

Village of North Fairfield

Regular Meeting

March 16, 2026

The Village of North Fairfield Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Monday March 16, 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 Jerry Earl

**Recognize Visitors in Attendance:** Nothing at this time

Report of Council Committees

**Representatives:**

**Improvement Group Representatives:** Nothing at this time.

**Historical Association Representative:** Museum will be open as scheduled, Patriots in Petticoats- Women spies in the Revolutionary War, George Washington crossing Delaware at Willard depot

**EMA Representative:** Nothing at this time.

**Committee of Council:**

**Finance/Audit Committee:** Meeting scheduled for April 06, 2026 at 6pm, to further discuss the water rates.

**Committee of Property and Maintenance:** Nothing at this time.

**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 March 02, 2026:** Adam Rouse made a motion to accept the minutes. Mickala Hacker seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.** Minutes from March 02, 2026, are approved.
- Reminder the village office will be closed March 18-20 and March 26-27 for training.

**Administrator's Report:**

- 1) Streetlights are being replaced in a 5 year program from Ohio Edison
- 2) Cold patch is done
- 3) Meeting with Smith Paving, Precision Paving, etc. To make cold patch fixes permanent
- 4) Concerned residents want to see the vacant lots cleaned up
- 5) Possible meeting with residents about lighted stop signs at main intersection on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
- 6) Will be going to a lot of training for position
- 7) Will be cleaning catch basins
- 8) Sidewalks need repaired/replaced
- 9) Need to get playground mulch
- 10) HANDICAP parking spaces at park need repainted
- 11) Need to get a new battery for door opener

**Solicitor's Report:** Nothing at this time.

**Council's Report:** Potholes are getting bad, the county said they would help with cold patch

**Mayor's Report:** Nothing at this time.

Adam Rouse made a motion to amend tonight's agenda to include Resolution 2026-R-04 for first reading. Trevor Arnold seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

First Reading of Legislation

**RESOLUTION 2026-R-03**, Emergency Management Services, A Resolution authorizing the village administrator to enter into a written agreement with the Huron County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) for **RENEWAL** of Emergency Management Services and selecting a representative to the countywide advisory group.  
Mickala Hacker made a motion to accept the first reading Resolution 2026-R-03 by title only. Trevor Arnold seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2026-R-04**, RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY, **Current Expenses**, A resolution determining that it is necessary to levy a **new** tax outside the ten-mill limitation **current expenses of the subdivision** and requesting that the County Auditor certify to the village certain tax valuation information pursuant to section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency. Trevor Arnold made a motion to accept the first reading Resolution 2026-R-04 by title only. Cody Hacker seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Jeremy Antill, no Adam Rouse, aye. 5 Ayes, 1 no **motion carried.** Trevor Arnold made a motion to suspend and dispense the second and third reading rule. Cody Hacker seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Jeremy Antill, no Adam Rouse, aye. 5 Ayes, 1 no **motion carried.** Adam Rouse made a motion to adopt, Resolution 2026-R-04. Trevor Arnold seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Jeremy Antill, no Adam Rouse, aye. 5 Ayes, 1 no **motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Second Reading of Legislation

**ORDINANCE 2026-O-01**, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL L. TRAXLER. Adam Rouse made a motion to accept the second reading Ordinance 2026-O-01 by title only. Trevor Arnold seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**

**Resolution 2026-R-02**, CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM AND POLICY THAT SAFEGUARDS THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION'S DATA, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY, CONFIDENTIALITY, AND INTEGRITY AS REQUIRED BY OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 9.64(B). Mickala Hacker made a motion to accept the second reading Resolution 2026-R-02 by title only. Adam Rouse seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Mickala Hacker, aye; Ben Cherry, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, **motion carried.**

**SPECIAL ISSUES:**

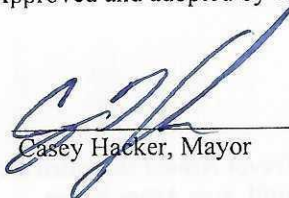
**Utility finances & water rates**

- RCAP reported the village is coming in **way under** required utility funding and recommended corrections.
- Last year the utility fund showed a **-\$24,961.72** deficit; current average residential water charge is **\$39/month** versus **\$96/month** in Shiloh and **\$46/month** in Plymouth.
- Government accounting rules (UAN) prohibit moving revenue from the general fund to the utilities (water) fund; only intra-fund line-item transfers are allowed.
- Grants/funding require demonstration of local self-support; being in the negative disqualifies grant eligibility, leaving rate increases as the primary remedy.
- Village underfunding persisted for **25 years**; the delay in addressing this has made it so we must increase the rate at a higher rate, rather than just the maintenance increase.

**Adjournment:** Trevor Arnold made a motion for adjournment. Mickala Hacker seconded the motion. Council voted, all ayes; motion carried at 7:46 p.m.

**\*\*Next Meeting is on April 06, 2026 at 7 p.m. \*\***

Approved and adopted by the Council of the Village of North Fairfield April 06 2026.

  
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Casey Hacker, Mayor

  
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Shellie Cherry, Fiscal Officer