

VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING

August 25, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order on August 25, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. with the following answering Roll Call: Mayor Luma; present; Fox, present; 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 \$1,779,289.67 in all funds. \$377,380.12 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, Yes; Nickles, Yes; Miller, Yes; Walti, Yes.

5. **GUESTS:** Jen Sutherland was not present at the meeting. The Council discussed the fee being waived for the Pediatric Cancer Walk on October 11th at 9:00 am.

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Ball to waive the \$50 dollar fee for the Park Pavilion on October 11th, 2025 at 9:00 am for the Lions Club Pediatric Cancer Walk.

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

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park Ad Hoc Committee:

Garrett Miller will be representing the Lion's Club.

Old Business:

There is a possible conflict with proposed date of event. The Auglaize Co. Fair has set their dates for next year. The Date we had previously set now falls on the last day of the fair, August 8, 2026. Alternative dates were discussed. Due to the other area fairs, school starting and the Lion's Club festival, the Date of July 25th seemed to be the only option. It was suggested by Marilyn Shaw to maintain the August 8th date as an alternative date. The members present agreed that the date could be set without a vote once it was reviewed by Chief Nathan Motter. (Since, Chief Motter had originally researched the date and possible conflicts).

Committee Chair Nickles met with the Waynesfield-Goshen Area Foundation, and the Foundation approved the designation of a fund for monies to be donated to. Chairperson Nickles will get the specific information by the next meeting.

The Committee liked the proposed timeline. As we move forward and confirm various organizations and their proposed activities the timeline can be confirmed.

Chairperson Nickles spoke with Jennifer Sutherland, and she is going to speak with her committee to see if the Pediatric Cancer Research Walk can be scheduled for the morning of the event.

Garrett Miller suggested the Lion's Club might be able to donate their chairs. When we solidify date the Lion's Club needs to be notified, and they will block it out so we can get tables and chairs from them. Other options for chairs: Fire Department (Chief Presnell was not present so we would need to discuss that with the department leadership.), and Jean Turner rents tents and chairs. Tim Pence was going to check with them to see what the cost would be.

The committee would like to get food trucks. Garrett Miller will get list of Food Trucks from his cousin for committee to use.

Garrett Miller and Todd Tenaglia both said if we could not get Food Trucks their organization could help with Hamburgers and Hotdogs.

Due to the date change we will have to confirm with Motteriffic Music and Photo Booth to see if they are still available.

Other suggested activities for the day:

- Movie Night
- Car Show
- Coordinating with the Waynesfield Raceway Park to possibly bring other people to the celebration
- Bingo
- Fireworks (too expensive)
- Mobile Flag display. Marilyn Shaw has a contact in Wapakoneta that she used when they had the display at the Wapakoneta Elementary School.
- Marilyn Shaw asks if there are any plans in the park renovations to place large planters or pots. Chairperson Committee Chair Nickles said she would bring this up to Council. Long-term maintenance is always an issue and needs to be considered.

Marketing and Promotions

Jon Horn stated we need to start thinking about how we will Market/Promote the dedication. Obviously, we need to solidify the date and then move forward with the suggested marketing activities.

- Social Media
- Noon Show on WLIO
- Flyers
- Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce

Budget

To establish a budget, item costs such as tents, chairs, food etc. need to be researched. Tim Pence volunteered to check with the Turner's to get cost of tent/chair rental.

Aaron Bender had previously mentioned he had a Hay Wagon that could be used as the stage if we needed it.

Contacting Possible speakers for Dedication

- Mayor
- Governor
- Senator Susan Manchester
- County Commissioners
- Honor Guard

New Business:

Guided Tour of Memorial Walk

Chairperson Nickles reported the KIA (Killed in Action) Memorial Walk Fund has been established by the Waynesfield-Goshen Area Foundation. Additionally, the Foundation has donated \$5,000.00 to the fund.

Suggestion was made to have a "guided tour" of the Memorial Walking Path. It is possible we could use Golf Carts for elderly or disabled who may want to participate. Jon Horn and Kerry Burden volunteered to head up this activity. Jon stated he thought Ron Pepple and Chad Spencer would also want to be involved. Golf Cart use on the walking path would

have to be approved by the Village Administrator and possibly the council as currently it is illegal to have motorized vehicles on the walking path.

6. POLICE REPORTS:

ZONING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Chief Motter reported that we are still waiting on guidance from the Solicitor on how to proceed with code enforcement.

CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

As we expected, it did not take long for traffic complaints to come in regarding the East Wapakoneta Street project. Complaints of speeding down alleys, running stop signs and speed on secondary streets, and vehicles driving into yards as they try to pass in alleys and secondary streets, have been the main complaint.

Because of this, when East Wapakoneta Street has been completely closed, the police department has had an increased presence in the areas of South Westminster Street, the intersection of South Earl and East Ohio streets, the alley north of East Wapakoneta Street that runs parallel with it, and the East Perry and North Earl Street intersection.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT W-G

The first day of school for Waynesfield-Goshen students was August 20. Most of the kids seemed to be excited to be back in the routine, seeing their friends, etc. While it has only been a few days since school resumed, Chief Motter reported there had not been any issues.

UGANDA, AFRICA TRIP

Chief Motter reported that he was Uganda, Africa, from August 2-19. While there, he was granted the opportunity to share about the Community Development concept we've employed here in Waynesfield. Community leaders from all over the country came to learn about Community Development and various other topics. This was a very exciting time and lots of good questions were asked on how to begin this process within their own communities. There was also a very good discussion with suggestions offered by the community leaders on how to bring people together for a common cause in order to strengthen the community.

While, this trip was connected to the church he attends, Chief Motter said he was very thankful that this opportunity allowed him to learn about community-connectedness abroad that should translate into benefits here locally.

PARADE

Chief Motter Discussed the parade on Thursday September 18th at 6:30pm. Parade route will run from Park Entrance to the School.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Electric

The Village of Waynesfield gained two more electric accounts this month. AMP was in to set a pole for one and other for maintenance. AMP will be back in October for two days for other preventive maintenance.

Water and Sewer

Administrator Bender stated that they are still working with Access on E. Wapak St.

East Wapak St.

The work for East Wapak St has been started, over half of the storm tile is in. The remaining will be installed after the water line has been installed.

The water line replacements will start this 25th of August. The Village has a call list of all residents that may be affected in an emergency situation and for planned outage when connections from old water line to the new water line will be scheduled.

The Village has put up new 15 MPH signs in both East and West alleys along with children at play signs.

Administrator Bender stated that a majority of the storm lines are in for East Wapak St.

Administrator Bender met with the Sheriff and Erica Preston for the MARCS Towers. They discussed the property for the towers. Administrator Bender will continue to keep us updated on this.

Water and sewer

Administrator Bender stated that the last billing cycle there were several high readings due to the high temperatures. We did take quite a few calls having to explain we only charge for what goes thru the meter. This next billing cycle will most likely be the same with the weather we have had.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. Mayor's Court Report- \$793.00 was deposited in the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account for the month of July.
- b. Trick or Treat Date is set for Thursday, October 30th from 6:00 to 7:30pm

10. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 25-8-1

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Hutson, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 25-8-1, A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and to declare an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Fox, to pass Resolution 25-8-1, A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor

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

Resolution 25-8-2

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Miller, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt resolution 25-8-2, a resolution accepting and adopting the 2026 alternate plan of distribution of local Government Funds and Local Government Revenue assistance funds for Auglaize County, Ohio, as proposed by the Auglaize County Budget Commission and to declare an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Fox, seconded by Ball, to pass Resolution 25-8-2, a Resolution accepting and adopting the 2026 alternate plan of distribution of local Government Funds and Local Government Revenue assistance funds for Auglaize County, Ohio, as proposed by the Auglaize County Budget Commission

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

12. SOLICITOR REPORT:

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

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

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

Mayor

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

Fiscal Officer