

Village of North Fairfield
Regular Meeting
January 05, 2026

The Village of North Fairfield Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Monday January 05, 2026, 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; Mickala Hacker, present; Trevor Arnold, present; Jeremy Antill, present; Adam Rouse, present; Ben Cherry, present; Village Solicitor, Steve Palmer, present; Interim Village Administrator, Dan Traxler, present; Mayor, Casey Hacker, present; Fiscal Officer, Shellie Cherry, present.

Visitors in Attendance: Ruth and Hershel Honeycutt, Jerry and Ruth Earl, Aaron Back

Recognize Visitors in Attendance: Ruth Earl discussed the fish fry starting back up. It will start on Friday January 9th and end in April.

Ruth Honeycutt discussed vandalism with the Blessing Box. They are putting a sign on the Blessing Box stating that if the vandalism continues the Blessing Box will be closed. There will be a bake sale to raise money for a mission trip at the fish fry.

❖ **Election of President Pro Temp 2026 (RC731.10):** Trevor Arnold nominated Adam Rouse. There were no other nominations. Trevor Arnold made a motion to close nominations. Cody Hacker seconded the motion. All were in favor. Trevor Arnold made a nomination for Adam Rouse to be the President Pro Temp 2026. Mickala Hacker seconded the nomination. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried. Adam Rouse is now the 2026 Council President.**

❖ **COUNCIL RULES 2026:** Adam Rouse made a motion to approve and accept the 2026 council rules. Trevor Arnold seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**

❖ **Committee Appointments (rule 37):** This is being carried over to the next meeting.

Annual Fiscal Officer's Report to the Legislative Authority (RC 733.45): The annual treasurers' report (RC 733.45) was given. The condition of the finances of the municipal corporation is in healthy working order. The Village ended the year with \$148,750.80 in the PNC Account and \$89,682.60 in Star Ohio. In 2025 the Village earned \$3,835.48 in interest. The website is almost completed and has been updated with all of 2025 minutes and legislation.

Annual Mayor's Report to the Legislative Authority (RC 733.41): When I became Mayor, I had visions of updating the infrastructure of the village. With the improvement group's help, the park has started to see some big changes. A new administrator with fresh ideas, my hope is to see the rest of the village follow suite with updated sidewalks where needed, tidying up of properties all but abandoned, and hopefully making some headway on updating our aging water system. Here's to another year of progress, striving to make the village what I know it can be.

Report of Council Committees

Representatives:

Improvement Group Representatives: There will be a meeting in January of 2026.

Historical Association Representative: The museum will be open Sundays 2-4 once summer comes. It is open by appointment always.

EMA Representative: Nothing at this time.

Committee of Council:

Finance/Audit Committee: Nothing at this time

Committee of Property and Maintenance: There was wind damage to the village hall. We called Jeff Deeble and he will be getting us a quote.

Boards and Commissions:

Tree Commission: Meeting in the Spring

Records Retention Commission: May 04, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals: Nothing at this time.

Council's Report: There have been kids messing with the blessing box.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

- ❖ **Previous Minutes of December 22, 2025:** Trevor Arnold made a motion to accept the minutes. Adam Rouse seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.** Minutes from December 22, 2025, are approved.
- ❖ **Disbursements January 05, 2026:** Adam Rouse made a motion to accept the disbursements. Cody Hacker seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**
- ❖ **Financial Statement for December 2025:** Adam Rouse made a motion to accept the Financial Statement for December 2025. Mickala Hacker seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**
- ❖ It is time to apply for the PEP Grant. The fiscal officer asked council to come to the next meeting with thoughts of what they would like to do with the grant. It is a first come first serve grant.

Administrator's Report: Gabbie sent over the income survey quote. We are still waiting to hear about the tractor. The truck needs some maintenance. It will cost about \$800.00.

Solicitor's Report: The solicitor welcomed the new council members. We will be voting on the resolution for the public records designee(s).

Mayor's Report: The mayor discussed the quote we received from RCAP. It was for \$4,547.60 to complete a new income survey. Council discussed it and decided not to proceed with a new survey.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading of Legislation

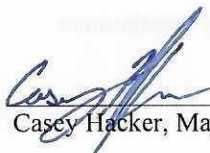
Resolution 2026-R-01, A resolution establishing appropriate designee(s) to attend and satisfy certified training requirements of elected officials regarding public records and open meeting laws imposed under division (e) of section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Trevor Arnold made a motion to accept the first reading Resolution 2026-R-01 by title only. Adam Rouse seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**

Adjournment: Adam Rouse made a motion for adjournment. Mickala Hacker seconded the motion. Council voted, all ayes; motion carried at 7:47 p.m.

****Next Meeting is on January 19, 2026 at 7 p.m. ****

Approved and adopted by the Council of the Village of North Fairfield February 02, 2026.



Casey Hacker, Mayor



Shellie Cherry, Fiscal Officer