

Village of North Fairfield

Regular Meeting

April 21, 2025

The Village of North Fairfield Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Monday April 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 3 East Main Street, North Fairfield, Ohio. Mayor Casey Hacker called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. The council also had a moment of silence to honor Fireman, John Saunders.

Roll Call: Cody Hacker, present; Sharleen Coy, present; Trevor Arnold, present; Jeremy Antill, present; Adam Rouse, present; Joshua Radcliffe, present; Village Solicitor, Steve Palmer, present; Village Administrator, Tom Leto, present; Mayor, Casey Hacker, present; Fiscal Officer, Shellie Cherry, present.

Visitors in Attendance: Ruth Earl, Ruth and Hershel Honeycutt, and Wendy Oney

Recognize Visitors in Attendance: Ruth Earl spoke with John Blakemen and John is interested in looking at the Boy Scout Camp and seeing what he can help with.

Hershel Honeycutt asked if we could get boards and bolts to fix the bleachers.

Wendy Oney went through the phases that the Improvement group has done and has left to do at the park. The volleyball court needs 2 loads of sand, and she asked if the village could pay for one of the loads. There are cracks in the basketball court and pickle ball court. Wendy has someone looking at that. The fence at the pickle ball court is \$4,000.00 and the improvement group has a \$2,000.00 grant.

Report of Council Committees

Representatives:

Improvement Group Representatives: Nothing at this time.

Historical Association Representative: The museum is open by appointment. The museum will be open the Saturday of the garage sales. The summer hours are Sundays 2-4. There are 2 books for sale at the museum, The Pheonix Mill at Steuben is \$15.00, and the History of North Fairfield and Fairfield Township is \$10.00.

EMA Representative: Meeting is May 1, 2025, in Greenwich.

Committee of Council:

Finance/Audit Committee: Nothing at this time.

Committee of Property and Maintenance: Nothing at this time.

Boards and Commissions:

Tree Commission: We met tonight, and we went over the letter that is to be released to the residents about purchasing trees.

Records Retention Commission: Next meeting is May 5, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Nothing at this time.

Council's Report: Nothing at this time

Fiscal Officer's Report:

- ❖ **Previous Minutes of April 07, 2025:** Trevor Arnold made a motion to accept the minutes. Adam Rouse seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Sharleen Coy, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Joshua Radcliffe, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.** Minutes from April 07, 2025, are approved.
- ❖ **Flashes:** The fiscal officer wanted to clarify why there is a reduction in the trash price. The trailer park decided to enter into contract with Flashes directly, with the change in the number of pick-ups, Flashes lowered our price.
- ❖ **OFFICE HOURS:** The fiscal officer will be closing the office on April 23 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am for a doctor's appointment. The fiscal officer will also be closed on May 1 and May 7 for fiscal officer training. The fiscal officer asked council to approve paying for half of a hotel room on May 6, 2025. Shellie will be sharing a room with the fiscal officer from Plymouth. Joshua Radcliffe made a motion to pay up to \$100.00 for the hotel room. Sharleen Coy seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Sharleen Coy, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Joshua Radcliffe, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**

Administrator's Report: Nothing at this time.

Solicitor's Report: Nothing at this time.

Mayor's Report: The EMA rescheduled their meeting to May 1, 2025. The sink holes are getting filled.

NEW BUSINESS:

North Fairfield Improvement Group

Promoting Active and Healthy Lifestyles in an All-Inclusive Environment

The mission of the North Fairfield Improvement Group is to strengthen our small town by preserving its unique character, enhancing public spaces, and fostering a strong sense of community. We strive to create a vibrant, welcoming town where everyone feels connected and valued.

Update:

Stage 1 - Sand Volleyball Court - completed. People have been using it. A volleyball tournament during the Street Fair run by SC volleyball is planned. We probably need 2 more loads of sand. Jim Prater assisted us with getting the correct type of sand last year.

Stage 2 - Pickleball Court - Concrete poured by Bart Bergstedt of B&S Contracting. Marc Carruthers, of New Era Surfacing in Wakeman, finished it this fall. Possible tournament at the Street Fair. Basketball court resurfaced. There are cracks in some of the seams on both courts. Contacted Marc today, and he is going to look into it. We are fencing the pickleball court this summer.

Stage 3 - Concrete work and playground - installed 5' concrete walking path and concrete sidewalks. Nick Sanchez, of Midstates Recreation, is our rep for installing the swing bay with the handicap swing seats and poured-in-place surfacing. I have a meeting with him at **1 PM on Thursday, April 24** at the park to discuss the handicap swing bay and PIP installation prep. If Jim Prater and Russ Scriver could also attend this meeting, that would be great, as Nick will discuss with us the area for peeling back all the mulch

(with the tractor), all the way to the pan. A handicap accessible picnic table, two benches along the walking track and playground borders have been ordered. Gravel and dumpster provided by Midstates Recreation. **Possible start date for adding the handicap accessible swing bay and PIP - week of May 12** - will need some type of fencing to go around the PIP while it cures.

Parking Lot - move handicap signs and add lines for dedicated handicap parking - Depict designated parking at opposite end of lot. Checked into the price to concrete the entire parking lot- \$18,000. Additional signage?

Long-term Goals:

Stage 4 : 2025/2026/2027- Pump Track and Comfort Station/Restroom

