

VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING

November 24, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order on November 24, 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 **\$1,997,410.20** in all funds. **\$321,057.04** in the General Fund.
4. The Bills were read. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Hutson, to pay the bills presented.

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

5. GUESTS:

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park Committee

Administrator Bender suggested the playground demo to begin in December or January. Weather permitting. There is less usage of the park during these times. The area will be cordoned off for safety. Committee member Walti agreed that this would be a good time to start.

Administrator Bender stated there was an insurance audit visit last week from Ohio Plan (Stolly). There were updates given to the Ohio Plan representatives and it was discussed that the old park equipment will have to be disposed of, not resold, due to liability reasons. Ohio Plan representatives were very pleased with the choice of the surface for the new playground. The report was good and Administrator Bender is hoping for lower premiums.

Village resident, Barbara Earl, presented comments during October's council meeting. These were taken into consideration. Following discussion, committee suggests moving forward with proposed name.

Committee members Hutson stated the Byers wooded area needs some TLC. There are broken branch hazards and he is concerned about residents getting injured. There was discussion regarding the county heritage park designation for wooded area. Administrator Bender stated the county would expect ownership and compensation. It is not something we would like to pursue due to the field location for wells.

7. POLICE REPORTS:

CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

East Wapakoneta Street is now open and the traffic complaints on the side streets and alleys have resumed back to normal.

TRICK OR TREAT

The annual Waynesfield Beggar's Night was Thursday, October 30, 2025. Chief Motter passed out candy outside the office near the clock and saw roughly 300 children. The weather was near perfect for a fall evening and there were no issues reported to the police department before, during or after the event.

LEXIPOL SAVINGS

A recent meeting with representatives from Ohio Insurance Services, with insurance broker Stolly Insurance, revealed that the police department can save money on its annual Lexipol Policy Manual subscription through a reimbursement program from Ohio Insurance Services. For 2025, the Village will be reimbursed 50% of the cost of the subscription (approximately \$675), 2026 will be a 30% discount, and every year thereafter will be a 20% discount. Ohio Insurance Services was thrilled that the police department has Lexipol implemented as having that policy manual in place for the police department substantially decreases the Police Department and Village's liability should an adverse incident arise through the course of the law enforcement duties required.

Coupled with the reimbursement that we receive from the State of Ohio for continuing professional training hours, as Lexipol officers a daily training that equates to one hour of required CPT hours per month, per officer, the roughly \$1,350 annual cost of Lexipol is almost free for 2025 and will be substantially reduced in future years.

VANDALISM/CRIMINAL DAMAGING

Chief Motter provided an update on the recent vandalism/criminal damaging investigation.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Water and Sewer

Administrator Bender stated that the Village had our EPA sanitary survey completed for the water system. The inspector was pleased as to the progress the village has completed since the last survey. Only a couple small things need addressed once the full report comes back.

East Wapak St.

The E. Wapak St. Project is completed other than the subcontractor to come in and set all the signage back up. All told the project went smooth and had a good working relation with the General contractor. Although the road is a bit rough in spots, this will be addressed when ODOT comes in to pave. The line striping will more than likely be held off until the spring due to lower temperatures.

Streets

Holiday decorations have been put up while the weather was favorable. Since last season we have put new lights and garland on the tree by the post office.

The Governor finally put the press release out as to the CDBG funding. The Villages project did not get approved. I have a meeting set with the Engineer in December to see what else may be available and how we move forward.

Park

Park committee met and decided that the demo of playground equipment will be started in December as weather allows. Once it has been removed the new parking lot will be started. Administrator Bender stated Stolly Insurance said that the old swing set and slide should be disposed of due to noncompliance with safety standards.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. Mayor's Court Report- **\$820.00** was deposited in the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account for the month of October.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 25-10-1 (2026 Permanent Appropriations)

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Hutson, to have the second reading of Ordinance 25-10-1. An ordinance to make appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Waynesfield, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

The changes in the appropriations are as follows:

Fund 1000-320-300 (Personal Services) increased from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

Changing General Fund Appropriation to \$433,570.55

Overall increase for all appropriations is \$3,743,934.54, without grant money would be \$3,190,198.57 and without both grant money and capital project the overall appropriations is \$2,257,948.57.

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

Ordinance 25-10-2 (PPM and Position Descriptions)

A motion was made by Ball, seconded by Walti, to have the second reading of Ordinance 25-10-2. An Ordinance Adopting the Amended Employee Handbook and Job Descriptions for the Village of Waynesfield, Auglaize County, Ohio.

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

Resolution 25-10-1 (Addressing Authority)

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Hutson, to have the second reading of Resolution 25-10-1. A Resolution in the Matter of Documenting the Position of the Village of Waynesfield Regarding Naming of Addressing Authority within the Jurisdiction of the Village of Waynesfield.

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

Resolution 25-10-4 (Walking Path)

A motion was made by Ball, seconded by Miller, to have the second reading of Resolution 25-10-4. A Resolution Renaming the "Mike Ridenour Walking Path" to the "Gold Star Family Walking Path."

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

Joining Auglaize County Chamber of Commerce discussion

Motion by Nickles to join the Auglaize County Chamber of commerce seconded by Walti.

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

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 25-11-1 (Amending Appropriations---Emergency)

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Hutson, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 25-11-1. An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 24-10-1 to Amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance and to Declare an Emergency.

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

A motion was made by Walti, seconded by Hutson, to adopt Ordinance 25-11-1. 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.

Ordinance 25-11-3 (Cybersecurity---Emergency)

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Miller, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 25-11-3. An Ordinance Setting Forth Cybersecurity Reporting and Compliance Deadlines for the Village of Waynesfield, Auglaize County, Ohio and to Declare 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 adopt Ordinance 25-11-3. An Ordinance Setting Forth Cybersecurity Reporting and Compliance Deadlines for the Village of Waynesfield, Auglaize County.

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

Executive Session for employee raises

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Ball, to conduct an executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, and compensation of a public employee or official with the Mayor at 6:51 p.m.

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

Executive Session for employee raises


A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Walti, to exit executive session at 7:11 p.m.

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

12. SOLICITOR REPORT: NONE

A motion to adjourn was made by Nickles, seconded by Hutson at 7:15 p.m.

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



Mayor



Fiscal Officer

