

April 13, 2026

Mayor Robert Dickson called the meeting to order on Monday, April 13, 2026 with all members present.

Moved by Yolanda Taylor, seconded by Levi Shdgog, that council dispense with the reading of the March 23, 2026 minutes and approve as distributed. Motion carried.

Visitors: Jerry Gibson, George St. Clair, Greg Milleson, Marsha Wagner, Jarvin Talkington

Mayor Dickson presented the Dedicated Public Service Award to Jerry Gibson.

REPORTS

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

- 1) Reported that there were 68 total EMS calls for the month.
- 2) Reported that there were 55 fire runs.
- 3) Reported that there was coverage for 92.4% of shifts.
- 4) Reported that E903 was sent to Fyda to have the compressor replaced.
- 5) Reported that Tower 901 failed its ladder inspection due to weak emergency power but is still in use.
- 6) Reported that firefighters Lowery and Sovka completed their instructor class.
- 7) Reported that he has applied for an Ohio EMS grant.
- 8) Reported that a new station alert system has been installed.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer Debbra Whitehair gave the March financial report.

- 1) Reported that the available primary checking balance is \$2,500,100.11.
- 2) Reported that pool passes are available for purchase and pool parties are beginning to be booked for the season.
- 3) Reported that she will be working on the USDA loan in the coming weeks.
- 4) Jim Whitehair asked how often the Village receives One Ohio settlement money? Debbie Whitehair replied that it varies by year.

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

1) **Administration report**

- Listed old cruiser on Govdeals
- Submitted Main Street grant for new trees
- Submitted EMA reimbursement forms from wind event for fire, street, water departments
- Attended open house for comprehensive plan
- Attended Boyd Science Center dedication

2) **Operations Department**

- Finished street assessment for 2026
Sent out recommendations on paving, still waiting for feedback or recommendations on the list. Not knowing the cost of material this year will have a big impact on what we can pave.

Top 2 (for now) are Cherry Ln from Sunafrank to N Layton and spot pave on Thompson Ave. due to both locations being dug up to repair water breaks. Also the intersection of E Main and S Franklin due to another water leak under the road.

- Patched potholes
- Took 2 loads of trash from upstairs of our shop to Kimble's transfer station.
- Got street sweeper ready, ran it once and a hydraulic cylinder burst. In the process of getting, it repaired
- Finished stripping old police cruiser to sell.
- Treated roads for snow once
- Cleaned up from windstorm
- Helped Jeff at water plant to fix raw water service line into plant
- Cut grasses and trimmed shrubs at the 3 entrance signs, as well as grasses at village hall, started to clean off hill on the north side of Main Street across from water plant
- Repaired 1 ¼" water line leak at 157 E Main St
- Repaired ¾" service line water leak at 113 Thompson
- Had Verizon employees replace bulb on top of water tower
- Put pickleball nets and volleyball net up.
- Plumbed in tee for gas stove at fire department Admin building
- Got mowers and weed eaters ready to use
- Replaced traffic light at Main and Layton again due to being stuck for the 3rd time. Talked to ODOT about what is the required height of signal to pavement. Was told it needs to be 16' – 18', it was 16' above the pavement, we were able to raise it 5" to help any further problems. ODOT is contacting the person in charge of oversized loads route with the hope that they'll stop coming through town if possible.
- Replaced 2 pole lights, 4 traffic lights, and 2 caution lights at 83 and Westview.
- Met with homeowner about fixing storm water line in his yard
- Marked out for 2 burials at cemetery.

3) Water Department

- Awarded source water protection grant \$8,000
- Submitted grant applications to Moreno and Husted for N clarifier rehab
- Generac systems came to WTP to perform regular generator maintenance
- Conducted an interview for Plant Superintendent
- Met with EPA about turbidity sampling locations and processes
- Met with Manik and Smith to discuss next steps on lead service line removal

4) Wastewater Department

- Submitted two SSO reports
- Dealt with several high volume rain events
- Continuing to work with Verdantas and RCAP on Friendship I&I project

5) Zoning permits

- Had a Planning Commission meeting to rezone a property from R1/B3 to R3
- One fence permit and certificate of appropriateness
- Two residential alterations and certificate of appropriateness
- One sign permit and certificate of appropriateness

6) Code Enforcement Report

- One resolved animal case
- One resolved sidewalk case
- One resolved junk vehicle case

Mayor: Mayor Robert Dickson gave the March report.

- 1) Reported that he helped to choose the recipients of the Walter Chess scholarship for Muskingum University.
- 2) Reported that he attended various committee meetings and the Board of Trade dinner.
- 3) Reported that he is working to try to help to inventory trees in the Village that need to be considered for removal, as several trees have come down in recent storms.

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

- 1) Open House event at New Concord Elementary School was a success with 40 people in attendance. Feedback was helpful to the committee.
- 2) Reported that there will be two more meetings before work wraps up on the report.

Safety Committee: Committee chair Jim Whitehair stated that the safety committee met on April 6.

- 1) Signage - Per a Westview Dr resident recommendation, the Safety Committee agreed to erect two 'Do Not Block Drive' signs at both Fuel Mart entrances/exits on 83, facing North. This is a very congested area in the mornings and afternoons, coinciding with school letting out. The Council would hope that drivers would use common sense when stopped at the light in Southbound 83 traffic and allow those needing in or out when the situation allows.
- 2) Budget Discussions - Began to work through the 2026 budget and line-item allotments. Requested that both fire and police review and become familiar with their respective budget and to work with the fiscal officer with any questions. All departments are to follow the process currently in place for purchase, which includes purchase orders. Those items ordered or purchased without prior consent and/or purchase orders will risk being declined for payment by the Village.
- 3) Police Department Update:
 - Phone System - admin is currently in process with Image Systems to obtain new phones and a potentially new phone system, as well as removing unused landlines, once budget is approved, this can move forward and Chief Peck will work with admin staff and Image to determine the best type of program for their needs, especially after hours.
 - Incident at traffic light on Main St during light repair - There was a clear breakdown of safety protocol by employees when the Operations Dept attempted repair on a traffic light during daytime traffic. This incident had the potential to be much worse than it was, and we are thankful for the low extent of injuries to employees and to vital equipment owned by both the University and Village. The Safety Committee recommends that ALL personnel, including admin positions, complete an immediate review of safety training and safety protocol to mitigate any future hazard situation. The entire incident was unfortunate because it was preventable.
 - Traffic at Teddington Square - Parking issues continue to be a daily situation for the police, sometimes multiple times a day. Those persons supporting the

Sunshine Bowl food truck need to adhere to the Village's parking requirements and to use common sense when parking in and around that area, as the view from Comin is often blocked. Additional painting is planned for the North side of Main St there to assist in identification of street parking spots.

4) Fire Department Update:

- Chief Barkley updated department on various equipment needs.
- Discussed the fire district meeting- meeting held on March 27, 2026 at Perry County was not particularly productive as several trustees who had not attended the first meeting were present, requiring a lot of questions to be revisited. Consensus among the trustees was to conduct a formal feasibility study. Chief Barkley explained that a person will be present at the next meeting who will be briefed on all of the existing studies that have been performed and that will hopefully alleviate concerns about feasibility.
- Whitehair asked that all members of council attend the next meeting with the feasibility study expert. Meeting will be announced as a public meeting per the legal advice of Solicitor Eickelberger.

Finance Committee: Committee chair Yolanda Taylor reported that the committee met on April 8, 2026.

- 1) The committee reviewed financial statements for March.
- 2) Committee recommended passage of Resolution 2026-4-2, which allows the administrator to apply for a loan for lead line removal.
- 3) Committee discussed ways to communicate with the public about the financial health of the Village.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Whitehair

Seconded by Shegog

Shegog stated that he is bothered by the specific address being included in the resolution and asked if it could be removed. Whitehair stated that this legislation is to allow the project to go forward and not necessarily tying the location to a specific location as the legislation allows for alternative site locations. All of council agree that they would like for the SOPEC representatives to attend the next infrastructure meeting.

Resolution 2026-4-1, authorizing the real property located at the parking lot between Plum Alley and W. Maple Ave, 76 W. Maple Street, New Concord, OH 43762 in the Village of New Concord, Ohio for the acceptance of electric vehicle (ev) charger(s), second reading

Shegog	yea	Fink	yea
Whitehair	yea	Taylor, S.	no
Taylor, Y.	yea	Barr	no

Motion Passes

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Shegog Seconded by Y. Taylor

Resolution 2026-4-2, a resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to apply for, accept, and enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan (WSRLA) 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 **Resolution 2026-4-2** be approved as read.

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

Motion Passes

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Arbor Day Celebration with New Concord Elementary 2nd Graders – Friday, April 24th – 10am
- Drug Take Back Day – Saturday, April 25th – 10am to 2pm – Village Hall
- Let’s Pick It Up New Concord – April 22nd to April 30th

MEETING SCHEDULE:

- Infrastructure Committee Meeting – Monday, April 27th – 5:30pm – Village Hall - Only Held if Items are on the Agenda
- Village Council Meeting – Monday, April 27th – 6:30pm – Village Hall
- Safety Committee Meeting – Monday, May 4th – 5:30pm – Village Hall – Only Held if Items are on the Agenda
- Policy Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 5th – 4pm – Village Hall – Only Held if Items are on the Agenda
- Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 6th – 9am – Village Hall
- Village Hall Meeting – Monday, May 11th – 6:30pm – Village Hall

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Taylor, S., second by Shegog to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer