Village of North Fairfield Regular Meeting March 17, 2025

The Village of North Fairfield Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Monday March 17, 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.

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 and Jerry Earl

Recognize Visitors in Attendance:

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

EMA Representative: We are working on the disaster mitigation plan. It was last updated in 2018.

Committee of Council:

Finance/Audit Committee: Meeting scheduled for April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Committee of Property and Maintenance: We had a meeting tonight. We discussed the PEP+ grant and what we should do with the money, the fiscal officer informed the council of NCW and what they are proposing. The council has some questions for NCW and the fiscal officer will get in contact with NCW to try and get some answers. We discussed Flashes trash and what they are offering in this year's contract. There are a lot of potholes around the village, and they will be needing either patched or repaired. There is a tree in the park that needs to be trimmed up or removed but the homeowner does not have the funds to have it taken care of. The council also discussed putting in a water fountain in the park. The fiscal officer would like to use the PEP+ grant to get a camera for up at the village hall, with this camera you would be able to see the utility drop box and the blessing box.

Boards and Commissions:

Tree Commission: Meeting is scheduled for April 7th at 6:00 p.m.

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 March 03, 2025: Joshua Radcliffe 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 Radeliffe, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, motion carried. Minutes from March 03, 2025 are approved.

Ohio Deferred Comp: Joshua Radcliffe made a motion to allow the fiscal officer to sign up with Ohio Deferred Comp and have it withdrawn from anyone's check that would be interested in participating in Ohio Deferred Comp. Trevor Arnold 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.

Drop Box: The drop box has been installed.

Administrator's Report: The village administrator is working on 5 Mill St, the resident has gotten rid of the trailer and still needs to get rid of the camper and tires.

Solicitor's Report: The fiscal officer asked the solicitor to look into the status of the residency requirements for the fiscal officer and village administrator. The village administrator's residency requirements were eliminated in 2018 with Ordinance 2018-O-12 but it is not codified. The residency requirement for the fiscal officer was waved in Ordinance 2005-O-06 for the duration of employment of the former fiscal officer. The council needs to figure out if they want to eliminate the residency requirements for the current fiscal officer or just eliminate the residency requirements all together.

Mayor's Report: There is a lot that needs to be done around the village this spring and summer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2025-O-03, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTINGAND ENACTING AMERICAN PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2025 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH FAIRFIELD, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Joshua Radcliffe made a motion to accept the second reading Ordinance 2025-O-03 by title only. Trevor Arnold 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.

Joshua Radcliffe made a motion to suspend and dispense the third reading rule. 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.

Trevor Arnold made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-O-03. Cody Hacker 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.

SPECIAL ISSUES: Jeremy Antill would like the council to think about lowering the water rates for those who use under 1,000 gallons. The fiscal officer will call the billing software company to see if that is possible.

Adjournment: Sharleen Coy made a motion for adjournment. Joshua Radcliffe seconded the motion. Council voted, all ayes; motion carried at 7:35 p.m.

**Next Meeting is on March 17, 2025 at 7 p.m. **

Approved and adopted by the Council of the Village of North Fairfield

acker, Mayor

Shellie Cherry, Fiscal Officer