

Village of North Fairfield

Regular Meeting

February 02, 2026

The Village of North Fairfield Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Monday February 02, 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, absent; 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.

Motion to Excuse Officials not in Attendance: Adam Rouse made a motion to excuse Trevor Arnold from tonight's meeting. 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.**

Visitors in Attendance: Ruth and Hershel Honeycutt, Wendy Oney, James Prater

Recognize Visitors in Attendance: Nothing at this time

Report of Council Committees

Representatives:

Improvement Group Representatives: The Frosty's Block Party was well attended and a success. There was an anonymous donor that donated \$500.00 to the NFF Improvement Group after visiting Turnley's Christmas Display. NFIG will be hosting the Roll-It-Forward sale on February 20th & 21st. The upcoming events are as follows: Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th, we will be hanging the Veteran Banners, if possible, before the garage sale in town, Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 2nd, NFIG Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 6th, (volunteers needed), and the NF Street Fair will be on July 31st and Saturday, August 1st (volunteers needed).

The North Fairfield Improvement Group continues to expand accessibility at the village park and has secured grant funding for an all-inclusive Unity Basket Swing with poured-in-place safety surfacing. This approximately \$31,200.00 project is scheduled for installation this summer, with early May anticipated, pending weather. This addition will ensure that children and individuals of all abilities can safely and comfortably enjoy our park.

Mickala Hacker made a motion to approve the Unity Basket Swing installation and Jeremy Antill seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**

Historical Association Representative: Nothing at this time.

EMA Representative: Nothing at this time.

Committee of Council:

Finance/Audit Committee: Nothing at this time

Committee of Property and Maintenance: A meeting was scheduled for March 2nd at 6:30 pm to work on the Cyber security policy.

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.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

❖ **Previous Minutes of January 05, 2026:** Adam Rouse made a motion to accept the minutes. Mickala Hacker seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.** Minutes from January 05, 2026, are approved.

❖ I received the following email: The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) is looking forward to riding through North Fairfield Monday, June 22nd. Our riders would likely be coming by between the hours of 7am and 11am. It's not a race, just a casual ride, so folks will be spread out.

We will need to hook up our "water hose", so they can fill their water bottles. We would need the spicket to be unlocked, but the water hose will be turned off between fill ups, so you don't have to worry about a lot of water being wasted.

We'll place some porta-potties (wherever you tell us is best to put them) and they will be there for less than 24 hours. They'll set them down the night before, and they'll be around to pick them up soon after we ride through.

I will reach out to Ruth about a fundraiser for the parks – thank you for that contact!

We may also want to bring in a coffee truck (with your approval), unless there's someone local who would also like to do that for local sales/ a fundraiser.

Adam Rouse made a motion to allow GOBA to use the village property and water on June 22, 2026, from 7am to 11am. Cody Hacker seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**

Administrator's Report: We have been approached by a company that wants to know the zoning regulations in the village. They would like to install a solar farm. It would be half in the village and half in the township. They want to know if we have an objection to it. The village administrator is just starting to investigate.

The tractor has been returned and is still not right. We have informed them that we want a new tractor. He is going to look for a new one for the village, but it must be comparable to the one we have. It was not a new tractor, but it was a non-hour's tractor. Kurt is looking into this now. When we sold the old tractor, we were going to put the \$7,500 on the new tractor and Mickala Hacker made a motion to hold that payment until we get this worked out and we can put that toward the new one. Adam Rouse seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.** The guys are doing a great job. The village administrator is having the street employees track their hours differently. They are going to track how many hours they plow or mow at the water tower or pump house, so we are able to pay those hours out of the water fund. This will save the street fund some money.

The council was given the Ohio Department of Transportation letter from April 2, 2018. This is the letter that states that ODOT recommends the village adopt stop control at all four approaches at the intersection of State Route 162 and Main Street. This letter also states that ODOT would install all the signage to make the change. The village administrator is going to contact them to see if they will still do the installation.

The blade was fixed on the truck.

The plow truck at the township will be coming up for sale. Dan will be going to the meeting to find out all the information. Our truck is getting beat up by the plow and it is going to ruin our truck.

The village does not have brush pick up unless there is a storm then the storm brush is picked up by the village. If you have brush from trimming or cutting down trees, then the individual must take it down to the park and we will dispose of it there.

All cars must be licensed and have 4 tires on it and not on blocks. There is a lot in town, and we will have to see what we are going to do about that.

The village administrator spoke to the Sheriff about the blessing box, and they are going to put 3 or 4 more patrols in town to help keep an eye on the blessing box.

Library lease needs amended. There has been misunderstanding between the village and the library, of who has access to what and when. So, Dan went right to Laura Lee Wilson and spoke with her. There are some wording issues with the lease. Dan will be attending the next library board meeting. She stated that the board will not make a new lease but would be open to do an endorsement. Water tower was overflowing due to the mechanical float freezing. We will probably need to look at this when moving forward. We need to find out who owns the vacant/dilapidated house in town. That way we can give them the information for the Land Bank.

Solicitor's Report: Nothing at this time.

Council's Report: Nothing at this time.

Mayor's Report: Nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

Second 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.

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

Committee Appointments (Rule 37): Adam Rouse made a motion to approve and adopt the **2026 Committee appointments.**

Mickala Hacker seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**

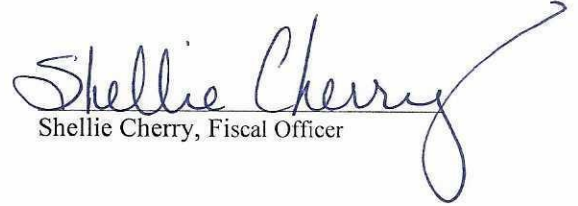
Adjournment: Adam Rouse made a motion for adjournment. Cody Hacker seconded the motion. Council voted, all ayes; motion carried at 7:59 p.m.

****Next Meeting is on February 16, 2026 at 7 p.m. ****

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



Casey Hacker, Mayor



Shellie Cherry, Fiscal Officer