



## Minutes of the Council Meeting November 17, 2025

Mayor Sharon Lally called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Councilmembers in attendance were Hunter Boschert, Robert Ernst, Donald Kessel, Tracy Naticchioni, Jeanne Perkins, and Christine Resnik.

### **Reading of the Bills and Bank Reconciliation**

Mayor Lally asked for the reading of the bills and bank reconciliation. Mr. Kessel stated that the Finance Committee met and that all bills and checks for October were reviewed as well as the bank reconciliations. Ms. Resnik made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliations. Mr. Kessel seconded the motion. All members present voted Aye; October bills and bank reconciliations were approved.

### **Reading of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Lally asked if anyone had any comments or changes concerning the October minutes. Ms. Perkins noted that the Communications section had an error with the name of the deceased which should be "Benner". Mr. Ernst motioned to approve with the correction. Ms. Naticchioni seconded the motion. All members present voted Aye. The October meeting minutes were approved.

### **Communications**

None

### **Committee Reports**

Mr. Kessel indicated that the **Planning Committee** met and is continuing the rework of the zone book. There are questions for the Hamilton County reps to clarify; the committee will meet again in January. In response to Mayor Lally's request for other updates, Ms. Naticchioni indicated that the **Parks Committee** will meet November 25.

### **Mayor's Monthly Report**

\$6,179.16 was received for October costs and fines. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to approve the Mayor's Monthly Report which was made by Mr. Boschert. Mr. Kessel seconded it and all present voted Aye. The Mayor's monthly report was approved.

### **Hamilton County Auditor, Jessica Miranda**

Ms. Miranda provided an overview of the Auditor's Department using a PowerPoint presentation which included her background and the responsibilities of the office. As Chief Financial Officer of Hamilton County, the third largest in Ohio, her office is the Real Property Assessor with related tasks. She walked through the property tax valuation process and cited three examples of comparably valued properties in various neighborhoods which included the tax assessments for each. She explained the two property tax exemptions (Homestead, Owner Occupancy) currently in place and encouraged all to apply for both if eligible. In addition, her office handles dog licensing



and weights and measures compliance. Finally, the Auditor's Office has one of three seats on the Board of Revision and the Budget Commission. Ms. Miranda shared that her office has been busy with significant upgrades to the website [www.HamiltonCountyAuditor.org](http://www.HamiltonCountyAuditor.org). Digital presence in various social media platforms is also now in place.

#### **Cincinnati Sports Club, Mr. Tom Fiorini and Mr. Marco Fiorini**

Mr. Fiorini addressed Council with updated information since his last visit. The Club remains concerned about excessive speeding on the property and has, on the advice of Fairfax police, installed a digital speed sign; additional speed humps are on order. He continues to request an ordinance prohibiting "cut-through" traffic due to concerns over pedestrian safety. Mr. Ernst responded, stating that ordinance creation involves many considerations, and the primary issue in this situation would be enforcement given the size of the police department. Discussion continued at length. Mr. Abes concluded it; advising Mr. Fiorini to speak with his attorney about researching State of Ohio case law prohibiting reckless operation on private property.

#### **Administrator's Report**

**GCWW Project:** The Project Manager has shared that everything is on schedule for the water main replacement. The largest sections are complete and testing has begun. Once the new main is installed, crews will begin to tap into it to connect adjacent homes and businesses. This is expected to take approximately one month.

**ODOT/US50 Bridge and Roadway Project:** Jurgenson has completed the full-depth repairs on Wooster within downtown Fairfax. While not official, paving will likely be postponed until Spring, 2026 due to weather and asphalt plant seasonal closing. Plates will be in place until the testing is complete.

**Under New Business:** Ordinance 28-2025 is to allow the Fiscal Officer to file tax liens on properties at 6002 Eleanor and 5807 Elder Streets. These properties were maintained and/or cleaned up by the Village Maintenance Dept. after notices from the Property Maintenance Officer were not addressed. The documents attached to the ordinances detail notices sent, fees to be filed with the County Auditor, and the sections of the Property Maintenance Code that have been violated. If there are any questions once the ordinance is presented, it can be discussed at that time.

The **Light Up Fairfax** holiday event will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025. Crafters will be in the Rec Hall starting at 4:00pm: tree lighting and visits with Santa begin at 6:00. New this year and immediately following the tree lighting is a holiday train that takes riders around Fairfax streets. The Fairfax Civic Association is providing luminaires along the train route and the train will be decked out in holiday lights. We hope everyone can come out for this annual festive event!

#### **Police Chief Report**

Lieutenant Naticchioni presented as Chief is on vacation. Radar speed data reports for Watterson have been provided to Mr. Fleischel. Flock Camera is awaiting permits for Wooster Pike and electricity for Ziegler Park. There is a tentative installation date of November 19 for Watterson, for Murray and for Wooster Road. The Probation Department has indicated that they'll be leaving the Sub-station because they've been



directed to return to 800 Broadway. We are sad to lose this partnership and the agents in the field. We attended court proceedings for the Sheila Tenpenny homicide in which the suspect pled guilty and will be held until age 21 (maximum sentence). We are very grateful for Ohio BCI who provided so much expertise in making the arrest. We've met with the family and answered their questions.

### **Fire Chief Report**

Chief Siefke presented run stats for the month of October: 62 total, 30 of which were in the Village. Pancakes with Santa will take place on December 13 8:00 – 11:00am at the Firehouse. The new engine is expected to be in the building next month. There will be a Community "Push In" ceremony once more information is available.

### **New Business:**

#### **Ordinance No. 28-2025**

Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to Certify Property Tax Assessments or Liens for Work Performed Under the Village of Fairfax Minimum Property Maintenance Code and Declaring an Emergency. After asking if there were any questions, the mayor asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Mr. Ernst did so and Ms. Naticchioni seconded it. All present voted Aye. Mayor Lally then asked Council for a motion to adopt the ordinance which was made by Mr. Ernst and seconded by Mr. Kessel. All voted Aye; the ordinance was adopted.

### **Old Business:**

Addressing Mayor Lally, Mr. Kessel made a motion to table Ordinances 26 and 27 for further discussion. Mr. Ernst seconded this motion. All voted Aye.

#### **Ordinance No. 24-2025**

Ordinance No. 24-2025 To Provide for the Current Expenditures and Other Expenses of the Village of Fairfax, Ohio during the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025 with a transfer of Funds from the General Funds, Unappropriated to General Funds, Salaries – Administrator's Staff. The mayor asked for a motion to adopt, which was made by Ms. Resnik and seconded by Ms. Perkins. All voted Aye. Ordinance 24-2025 has been adopted.

### **Council Discussion:**

Mr. Kessel asked the Administrator if there were plans to adjust the sewer lids at Watterson & Elder which are lower than the pavement. Ms. Perkins said there's a similar situation at Simpson; Ms. Kaminer will follow up with GCWW and report back. Ms. Resnik said the Civic Association is hosting a suicide prevention speaker from the Cincinnati VA Hospital on Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Rec Center. Mr. Boschert asked about the striping work on Watterson Road. Luminary bags will be assembled Saturday 9:30am – 12:00pm

### **Five minutes for audience questions/comments:**

Mr. Michael Fleischel, residing at 3976 Watterson Road asked if the new speed limit sign could be moved to the other pole so that his driveway visibility can be improved. Mrs. Kaminer will speak with the neighbor to confirm the change won't adversely affect her. Ms. Lauren and Mr. Sean McCauley, new village residents at 3933 Germania said

that the neighbor at 3935 Germania has a number of deferred maintenance items. Jim McCord will look into the situation. Ms. Gloria Daley, 3810 Southern Avenue asked about the marijuana business next to Children's Theatre because the earlier signage has been taken down.

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Lally requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Kessel

Motion was seconded: Mr. Ernst

All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

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Sharon Lally, Mayor

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Lisa Kammerer, Fiscal Officer