

VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING

September 22, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order on September 22, 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 \$1,821,126.69 in all funds. \$397,326.43 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.

GUESTS:

Rod, Jenny and Justine Winegardner were present for the proclamation of the National Service Dog Month Proclamation. Service Dogs assist people with disabilities and offer many other benefits. Mayor Luma read the Proclamation into record, and presented Justine Winegardner with a copy of the proclamation.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park Committee

The Part committee discussed the purchase of the playground and splashpad equipment. They agreed to move forward with the purchase of playground and splash pad equipment with approval of documentation submitted by fiscal officer Montgomery. All said expenditure will exhaust requested funds per guidelines of grant funding. Equipment to be ordered to secure quoted price.

The playground could possibly be installed late fall, but it was suggested to wait for early spring. Installers will possibly store equipment at their location, if they are unable, Administrator Bender will arrange storage at village locations.

Spring installation will allow for fall/winter tear out and site prep. The designated site will be cordoned off with appropriate barricades. We are waiting to see when current playground can be dismantled. This should be able to be accomplished in one day. A local citizen, Dave Little, will be doing installations for contracted installers.

The splash pad equipment will be received and stored at our location. The equipment needs 8-12 weeks for ordering and shipment for delivery this year.

A question was raised as to possible missing parts when it is time to assemble next year. The equipment will be stored in shipping containers. The company will be contacted to get answer. Again, village employees will do what's possible until next spring to expedite installation.

The new bench designs were discussed. It was suggested to go with better of the two for the walking path. The committee discussed possibly having the park dedication committee look into securing individual sponsorship for each bench needed with a corresponding donor plaque. Administrator Bender will check on last possible date to order benches.

The Village is still waiting to hear about property transfer of Veteran's Memorial area from the CIC to the village.

They recommendation of the park committee is to proceed with naming the village walking path to reflect veteran theme. Suggested names: First choice: Veterans Memorial Walkway. Second choice: Blue/Gold Star Mothers Memorial Walkway.

Councilmember Nickles suggested that we increase our insurance to keep the splash pad safe if we are storing it. She suggested that we look into a rider policy. We should also look at security cameras as well. Administrator Bender stated everything will be wrapped in crates and will be safely stored in the building. He will, however, get a hold of the insurance company to ask.

Councilmember Ball asked when the warranty started and she is also concerned with someone breaking in and stealing the crates. Administrator Bender stated the we do currently have insurance that covers up to 80% of a claim.

Councilmember Hutson asked Chief Motter if we have ever had a problem with theft in the village buildings. Chief Motter stated that we have never had any theft in any of our storage building, however, we could look at enhancing park security systems in the near future with all the new equipment going it.

Councilmember Nickles suggested getting a call box placed in the park.

Chief Motter stated that we should not be discussing security matters in an open session and this would be better discussed in a committee meeting.

Finance Committee

Fiscal Officer Montgomery went over the 2026 Appropriations with the Finance Committee. They touched on each fund. There may be a few changes to come, but Fiscal Officer Montgomery wanted to have them look over the first draft. This will be ready by the October Council Meeting.

Administrator Bender stated the farmland the Village rents out is up for bid again this year. This will be discussed in this month's council meeting.

Administrator Bender also discussed the sewer pump and the industrial park. The pump went out and needs to be rebuilt. The lift station needs to have a spare pump so when a pump goes out, we have a spare. Administrator Bender stated he will ask council to amend the appropriations, so we are able to purchase a spare.

The committee also discussed a water and sewer study. Administrator Bender will speak to council regarding this and ask to be able to move forward with this in January 2026.

Park Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmember Nickles stated that we need to bring people in for this celebration. Marilynn Shaw was at the meeting and she suggested looking at a website called America 250 as there are links to upcoming events. The Park AdHoc Committee could put our celebration date on there.

- I. Call meeting to order at 11:00 AM
- II. Attendance/Sign in sheet See Attached
- III. Minutes of Last Meeting were sent via text message prior to the meeting to members. No corrections or changes.
Minutes approved
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. New Date: July 25, 2026
 - b. Report on "Action Items" from previous meeting
 - i. Updated timeline for dedication/celebration (See separate Handout)

1. Pamela Kennon contacted Ohio Muffins but has not heard back. Moved to next meeting to discuss. Chief Motter stated possibly Chad Spencer may have a contact with the Ohio Muffins.
 - ii. Update on Walk to Support Pediatric Cancer Research
 1. Jennifer Sutherland spoke with committee chair, Lisa Nickles. The group that sponsors the Pediatric Walk has agreed to move the date of the Walk to correspond with the event date
 - iii. Vendors/Activity tents
 1. Committee agreed we need to decide if we want food trucks or if we provided a lunch, ie hotdogs/hamburgers.
 - iv. Flag Display: Marilyn Shaw is going to check with some of her former colleagues at Wapakoneta Elementary to see if she can get more information on how we can reserve a Flag Display.
 - v. Other Activities for 250th USA Anniversary
 1. Marilyn Shaw suggested investigating the “America 250” website, Ohio Specific and investigate “Picnic for 250 Anniversary”. There is an organizational packet. This type of activity may draw people to our event. Possibly, we could have a pre-order for picnic meals to ensure attendance.
 2. Marilyn Shaw suggested having students do a biography, dress up and give an oral speech. It would get kids involved and bring people to the event. Tim Pence thought it might be difficult since it is summer, and school will not be in session. Chief Motter suggested National Honor Society as an option. Again, it may be difficult due to school not in session.
 3. Lisa Nickles suggested Chief Motter act as Master of Ceremony for the event.
- c. Contacting Possible speakers for Dedication
- i. Mayor
 - ii. Governor
 - iii. Senator Susan Manchester: Chief Motter will contact and check with Senator Manchester to best way to contact the Governor. If the Governor is not available maybe Lieutenant Governor. Also going to see if Matt Huffman would be available.
 - iv. County Commissioners: Aaron Bender to contact
 - v. Honor Guard Lisa Nickles will contact
- Timeframe for speakers would be from 11:00 AM-Noon. Order of Speakers would be local, county, state.
- d. Splash Pad Opening
- i. Marilyn Shaw suggested giving tickets to students at the end of the school year. Each student would get two tickets to bring to event. (One for drawing, one for verification of win)
- e. Guided Tour of Memorial Walk
- i. Nothing reported
- f. Budget items to be discussed.
- i. Decorations
 - ii. Tents/tables and chairs
 1. Garrett Miller was unable to attend the meeting but communicated with Lisa Nickles the Lions Club would provide chairs.

2. Tim Pence reported' Kevin Turner is the person to contact for tents. A 10 x20 tent is \$275.00.
- iii. Music/PA system
 1. Chief Motter reported Motteriffic Music and Photo will provide music and sound system at no charge.
- iv. Food (hamburgers/hotdogs)
 1. Nothing reported
- v. Movie projector (if we do a movie for kids in the evening)
 1. Committee members present felt this might be an activity that would work best as a separate activity on a different date. Mainly, because it would need to be later at night, which could be as late as 10pm.
- vi. Lisa Nickles reported that Bob Howard from the Legion informed her he is working on a one-time cancellation stamp to commemorate the event.

Councilmember Ball made the suggestion of having old cars at the park celebration to bring people. She also stated that we could possibly have kids, adults or pets dress up and have a contest. Councilmember Ball also suggested having kids do something for the celebration. Councilmember Nickles stated that she has talked to Superintendent Pence and it will be difficult to get kids involved during the summer months.

Councilmember Nickles let the Council know that the Waynesfield Goshen Area Foundation has a fund set up for this and you can donate to it.

7. POLICE REPORTS:

ZONING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ISSUES

We are still waiting on guidance from the Solicitor on how to proceed with code enforcement.

CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

Chief Motter reported that his department is continuing to receive multiple complaints about the construction traffic and traffic in the alleyways. A number of citations have been issued to semi traffic driving through the closed roadway and have been actively patrolling the alleys and side streets. There have also been a number of traffic complaints on South Westminster Street and multiple citations have been written in response to that as well.

Overall, the issues the police department has seen with the construction have been fairly minor. Hohenbrink Construction remains a very good company to work with. Even residents have reported to Chief Motter that they are very courteous, safe and friendly.

W-G HOMECOMING

The annual Waynesfield-Goshen Homecoming Parade was Thursday, September 18th. Chief Motter reported everything went well. Chief Motter also thanked the Auglaize County Sheriff's Office and Ohio State Highway Patrol for

participating in the parade. He also offered a special thank you to the Auglaize County Emergency Management Agency and the Auglaize County CERT team for assisting with traffic control for the parade. Their volunteering helped by not having to pay employees overtime to come in and work the parade.

Chief Motter also reported no issues at the homecoming dance, which was on Saturday, September 20th.

MARIJUANA COMPLIANCE

Chief Motter reported that in the last month, several properties in town were growing their own marijuana. The Auglaize-Mercer Grand Lake Drug Task Force and Waynesfield Police Department teamed up to do compliance checks on properties that had obvious violations. There were several violations that the police department and task force addressed and will follow up with later.

Chief Motter gave the Council The Little Prairie Learning Center invite for the Open House on October 7th at 6pm.

Chief Motter mentioned the Sheriff's Department will be setting up Flock Cameras. Chief Motter looked at the prices for the Village of Waynesfield and it would be \$10,000.00 a year for this. He stated there are other options that are cheaper than Flock Cameras.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Electric

AMP was here to give bucket truck safety training. They trimmed some trees that were getting close to the primary lines.

Water and Sewer

The lift station at the industrial park had a pump go bad, it is currently being rebuilt. The Village did have an issue with the working pump and had to call in contractor to pump lift station down and haul to the lagoons until electrician could come the following morning. The Village needs to have a backup pump for the lift station so when this happens in the future, we will always have two pumps available. The Village will need to amend the appropriations for a new pump (new business). Price for new pump is \$13,000-\$14,000.

East Wapak St.

A pressure test and bacteria samples both passed for the new water main. All new water line services are installed. Monday and Tuesday the contractor will be connecting the new main to old main. Letters and phone calls have been made to all effected properties as to water pressure being low on those days. Once all water lines are done, they will finish storm lines, then will be working on prepping curb and sidewalk. Following that road reconstruction will start. Once that is started the road will not be useable for thru traffic.

Park

The playground equipment has been ordered and will have a delayed shipping date. Anything that may need to be added to the order needs to be done by the second week of January. Splash pad will be ordered in the next week or so. We do have to take possession of it once it ships (6-8 weeks). The Village does have room to store it until it is installed. Both of these projects will start in late winter or early spring. This gives us time to get areas prepped and not be without a playground for a long period of time.

Farm ground

The 3-year lease for the land at the industrial park is up for bid. Administrator Bender would like to start that process in October (New Business).

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. Mayor's Court Report- \$525.00 was deposited in the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account for the month of August.

10. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 25-9-1

A motion was made by Ball, seconded by Hutson, to have the first reading of Ordinance 25-9-1, An Ordinance to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan Update for the Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District.

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

Ordinance 25-9-2

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Fox, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 25-9-2, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 24-10-1 to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance and to declare an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Ball, seconded by Nickles, to pass Ordinance 25-9-2, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 24-10-1 to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance

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

Resolution 25-9-1

Motion made by Ball, seconded by Miller, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 25-9-1, A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Develop a Proposal with RCAP-Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) for a Proposal for a Water and Sewer rate Study to be conducted in 2026 with and to Declare an Emergency.

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

A motion was made by Ball, seconded by Hutson, adopt Resolution 25-9-1, A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Develop a Proposal with RCAP-Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) for a Proposal for a Water and Sewer rate Study to be conducted in 2026.

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

Park Bid

A motion made by Ball, seconded by Miller to move forward with a bid for a three-year lease for farming hay on twelve (12) acres located in the Village of Waynesfield Industrial Park, lots 1032, 1033, 1034, and 1035.

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

Park Walking Path Name Change

Councilmember Nickles stated that she has been working with the AdHoc Park Committee to gather money to do memorials for the individuals that were killed in action on the walking park. There are 14 men starting from WWI to the Afghanistan War. The Council would like to rename the walking path to honor those men and all veterans who served. This will set the theme with the plaques that will be posted along the walking path. Some of these men were not buried on US soil and this will give them a place to be seen in the USA.

Councilmember Nickles stated that so far \$6,000.00 has been donated for the walking path. Councilmember Nickles preference is have the council choose a name that honors and represents what happened to the me. She likes Blue/Gold Star Mothers Memorial Walkway. Councilmember Walti stated he liked the name as well. Councilmember Fox said he felt it should be more family oriented in the name opposed to just having "mother" in the title. Possibly name it Blue/Gold Star Memorial Walkway.

A motion was made by Ball, seconded by Hutson, to bring a resolution to the next council meeting to rename the walking path.

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

12. SOLICITOR REPORT:

A motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm was made by Ball, seconded by Fox.

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



Mayor



Fiscal Officer