

VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING

December 15, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order on December 15, 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 **\$1,893,960.82** in all funds. **\$390,810.53** 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: NONE

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Utilities, Streets and Storm Sewers

In attendance were Administrator Bender, Mayor Luma, Fox, Miller and Hutson

Village resident Janet Helmlinger attended with sewer issues. Mrs. Helmlinger gave her comments and the committee offered her suggestions to alleviate her problems. She stated she would be willing to try these suggestions and let the Village know of the outcome. The committee also informed her of probable liability issues with the village's encroachment on performing homeowner property repairs.

Safety

In attendance were Chief Motter, Ball, Miller

Discussion was held on the erecting no thru truck signs on some side streets. It was recommended that Chief Motter and Administrator Bender review the erecting of these signs and come back to the Safety Committee with their results and recommendations.

After this is complete it will be brought back to Council for a vote.

7. POLICE REPORTS:

VANDALISM/CRIMINAL DAMAGING

Chief Motter reported the criminal damaging case regarding the various properties in town being spray painted has been referred to the Auglaize County Prosecutor's Office for review of criminal charges.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS COMPETITION ONGOING

The annual Holiday Lights Competition is going on now in the village until December 24th. The winners will be announced on the Waynesfield PD Facebook page on December 25th. Sometime between December 1 and 24th, three non-resident judges will canvass the village to judge the properties. All properties with holiday lights illuminated at the time the judges go by will be judged, so no one has to sign up to have their property viewed.

WG SCHOOLS SET FOR WINTER BREAK

Chief Motter updated council on statistics from the first half of the 2025-26 school year Chief Motter reported that the first half of the school year went pretty well. For the first half of the school year, 12 issues that involved the SRO, only two of which required a documented call for service. This means a report had to be completed and filed, but does not necessarily mean a criminal complaint was filed. For comparison purposes, last school year at this time, we had 14 calls for service with 10 requiring a report.

END OF YEAR AND ANNUAL REPORT

As we finally conclude 2025, Chief Motter is transitioning the department records in preparation of 2026. Thanks to the computer system currently used, this is a much easier task than it used to be. In the regularly scheduled January 2026 meeting, Chief Motter will be providing the end of the year statistics as well as his 2025 annual report to council.

SHOP WITH THE BLUE

Chief Motter stated this past Saturday the “Shop With the Blue” was held. He stated there was a huge turnout.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Electric

Administrator Bender stated that AMP will be in February/March to do thermal imaging again. Had Lakeview in the 10th to help fix a broken wire that only affected the norther portion of the village. Wind and rain seemed to be the cause.

Water and Sewer

Administrator Bender stated that he will be contacting a contractor to sample and test the media in the iron filter at the water plant. This is something that needs to be done every 4-5 years.

East Wapak St.

The project is completed, the contractor was in and adjusted grade for a storm sewer man hole. Will see how the grass comes in next spring and see if there will be any over seeding that needs done.

Water Plant

Administrator Bender stated there was an issue with the Water Plant this week. The water was low and they will continue to keep an eye on it. If needed a contractor will be called in to fix the situation.

9. MAYOR’S REPORT:

- a. Mayor’s Court Report- \$454.00 was deposited in the General Fund from the Mayor’s Court Account for the month of November.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 25-10-1 (2026 Permanent Appropriations)

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Hutson, to have the third 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.

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

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

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Nickles, to have the third 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, Yes; 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 third 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, Yes; Ball, Yes; Hutson, Yes; Nickles, Yes; Miller, Yes; Walti, Yes.

Resolution 25-10-4 (Walking Path)

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

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

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 25-12-1 (Amending Appropriations—Emergency)

Motion made by Ball, seconded by Miller, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 25-12-1. 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 Miller, to adopt Ordinance 25-12-1. 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.

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, Yes; 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 7:23 p.m.

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

Ordinance 25-12-2 (Employee Wages and Salaries)

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Hutson, to suspend the rules of three reading to adopt Ordinance 25-12-2. An Ordinance setting Wages and Salaries for Employee of the Village of Waynesfield and to Declare an Emergency.

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

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Hutson, to adopt Ordinance 25-12-2. An Ordinance setting Wages and Salaries for Employee of the Village of Waynesfield.

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

Council member Miller read the raise percentages:

For Jay Carter, Maintenance, a 4.35% increase

For Sarah Montgomery, Fiscal Officer, a 3.73% increase

For Aaron Bender, Administrator, a 5% increase

The remaining employees all received a 3% increase.

Council member Nickles thanked Council members Fox, Hutson and Ball for their service.

Councilmember Hutson stated it has been a fantastic experience for him and although he has lived here his whole life, he never realized the amount of work it takes to run this Village.

Councilmember Fox stated he has had a wonderful experience and Councilmember Ball thanked everyone.

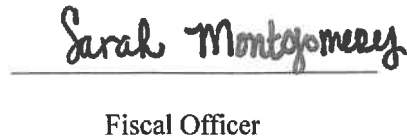
11. SOLICITOR REPORT: NONE

A motion to adjourn was made by Ball at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Nickles.

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



Mayor



Fiscal Officer