

**VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING**

April 27, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order on April 27, 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 **\$2,016,630.01** in all funds. **\$421,718.85** 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: Greg Byrd

Guest:

Greg Byrd addressed Council regarding ongoing drainage issues on his Guthrie Street property. Council and the Administrator confirmed the issue is on private property and remains the homeowner's responsibility. Resources for outside assistance were provided.

Committee Reports:

- **Utilities:** Reviewed lagoon lift station improvements and drainage concerns; confirmed private responsibility for Guthrie Street issues.
- **Safety:** Discussed installing a park crosswalk, ordinance reminders to residents, and purchasing streetlights.
- **Park:** Approved moving forward with a restroom project (CXT). Continued updates on playground, splash pad, and future park improvements.
- **Lands & Buildings:** Declined pursuing a graffiti ordinance; discussed zoning enforcement and property maintenance matters.
- **Park Ad Hoc:** Provided updates on the Picnic 250 event, speakers, activities, and fundraising efforts.

POLICE REPORTS:

MOCK CRASH AND PROMENADE AT W-G SCHOOLS

Chief Motter gave a W-G Prom weekend update. There were no issues.

MISSING CHICAGO RUNAWAY LOCATED IN WAYNESFIELD

Chief Motter reported about a missing Chicago teenager that was successfully reunited with her father.

CREDIT CARD THEFT CASE

Chief Motter reported about a recent credit card theft case he investigated.

OHIO COLLABORATIVE RE-CERTIFICATION COMPLETE

Chief Motter reported the Waynesfield Police Department successfully passed its annual compliance with the Ohio Collaborative. The evaluator left just one comment, which said the following: "This agency did an exhaustive job of posting policy and proofs as part of this Desktop Review. I was very impressed by the prompt response to the process starting, and they appear to take the Collaborative Process very seriously."

Chief Motter reported that the department was also certified for the Body Worn Camera Grant.

SPRING IS HERE, SO IS AN INCREASE IN CALLS

Chief Motter reported that there has been an increase in call volume, which is typical for this time of year.

RECENT UPDATES

A resident crashed into Dollar General; the related court date is scheduled for April 19, 2026.

Graffiti removal was discussed. While cleanup is planned, assistance is needed in obtaining the appropriate materials. The Lands and Buildings Committee will determine the next steps.

There was an increased police presence in the area over the weekend due to an individual being sought outside of the Village.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Sewer and Water

The Utilities Committee will meet in May to review the RCAP assessment of the rate study. Representatives will also attend the May Council meeting to present their findings.

Storm and Streets

A resident on Guthrie Street reported standing water issues in their back/side yard. After review, the Utilities Committee determined the issue is related to a private residential tile. As there is no record of a public tile and the concern is located on private property, the resident has been advised that the matter will need to be resolved privately.

Park

The playground project is complete and scheduled to open on April 24. Remaining dirt work and seeding will be finished as weather permits. The parking lot on the southwest side of the park is complete, with minor dirt work still pending. Splash pad construction will begin as weather allows. The project footprint has been established with the contractor, and once work begins, completion is expected within approximately one month. Staff is currently obtaining quotes for additional park improvements, including restrooms at the north end of the park, bleachers, and a pickleball court.

Streets

Old blue banners have been removed. The school has confirmed that new banners have been ordered, and installation will take place once they are received. Staff is researching sources for replacement parts for the North Westminster streetlights, as two fixtures are currently in need of repair. Pothole patching has been ongoing as needed. The Village will again apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to complete improvements on East Wapakoneta Street, including installation of a new main tile. The Engineer will be onsite to evaluate grass seeding progress and assess an ADA sidewalk ramp that is currently holding water.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. Mayor's Court Report- \$222.00 was deposited in the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account for the month of March.

10. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 26-4-1 (Amending Appropriations; fund 4201-Streets, Highways, Sidewalks and Curbs)

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Walti, to suspend the rules of three reading and to adopt Ordinance 26-4-1, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 25-10-1 to Amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance and to Declare an Emergency.

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

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Humes, to pass Ordinance 26-4-1, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 25-10-1 to Amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

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

Ordinance 26-4-2 (Amending Appropriations; Park Fund)

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Humes, to suspend the rules of three reading and to adopt Ordinance 26-4-2, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 25-10-1 to Amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Motion made by Humes seconded by Miller, to pass Ordinance 26-4-2, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 25-10-1 to Amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

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

Ordinance 26-4-3 (Amending Appropriations; fund 2011-400—Street Signs)

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Miller, to suspend the rules of three reading and to adopt Ordinance 26-4-3, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 25-10-1 to Amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance and to Declare an Emergency.

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

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Humes, to pass Ordinance 26-4-3, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 25-10-1 to Amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

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

Resolution 26-4-1 (AIM Campaign)

Motion made by Humes, seconded by Nickles, to suspend the rules of three reading and to adopt Resolution 26-4-1, a Resolution Authorizing the Village of Waynesfield Administrator to Provide Financial Assistance to the Let's Back the Blue- AIM Campaign and to Declare an Emergency.

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

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

Resolution 26-4-2 (CDBG)

Motion made by Nickles, seconded by Davidson, to suspend the rules of three reading and to adopt Resolution 26-4-2, a Resolution Authorizing an Application to Auglaize County for the CDBG Community Development Critical Infrastructure Programs for the Funding of the Village of Waynesfield West Side Water System Project and to Declare an Emergency.

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

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

Garage Sale dates

Garage sale dates for July 4th, 2026.

Community Clean-up Day

Community Clean-up day date for July 11th, 2026.

Utilities / Infrastructure Discussion

Administrator Bender reported that the Village received a letter on Friday from AES regarding notifications sent to residents in the surrounding area for a new substation. The substation is planned to be located at the corner of Boundry Road and Blank Pike.

Council Member Nickles asked whether the new substation would provide power to the Village. Administrator Bender confirmed that it will, noting that the Village will have two electrical lines feeding into the system once the substation is operational.

12. SOLICITOR REPORT: NONE

A motion to adjourn was made by Miller, seconded by Humes, at 7:26 p.m.

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



Fiscal Officer


Mayor