

**VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING**

February 23, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order on February 23, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. with the following answering Roll Call: Mayor Luma; present; Davidson, present; Miller: present; Humes; present; Nickles, present; Ridenour present; Walti; present.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
3. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,881,504.10 in all funds. \$401,691.31 in the General Fund.
4. The Bills were read. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Nickles to pay the bills presented.

VOTE: Davidson, Yes; Miller: Yes; Humes, Yes; Nickles, Yes; Ridenour, Yes; Walti, Yes.

5. GUESTS:

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park Ad Hoc Committee

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. at the Waynesfield Village Municipal Building due to a maintenance issue at the library. Attendance was recorded via a sign-in sheet (see attached). The minutes of the last meeting were sent to all members via text and email.

Under old business, the current fund balance was reported as \$200. Marilyn Shaw reported that the committee will have access to 100 14-inch U.S. flags for display and that she is working to obtain additional larger flags as well. The committee has received information from the Ohio American 250 Commission Picnic Committee, and the event is currently listed on the Ohio American 250 calendar. Additional resources and materials will be provided in the coming months.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of the Baseball Association opening their concession stand to sell popcorn and other items; this will need to be investigated further and the Baseball Association contacted. Aaron continues to work with the County Commissioner regarding a speaker. There was no new report on additional speakers because Chief Motter was unable to attend the meeting.

Chad Spencer is working on one-page biographies for the servicemembers from Waynesfield who were killed in action, and these biographies will be included in the Gold Star Families Memorial. The proposed schedule was discussed, including the possibility of securing food trucks, and further planning is needed.

The Park Ad Hoc Committee will have their next meeting on April 16th at 6:00 pm at the White Memorial Library.

7. POLICE REPORTS:

ABSENCE

Chief Motter reported he was out of town and unable to attend the February council meeting. He provided a written report and wrote that he should be present for the March 2026 council meeting.

SIDEWALK COMPLAINTS

The police department has received multiple complaints regarding snow covering sidewalks more than 24 hours after the snow has stopped. The two biggest concerns are that pedestrians have to walk on the "main roads", and school children are not able to walk to the White Memorial Library. Chief Motter provided a copy of the appropriate ordinance and recommended the Safety Committee review the issue.

PARKING COMPLAINTS

The police department has also received complaints about on street parking during a snow emergency. Several residents have asked that council consider a parking ban on East/West Wapakoneta Street and North/South Westminster Streets during a snow emergency. Chief Motter recommended having the Safety Committee discuss this issue as well.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

The Waynesfield Police Department has recently been inundated with public records requests. Chief Motter issued a reminder that if a public official has not taken the Sunshine Laws training, each public official must take the 3-hour training once every 4 years or have a designee take the training for them. While it isn't required, it is a good idea for employees who must fill a public record to also take the 3-hour training.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Park

Administrator Bender stated that he had preconstruction meeting with the splash pad company and the sub-contractor (Shin Brothers). Weather permitting the start date will be April 1st. The project will take about 4 weeks to complete. The Village will need to run a sewer line and a water service prior to starting. Administrator Bender stated that he has also been in contact with the Playground company. Looking like a mid-to-late March start date for this project. The Village will have removed the old playground equipment and are waiting for weather to cooperate to start the parking lot. Once the parking lot is complete, we will start on the prep for the new playground.

Water and Sewer

Administrator Bender let the council know that there was a water leak on a 6-inch main out by the old sawmill. The village was able to repair it with the fitting that was in stock. No other issues due to the severe cold we experienced. Core and Main have been in to add the support to the software for billing. This will allow us to receive updates to the software automatically, giving us updated software. There was a level sensor in the clear well go bad. Administrator Bender was able to replace with a new one and he had CJ Electric replace it. This is what controls 2 of the 4 high service pumps. There was no disruption of service since there was the other 2 high service pumps working.

Electric

There was only one isolated issue with electric. There was a fuse that failed that affected 2 properties. The Village was able to trouble shoot the issue, and it was resolved in a couple hours of being notified of the problem.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. Mayor's Court Report- \$197.00 was deposited in the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account for the month of January.

10. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

11. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

12. SOLICITOR REPORT:

A motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm was made by Nickles, seconded by Humes.

VOTE: Davidson, Yes; Miller: Yes; Humes, Yes; Nickles, Yes; Ridenour, Yes; Walti, Yes.



Mayor



Fiscal Officer