Minutes of the Council Meeting
July 21, 2025

Mayor Sharon Lally called the meeting to order at 6:59pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Those present 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 were reviewed for June as well as all bank reconciliations. Mr. Ernst made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliation. Ms. Naticchioni seconded the motion. All members present voted Aye.

Reading of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Mayor Lally asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kessel motioned to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Ms. Perkins. All members present voted Aye. The minutes for June, 2025 were approved.

Communications
None

Committee Reports
The **Park Committee** shared that the stage base is being dug right now with the concrete work to follow. Toddler Lot is expected to be finished by the end of the week. The committee meets again tomorrow night. The **Rec Center Improvement Committee** has drawings; the next step will be a meeting with Bret to be arranged by Mayor Lally.

Mayor's Monthly Report
After some clarification, it was determined that June Mayor's Court activity amounted to $3,011.00. Payment from the Police Clerk is expected later this week. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to approve the Mayor's Monthly Report. Mr. Kessel made a motion to accept the Mayor's Monthly Report, which was seconded by Ms. Resnik. All present voted Aye. The Mayor's monthly report was approved.

Administrator's Report
Ms. Kaminer noted several ordinances which will be voted on under New Business, therefore, she provided the following overview on each.

Ordinance 18-2025 Gas Aggregation: Allows the Village Administrator to enter into a contract for the Village's gas aggregation program when pricing looks the most desirable. The current contract expires in October 2025. Over the last year, residents who participated in the contract through the program saved almost 5% compared to Duke's pricing. Energy Alliances provided a memo with information on what we may

see with a gas contract. There is an expectation of sharp price increases over the winter months and into next Spring. A fixed aggregation rate can help protect against this volatility. Energy Alliances is looking at the market daily to determine the best time to lock in a price, and are recommending a 12-month term staring November 2025 through October 2026. A one-year contract is recommended because Duke is changing how they calculate their rates in the Spring of 2026.

She also indicated that letters to residents were sent out recently concerning an electric aggregation contract.

Maria Borgerding with Energy Alliances is here to answer any questions you may have.

Ordinance 19-2025 GCWW Project: This ordinance authorizes the Village to pay/reimburse GCWW for the concrete street replacement on Meadowlark and Southern Avenue after the water mains are completed on those streets. The Village will be responsible for the cost of concrete on half of Meadowlark and two-thirds of Southern Avenue. The bid amount for that work is $509,557.33. GCWW will begin water main work the first week of August starting at Dragon Way. Because the mains are on a loop, all water main work on all streets will need to be completed before street replacement can begin. Water main work is scheduled until mid-December. It is possible that concrete paving could be done before year-end, but more than likely it may have to wait until after the 1st of the year. Residents living on all affected streets have been sent letters from GCWW detailing the project.

Ordinance 20-2025 Waste Collection Contract: Council is asked to approve the waste collection contract with Rumpke starting March 2026 through February 2030. The costs for solid waste and recycling pick up for each year of the contract is detailed on the ordinance but for 2026 it will be $17.00 per household.

Police Chief Report

Chief Bronson presented call reports for the month of June which are in a different format and thus shorter. Activity, however, remains about the same. Officer Beatty is working in Field Training. The Karrikin Distillery was fined for a recent Ohio Liquor Control incident. Chief shared information about the Flock Safety camera system as a possibility for the stage area. All vehicles are now back in service; awaiting delivery on car #25-2.

Fire Chief Report

Chief Siefke indicated that last month was uneventful. There were a total of 79 runs in June; 25 of which were in the Village. He restated that there was nothing noteworthy about these calls. The Chili Cookoff at the Open House event on October 11th is expected to draw a good group and Chief reminded everyone to enter their favorite recipe. This fun, kid-friendly day for the neighborhood will be publicized in upcoming Forum editions.

New Business:

Resolution No. 9-2025

Resolution 9-2025 Village of Fairfax 2026 Budget. Detailed spreadsheets in paper format were provided to all Council Members. Mr. Boschert expressed appreciation for the digital follow up from the previous Executive Council Committee meeting. Ms. Naticchioni made a motion to approve. Mr. Boschert seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Later in the meeting, on Mr. Abes' direction, a roll call vote by was made with the same outcome.

Ordinance No. 17-2025

Ordinance No. 17-2025 Extending the Retention of a Consultant for the Office of the Fiscal Officer and Declaring an Emergency. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Mr. Kessel so moved, which Mr. Ernst seconded. All present voted Aye. The Mayor requested a motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Kessel did so and the motion was seconded by Ms. Resnik. All present voted Aye; ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 18-2025

Ordinance No. 18-2025 Authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement with a Natural Gas Supplier Recommended by Energy Alliances, Inc., and Declaring an Emergency. Mayor Lally recognized a resident in the audience who wished to discuss this topic. A conversation ensued between the resident and the Energy Alliance Rep until explanations were complete.
Mayor Lally asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Mr. Kessel did so which was seconded by Ms. Naticchioni. All present voted Aye. Mayor Lally then requested a motion to adopt which was made by Mr. Kessel and seconded by Ms. Perkins. All present voted Aye and the ordinance was adopted.

Ordinance No. 19-2025

Ordinance No. 19-2025 Authorizing a Cost Sharing Agreement with Greater Cincinnati Water Works for a Water Main Replacement Project, Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds for the Same, Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute a Further Agreement for the Same, and Declaring an Emergency. The mayor asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Ms. Resnik so moved, Mr. Kessel seconded it. Mayor Lally then asked for a motion to adopt. Ms. Naticchioni did so and Ms. Perkins seconded it. All voted Aye to pass the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 20-2025

Ordinance No. 20-2025 Awarding a Contract for the Collection of Household Waste, Recycled Items, and Yard Waste in the Village of Fairfax, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. A typographical error in the document was noted; Ms. Kaminer will correct before the contract is signed. A motion to suspend the three readings was made by Mr. Boschert at the mayor's request. This was seconded by Ms. Perkins and all voted Aye to do so. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Perkins made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Naticchioni. The ordinance was adopted with all Ayes.

Old Business:

Mr. Boschert asked if there was an update on the Rec Center remodeling project from Bret. Mayor Lally shared that there is not; meeting TBA.

Council Discussion:

The Public Library of Hamilton County, Mariemont branch librarian addressed Council and the audience to say that their location will be closing for remodeling on 8/1/25 at 5:00pm. The branch is directing "hold" materials to the Anderson branch which cardholders may change if desired. Information will be provided for publication in the Forum; the PLHC website will also be updated weekly.

Five minutes for audience questions/comments:
None

ADJOURN:
Mayor Lally requested a motion to adjourn.
Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Kessel
Motion was seconded: Mr. Boschert
All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Sharon Lally, Mayor

Lisa Kammerer, Fiscal Officer