Minutes of the Council Meeting
September 21, 2026

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, Don Kessel, Tracy Naticchioni, Jeanne Perkins, Christine Resnik, and Jennifer Wilner.

Reading of the Bills and Bank Reconciliation
Mr. Kessel stated that the Finance Committee met. All checks, bills and bank reconciliations had been approved for August. Ms. Resnik made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliations. Ms. Perkins seconded the motion and all members present voted Aye. August bills and bank reconciliations were approved.

Reading of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Mr. Boschert asked for a slight modification and motioned to approve once the change has been made. Ms. Naticchioni seconded the motion. Mayor Lally asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, she called a vote with all councilmembers stating Aye. The August meeting minutes, as corrected, were approved.

Communications
None

Committee Reports:
None

Mayor's Monthly Report
$6,063.50 was received for August activity. The mayor asked for a motion to approve the report which was made by Ms. Wilner and seconded by Mr. Boschert. All voted Aye and the Mayor's monthly report for August was approved.

Hamilton County Commissioner, Denise Driehaus

Commissioner Driehaus thanked Council for the opportunity to speak about some of the newer joint programs available between Village and County. Programs were listed on a handout provided to Councilmembers. Ms. Driehaus expressed appreciation for our long-term partnership in the Recycling program. She stated that the Village also participated in other programs such that approximately $44,000 in County funds had been distributed. She highlighted some other changes in the County, one of which is a central campus in Bond Hill for some services that were previously housed downtown. She also passed out an information sheet on the Children's Services Levy which is up for renewal this year. Sharing her intention to remain for the meeting, she invited anyone interested in doing so, to approach her afterward with questions or comments.

Administrator's Report (prepared by Ms. Kaminer on 9/21; read by Mayor Lally)

A site meeting was held with the structural engineer on the Murray Bridge project. Work will require a bridge closure during construction and a temporary detour will need to be sorted out. Due to coordination, this project will be slated for 2027. The City of Cincinnati has scheduled a meeting Tuesday, 9/29 from 6-7:30pm at the East Side Rec Center to discuss a proposed traffic project at Erie and Murray avenues. Mayor Lally encouraged residents to attend.

Follow up with Alex Genbauff, ODOT traffic studies engineer, indicates that a flashing beacon sign can be installed at any crosswalk without permit from ODOT, but must comply with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

As far as a new traffic signal on Wooster Pike, Mr. Genbauff, stated that a "warrant" must be met including a traffic study which would be submitted to ODOT for approval. The following vehicle volume is needed for US-50/Wooster Pike:

1) 75 vehicles/hour from the development onto Wooster for 8 individual hours
2) 80 vehicles/hour from development onto Wooster for 4 individual hours
3) 140 vehicles/hour from the development for any 1 hour

Mayor Lally asked if everyone understood this information; no one had questions. The Administrator will get a traffic engineer quote for this type study and follow up with council.

Concerning the flash flooding experienced in July, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers came on 9/16/26 to inspect the Red Bank Rd. culvert and floodwalls of Duck Creek. The Corps already had picture and video documentation of the event, but wanted to do an in-depth inspection: therefore, the Administrator and Maintenance Supervisor walked the length of the flood project with them. Mr. Huskey provided detailed information as to how the infrastructure was affected. The experience of local businesses on Red Bank Rd. was also shared. The Corps will be following up with a report but noted that Fairfax does a good job of regular inspections and maintenance. It remains to be seen if any features of the flood project are changed by the Corps. At this point, it appears that they believe it to be a unique, heavy rain event and they are not sure if there was anything that could have prevented the breach of the floodwall on Red Bank.

Also on 9/16/26, representatives from FEMA and the Hamilton County EMA visited to review the August 11 storm event documentation. After meeting with all Ohio communities affected, they will do a final calculation of the total public damages from this storm. If the total reaches the threshold of $4 million, a FEMA liaison will be assigned to work with the Village for reimbursement of about $9,600 spent by Fairfax.

Police Chief Report

Lt. Rodney Naticchioni introduced himself, apologized for the Chief's absence and stated he was here to answer any questions on behalf of the department for all that has occurred since the last meeting. Call detail sheets were presented to Councilmembers for review. He also shared results from the 2026 Ohio Traffic Safety Office "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" event as our officers participated in it. He passed a copy of an invoice for a replacement camera at the Regency Business Center on Red Bank Road to them as well. Two speed studies, each lasting one week, were conducted

using the portable speed sign at Murray and S. Whetzel where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour. The first occurred the week of August 2 – 6 and came up with an average of 24.01mph. The second study was done the week of August 23 – 29 and found an average speed of 23.21mph. The lieutenant explained that some drivers exceed the limit, some go far more slowly, therefore, the average is used when trying to determine if the speed is appropriate.

Fire Chief Report (prepared by Chief Siefke, read by Mayor Lally)
Chief Mike Siefke was unable to attend this evening. His report states August runs totals were 98, 36 of which were in Fairfax. There were several weather-related details due to the severe storms last month. 2026 Neighborhood Day is at hand with our annual chili cookoff continuing to accept entries. Mayor Lally added that this is a terrific community event with plenty of fun activities for the kids. She said flyers are available this evening in the foyer.

New Business:

Resolution No. R16-2026
Resolution No. R16-2026 Declaring Certain Village-owned Personal Property as Surplus, Unneeded, and Obsolete for Municipal Purposes, and Authorizing Such Property to be Discarded. After a brief discussion, Mayor Lally asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Kessel so moved and Mr. Boschert seconded it. All voted Aye. Resolution R16-2026 was adopted.

Old Business:
None

Council Discussion:

Mayor Lally announced that Council would be discussing the Flock cameras. She invited Mr. Abes to address the audience to give background on the Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) safety system contract which was signed in October, 2025. Mr. Abes said that the contract will automatically renew for a second year on November 19, 2026 unless 30-day notice is given to the contrary. He indicated that Council has continued to meet and educate themselves further as this topic has been receiving additional headlines recently. Council wishes to share this information with residents, therefore, a Flock representative will be joining the meeting via Zoom to help in this regard. Following the presentation, residents are encouraged to ask questions.

Lt. Naticchioni directed the audience to look at the large screen in the rear of Chambers where he introduced Mr. Karl Bach with Flock Safety. The lieutenant next read a statement from Ohio Attorney General, Andy Wilson, who supports ALPR systems because they have helped solve thousands of cases in our state. Lt. Naticchioni also spoke of how the system was an important tool in quickly solving two recent crimes in the Village, one of which involved non-US resident criminals who committed thefts in multiple states.

The presentation began with Mr. Bach walking the audience through how the software is used as well as the safeguards in place. Data collected from this system is license

plate number, vehicle make, model and color. At the conclusion, many questions were asked of both the Flock rep and our lieutenant who answered them all. Access to data and monitoring of users was of particular concern. Mr. Bach concluded the presentation with other beneficial ways the technology is being used such as participation in Amber and Silver Alerts to locate missing persons. He then turned the meeting back to Lt. Naticchioni.

Addressing Council, the Lieutenant asked if there were any questions. Ms. Wilner asked him to share the Fairfax audit process which is completed daily. Mr. Boschert asked for the data retention timeline which is typically 30 days; active case information retained longer as needed. Ms. Resnik asked where the data resides and was told on the cloud.

Next, he answered inquiries from the audience. Many residents took the opportunity to comment and the discussion continuing for quite some time. Mr. Abes, who has served as Village attorney for thirty-three years, assisted. Data sharing, system cost, contract terms, etc. were some of the items on residents' minds. The system is about 60% installed at this point.

Mr. Abes also spoke to the audience to remind everyone that the Police Department and Councilmembers have acted in good faith in the decision to purchase this system. He said that they appreciate all who attend meetings to share their thoughts about Village happenings and are listening carefully. Council is an elected body, selected by all in the Village who voted and these members desire to represent all residents.

Addressing Mr. Abes, Mr. Boschert indicated he'd like to make a motion to pause the Flock contract. Ms. Wilner initially seconded it; however, when Mr. Abes explained that this motion terminates the existing contract, she withdrew. The motion died for want of a second. Ms. Wilner said she would like to see Council hold another discussion on the matter. Ms. Naticchioni agreed so that additional residents could attend. All agreed that early October would suit and that Council would communicate date, time and location to residents.

Five minutes for Resident Questions/Comments

A resident who waited for this time on the agenda spoke in full support of the Flock system saying he trusts law enforcement to keep him safe wherever he is. He also spoke of the theft at Cincinnati Sports Club last week in which this system was instrumental in apprehending the thieves. Two additional residents spoke before the Mayor called time.

ADJOURN:

Ms. Resnik made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Naticchioni. All voted aye with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Sharon Lally, Mayor

Lisa Kammerer, Fiscal Officer