

March 9, 2026

Mayor Robert Dickson called the meeting to order on Monday, March 9, 2026 with all members present except Shegog. Shegog joined the meeting at 6:45pm.

Moved by Whitehair, seconded by S. Taylor, that council dispense with the reading of the February 9, 2026 minutes and approve as distributed. Motion carried.

Council accepted the deed for the parcel on Reservoir Road.

Visitors: Shawna Bodner, Steve Bodner, Marsha Wagner, Matt Clark, Jarvin Talkington, Luke Sulfridge, Jessica Arnold, Kevin McKinnon

SOPEC Representatives Jessica Arnold, Matt Clark, and Luke Sulfridge spoke to council about the placement of the EV Charger in the Village. Stated that they would like to place the charger in the downtown area as opposed to near the interstate to encourage people to visit the downtown area. Council questioned the need for 24 hour bathrooms and lighting? Representatives stated that they will be placing lighting and that 24 hour restrooms is no longer a requirement to place the charger. Mayor Dickson thanked the representatives for the information and clarifications and stated that there will continue to be discussion with SOPEC.

McKinnon stated that his water pressure is low and his line was not replaced when other lines were replaced. He also stated that there are a lot of potholes on Lakeside Drive. Administrator Dalton Flinn stated that he will talk with Operations Manager Trent Johnson about the line replacement.

REPORTS

Police Chief: Police Chief Mindy Peck gave the February monthly report.

- 1) Reported that there were 260 calls for service.
- 2) Reported that there have been 517 calls for service year to date.
- 3) Reported that there were 51 traffic citations and 38 traffic warnings for the month.
- 4) Reported that there were 330 business checks and 5 parking citations.
- 5) Reported that there were 4 misdemeanor charges and 2 felony cases.
- 6) Reported that Chief Peck and Officer Gregg attended 8 hours of training in Pro-Active Patrol.
- 7) Reported that all officers are working on 2026 CPT training.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Shane Barkley gave the February monthly report.

- 1) Reported that there were 74 total EMS calls for the month.
- 2) Reported that there were 29 fire runs.
- 3) Reported that the Ohio Burn Ban is currently in effect from 6am to 6pm.
- 4) Reported that there was coverage for 94.6% of shifts.
- 5) Reported Lt. Cody Day submitted a letter of resignation.
- 6) Reported that he met with partnering townships on February 27 to discuss the fire district equipment needs, income, expense and debt obligations.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer Debra Whitehair gave the February financial report.

- 1) Reported that the available primary checking balance is \$2,174,288.82.
- 2) Reported that she and Chris Kerby have the finalized budget completed. This legislation will be presented for a council vote at the next council meeting.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Dalton Flinn gave the February report.

1) **Administration report**

- Working with ODOT on 83 tree removal
- Transitioned back to the water and wastewater departments
- Met with Ann Bonner to start tree inventory

2) **Operations Department**

- Replaced traffic light at Village Hall
- Treated and plowed roads multiple times
- Read water meters
- Met with Joe from RCAP for more info on water audit
- Sent Dalton completed EMA report for assistance
- Assisted RCAP with main sewer line camera work
- Fixed 2 heaters and an outside light at WTP
- Performed multiple repairs on trucks and equipment (in house)

3) **Water Department**

- Chris Huebner's last day was February 19th
- Had plant tour for interested council members

4) **Wastewater Department**

- Dealt with winter snow conditions (plant snow and ice removal)
- Met with Verdantas to discuss I&I reduction and WWTP upgrades
- Received final retaining wall prints
- Submitted 2025 Annual Sludge Report

5) **Zoning permits**

- One approved sign permit with certificate of appropriateness
- One contingent demolition permit approved
- One approved new accessory construction

6) **Code Enforcement Report**

- One junk vehicle case in progress
- One nonconforming sign still in progress

Mayor: Mayor Robert Dickson gave the February report.

- 1) Reported that he attended the Harper Cabin open house, which was well attended.
- 2) Reported that he helped to dedicate the new John Glenn sign on State Route 83.
- 3) Reported that he is helping to inventory the trees.

New Concord Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee: Council representative to the committee Jim Whitehair gave the report.

- 1) Committee met on February 24. Committee reviewed previous suggestions and ideas and focused on future land use. Community open house will be March 25 at New Concord Elementary School for the community to give feedback.

Infrastructure Committee: Committee chair Stan Taylor reported that the committee met on February 23, 2026.

- 1) ODOT Tree Removal- ODOT will remove trees along State Route 83 and Main Street as approved by the village at no cost to the village. The village will be responsible for grinding the tree stumps and planting new trees.
- 2) I & I Wastewater Improvement Project—the sewer line along 83 needs to be replaced. Committee is asking the village council to approve the ordinance for the engineering study. The approximate cost will be \$160,000.00 to prepare the documents for advertising the project and requesting grant funding.
- 3) Waste Water Plan Slip Project—discussed the creek slip at the wastewater plant.
- 4) Safe Routes to School Project—Gave an update on this project. The project will be split into two individual projects because of the overall cost. The crosswalks and the proposed sidewalks will be in phase one, and the lighting will be in phase two. The crosswalks proposed will be from the EMMS to JGHS parking, Friendship Lake to the sidewalk on the east side of the road, and from the district office to Lakeside Street. The crosswalks will have flashing lights and crosswalk markings to alert cars. The sidewalks will be along the west side of JGHS Road from EMMS to the parking lot at Friendship Lake and along JGHS Road from the LMIS entrance to the district office.
- 5) Right of Way Discussion—Village resident is asking to purchase the right of way next to his house. This right-of-way is from Lakeside Drive to the swimming pool parking lot. This right-of-way contains water lines and electrical lines. If approved, the village will have the right to maintain the water lines/electrical lines. The committee will further review the cost of the property (if any) and make a recommendation to the council.

Policy Committee: Committee chair Levi Shegog reported that the committee met on March 3, 2026.

- 1) Committee is in favor of waiving the third reading of Resolution 2026-1-1 for the cyber security policy and passing on second reading.
- 2) Committee recommends passage of Ordinance 2026-3-2, which is the codifying ordinance required by state law to be passed each year.

Safety Committee: Committee chair Jim Whitehair stated that the safety committee did not meet. He thanked Fire Chief Shane Barkley for inviting him to the fire district meeting and stated that Chief Barkley did a great job of presenting information about the fire district. He also stated that Stag Alley is still quite dark.

Finance Committee: Committee chair Yolanda Taylor reported that the committee met on March 4, 2026.

- 1) The committee reviewed financial statements for February.

- 2) Committee recommended passage of Ordinance 2026-3-1, which provides 3% increases for Village employees.
- 3) Committee recommended passage of Ordinance 2026-3-3, which will provide a temporary stipend to Dalton Flinn as he covers for the water and wastewater treatment plant supervisor as the Village is looking for a permanent employee.
- 4) Committee recommended passage of Resolution 2026-3-1 to apply for a cooperative agreement for the design of an I&I Reduction Process for the Village.

Committee of the Whole: Mayor Robert Dickson reported that the committee met on February 23, 2026. Committee discussed 2026 community planning and council goals.

OLD BUSINESS

Shegog made a motion to waive the third reading of Resolution 2026-1-1 and adopt the resolution on the second reading. Seconded by Fink.

Resolution 2026-1-1, a resolution adopting a cybersecurity policy for the Village of New Concord, OH, final reading.

Shegog	yea	Fink	yea
Whitehair	yea	Taylor, S.	yea
Taylor, Y.	yea	Barr	yea

Motion Passes

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Shegog Seconded by Taylor, Y.

Ordinance 2026-3-1, an ordinance amending Ordinance 2025-7-7 to establish wages for employees and officers of the Village for the period 4-1-2026 to 3-31-2027 and declaring an emergency

Shegog	yea	Fink	yea
Whitehair	yea	Taylor, S.	yea
Taylor, Y.	yea	Barr	yea

Motion Passes

Moved by Taylor, Y. Seconded by Shegog
That **Ordinance 2026-3-1** be approved as read.

Shegog	yea	Fink	yea
Whitehair	yea	Taylor, S.	yea
Taylor, Y.	yea	Barr	yea

Motion Passes

Moved by Taylor, S. Seconded by Whitehair

Shegog	yea	Fink	yea
Whitehair	yea	Taylor, S.	yea
Taylor, Y.	yea	Barr	yea

Motion Passes

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Drug Take Back Day – Saturday, April 25th – 10am to 2 pm – Village Hall
- NCAARD Hop Around the Block – March 23rd to 31st
- Let’s Pick It Up New Concord – April 22nd to April 30th

MEETING SCHEDULE:

- Planning Commission Meeting – Thursday, March 19th – 7pm – Village Hall
- Infrastructure Committee Meeting – Monday, March 23rd – 5:30pm – Village Hall - Only Held if Items are on the Agenda
- Village Council Meeting – Monday, March 23rd – 6:30pm – Village Hall
- Safety Committee Meeting – Monday, April 6th – 5:30pm – Village Hall – Only Held if Items are on the Agenda
- Policy Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 7th – 4pm – Village Hall – Only Held if Items are on the Agenda
- Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 8th – 9am – Village Hall
- Village Hall Meeting – Monday, April 13th – 6:30pm – Village Hall

Shegog stated that the Friends of New Concord held a very successful euchre tournament and thanked them for their work on behalf of the Village.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Shegog, second by Fink to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer