview of "How we got here" and current progress on Park renovations/ improvements by Aaron Bender, Village Administrator
- d. Proposed Date of event: August 8, 2026

II. Goals/ Charge of the committee:

1. Organize, plan and conduct an event/celebration:
 - a. To dedicate the naming of the park to "Waynesfield Veteran's Memorial Park".
 - b. Commemorating the Park enhancements.
 - c. That encourages community participation, with emphasis on the youth of Waynesfield-Goshen.

III. Discussion:

- a. All day events
- b. Possible activities to include
 - i. 5K walk/run utilizing the Walking Path. Suggestion to contact Jennifer Sutherland to see if they would like to have their Childhood Cancer Research fund raiser walk at this time
 - ii. Corn Hole tournament
 - iii. Car show
 - iv. Food trucks

- v. Event tents with vendors (Pam Spencer, offered to set up a tent for various activities for the “kids”)
- vi. Ohio Village Muffins Baseball team exhibition game
- vii. Lottery with youth present. Winner would get to OFFICIALLY turn on Splash Pad
- viii. Combine this event with a celebration of the 250 Birthday of USA
- ix. Music/ DJ (Motterriffic Music and Photo Booth has committed to provide this service)
- x. Waynesfield-Goshen Band and Choir

IV. Dedication Ceremony Proposal:

- a. Ron Pepple offered to send a template from the dedication of the White Memorial Library to use as an example.
- b. Suggested individuals to invite:
 - i. Governor
 - ii. Susan Manchester
 - iii. County Commissioners
 - iv. Honor Guard
- c. Ron also suggested a template be developed outlining, time and expected commitment, activities etc. This would be done prior to making any contact with these officials so they know what would be expected.
- d. Ron Pepple and Tim Pence will get contacts for the Governor’s office.

V. Funding:

- a. Sarah Montgomery, Waynesfield Village Fiscal Officer reported that due to legal issues related to the expenditure of tax dollars no monies would be available from the Village to fund this event. An external 501C organization would need to handle any donations, expenditures etc.
- b. Waynes Goshen Area Community Foundation president, Ann Billings was present and offered to organize a meeting with the Foundation to establish a funding management process through the Foundation
- c. Muchinippi Garden club representative, Marilyn Shaw reported the club voted to donate \$1,000.00 to the event.

VI. Action Items:

- a. Lisa Nickles, Committee chair
 - i. Will meet with WG Foundation
 - ii. Work with Ron Pepple and Tim Pence to develop a template for the Dedication ceremony
 - iii. Contact Jennifer Sutherland regarding 5K walk/run
- b. Chad Spencer and Pamela Kennon will investigate the possibility of scheduling Ohio Valley Muffins baseball team for an exhibition game.
- c. Tim Pence, WG Superintendent, will see what involvement the school may have regarding the Old Timer’s baseball game, Band etc.

VII. Next Meeting:

- a. August 14, 2025, 11:00AM at the White Memorial Library Community Room

7. POLICE REPORTS:

ZONING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Chief Motter reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on July 15, 2025, to receive training/guidance/legal counsel from our Solicitor Daniel Bey. Solicitor Bey had some concerns that will need to be addressed moving forward. He said he would be making recommendations to council in the future.

Chief Motter did advise that the properties that were previously slated for abatement were cleaned up and the solicitor was fine with it.

SUMMER ISSUES

Chief Motter reported that in addition to all of the code enforcement issues he's been handling, a number of criminal matters have surfaced. Illegal drug use, domestic violence, internet/phone scams, and civil issues have topped the list of complaints he's handled and/or are currently investigating. The Sheriff's Office has also been busy in town with investigations on elder abuse, internet/phone scams, and civil complaints. All of these calls are fairly typical for the time of year. Though, some of these investigations take time to work through and must be prioritized over other matters, such as code enforcement.

There has also been a spike in citizen conversations. These are typically good encounters where people are asking questions about the community happenings, providing information/intelligence on issues within their neighborhood, etc. This is normal during the summer as more people are outside and can easily have those conversations. Chief Motter said this is very good that the public wants to interact with the police department as it builds a positive rapport between the community, village and police department.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Water and Sewer

Administrator Bender state the Village will need to pass two resolutions for funding thru OWDA for E. Wapakoneta Street. Access Engineering will be at the meeting to update council.

The East Wapak project will be starting to Mobilize equipment the last week of July. Administrator Bender met with engineers last week on project changes, they will be getting updated numbers to us.

Administrator Bender stated the Village has been working with Ohio Rural Water to have a rate study done for the water and sewer rates in 2026.

Park

The council will have an Ordinance for the Nature Works Grant and one for raising the bonding for the fiscal officer until the project is completed.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. Mayor's Court Report- \$222.00 was deposited in the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account for the month of June.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

Code Enforcement (Police Dept.)

Chief Motter stated that two of three properties that were abated had residents living in them. The residents did ask during the clean up process how much the cost would be. Chief Motter stated he informed them they would receive a bill and then would have 30 days to pay it.

Chief Motter provided before and after pictures to the council. He stated that from the time of the first notice to when the cleanup was completed, the process took 10-20 hours per property and approximately 3 to 4 months.

Councilmember Nickles thanked Chief Motter for his work. Chief Motter stated activity breeds activity and, by setting that precedent, we are on the right path for keeping the community clean.

Ordinance 25-6-2 (Amending Zoning Ordinance---Second reading---emergency)

Motion made by Miller seconded by Walti to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 25-6-2. An Ordinance amending section 500, Paragraphs 1 and 2, Board of Zoning Appeals of the Waynesfield Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 23-10-1 and to declare an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Miller seconded by Hutson to pass Resolution 25-6-2. An Ordinance amending section 500, Paragraphs 1 and 2, Board of Zoning Appeals of the Waynesfield Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 23-10-1.

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

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 25-7-1 (Raising of Fiscal Officer Bond-emergency)

Motion made by Nickles seconded by Miller to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 25-7-1. An Ordinance Authorizing the Raise of Bond for the Fiscal Officer and declaring an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Nickles seconded by Miller to pass Ordinance 25-7-1. An Ordinance Authorizing the Raise of Bond for the Fiscal Officer.

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

Ordinance 25-7-2 (Accepting Capital Improvement--emergency)

Motion made by Nickles seconded by Ball to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 25-7-2. An Ordinance Authorizing and Accepting the Capital Improvement Community Park, Recreation/Conservation Project Pass-through Grant Agreement between the Village of Waynesfield and The Ohio Department of Natural Resources and declaring an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Nickles seconded by Walti to pass Ordinance 25-7-2. An Ordinance Authorizing and Accepting the Capital Improvement Community Park, Recreation/Conservation Project Pass-through Grant Agreement between the Village of Waynesfield and The Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

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

Ordinance 25-7-3 (Amending Appropriations---emergency)

Motion made by Ball seconded by Miller to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 25-7-3. An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 24-10-1 to Amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance and declaring an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Ball seconded by Miller to pass Ordinance 25-7-3. An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 24-10-1 to Amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

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

Resolution 25-7-1 (Signature in absence of Mayor—emergency)

Motion made by Ball seconded by Miller to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 25-7-1. A Resolution Designating the Council President as Signatory for Osgood Bank in the absence of the Mayor from the Village and declaring an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Ball seconded by Miller to pass Resolution 25-7-1. A Resolution Designating the Council President as Signatory for Osgood Bank in the absence of the Mayor from the Village.

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

Resolution 25-7-2 (OWDA Water---emergency)

Motion made by Ball seconded by Miller to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 25-7-2. A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply for, Accept, and enter into a Ohio Water Development Authority Agreement on Behalf of the Village of Waynesfield for Design and Construction of Water Treatment and Distribution Lines; And Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan and declaring an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Ball seconded by Walti to pass Resolution 25-7-2. A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply for, Accept, and enter into a Ohio Water Development Authority Agreement on Behalf of the Village of Waynesfield for, Design and Construction of Water Treatment and Distribution Lines; And Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan.

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

Resolution 25-7-3 (OWDA Wastewater---emergency)

Motion made by Ball, seconded by Walti to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 25-7-2. A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply for, Accept, and enter into a Ohio Water Development Authority Agreement on Behalf of the Village of Waynesfield for Design and Construction of Wastewater and Storm Facilities; And Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan and declaring an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Ball seconded by Hutson to pass Resolution 25-7-2. A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply for, Accept, and enter into a Ohio Water Development Authority Agreement on Behalf of the

Village of Waynesfield for Design and Construction of Wastewater and Storm Facilities; And Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan.

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

12. SOLICITOR REPORT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Nickles, seconded by Miller at 7:24 pm.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rocky Miller", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sarah Montgomery", written over a horizontal line.

Fiscal Officer