

May 11, 2026

Mayor Robert Dickson called the meeting to order on Monday, May 11, 2026 with all members present except Y. Taylor and Barr.

Moved by Shegog, seconded by S. Taylor, that council dispense with the reading of the April 27, 2026 minutes and approve as distributed. Motion carried.

Visitors: Marsha Wagner

REPORTS

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

- 1) Reported that there were 310 calls for service.
- 2) Reported that there have been 1130 calls for service year to date.
- 3) Reported that there were 26 traffic citations and 38 traffic warnings for the month.
- 4) Reported that there were 409 business checks and 18 parking citations.
- 5) Reported that there were 4 misdemeanor charges, 1 felony case and 1 warrant arrest.

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

- 1) Reported that there were 62 total EMS calls for the month.
- 2) Reported that there were 29 fire runs.
- 3) Reported that there was coverage for 86.6% of shifts.
- 4) Reported that the annual hose testing was completed.
- 5) Reported that they were not selected to receive the SFM Equipment grant.
- 6) Reported that FF Lowery passed the state exam for Fire Instructor certification.
- 7) Reported that the CE site inspection from the Division of EMS was completed and will be recommended for site approval at the Board of EMS meeting on June 17.

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

- 1) Reported that the available primary checking balance is \$2,515,772.53.
- 2) Reported that pool passes are being sold at the early bird rate until May 15. Admission for the pool will continue to be five dollars a day for those paying at the gate.

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

1) **Administration report**

- Submitted ODOT salt request 450 tons
- Submitted pre application for creek bank project
- Continuing to work with Verdantas and RCAP on several projects
- Met with Muskingum University
- Took an online wastewater contact course through OTCO

2) **Operations Department**

- Fixed 2" galvanized water main at E Main & S Franklin
- Installed new water tap at 203 Lakeside (McKinnon's)
- Assisted Hanna Electric with new underground electric service at Garfield booster station

- Replaced hydraulic cylinder on street sweeper and ran it a few times
- Serviced mower and started mowing and trimming
- Filled potholes
- Put flags and MU banners up on Main St
- Walked around upper reservoir and cleared off fallen trees
- Took 1 load of trash from upstairs of Operations Dept. building
- Finished cleaning up fallen branches and trees from hillside across from water plant. Landan and Alex assisted
- Read water meters and started updating older radio read boxes
- Arbor day tree planting
- Called in for fallen Bradford Pear tree branch
- Fixed a few yards from water breaks, a few more to go
- Filled out EMA paperwork from Jan snowstorm again
- A lot of utility locates (811) primary for 83 paving project

3) **Water Department**

- Responded appropriately and timely to fuel spill incident on 70
- Went through EPA operators list looking for applicants.

4) **Wastewater Department**

- Installed and are currently using new autosampler
- Reinstalled UV disinfection for the summer months

5) **Zoning permits**

- Two permits roof/ siding
- One sign permit with certificate of appropriateness
- One permit for driveway
- One shot term rental
- One pool

6) **Code Enforcement Report**

- Two resolved trimming cases
- One fine for work without a permit
- One new dumpster screening case
- Three resolved grass cases
- One health code violation
- One property maintenance case

Mayor: Mayor Robert Dickson gave the April report.

- 1) Reported that he attended the open house and ribbon cutting for Cork and Quill.
- 2) Reported that he is involved in planning the America 250 celebration. There will be a fill the basket campaign with a goal of \$10,000 to help to pay for the fireworks.
- 3) Reported that he will be attending the Perry Elementary School Career Day.
- 4) Reported that the second graders from New Concord Elementary School helped to plant a tree for Arbor Day.
- 5) Reminded residents that New Concord is a Tree City, meaning that for every tree

removed another tree is planted, though not always in the same location.

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

- 1) Reported that the committee met via Zoom on April 29.
- 2) Reported that committee members have received the first final draft and that the report will be finalized in the next two weeks.

Infrastructure Committee: Committee chair Stan Taylor reported that the committee met on April 27, 2026.

- 1) Committee discussed and walked to the proposed site of the EV charging station.
- 2) Committee discussed the 2026 paving list. Paving will not be finalized until later in the summer in the hope that prices may go down.

Policy Committee: Committee chair Levi Shegog reported that the committee met on May 6, 2026.

- 1) Committee discussed the zoning code and are pleased that the finance committee has approved the beginning of an update to the zoning code.
- 2) Committee discussed the Rules of Council.
- 3) Committee discussed holiday pay.
- 4) Committee discussed the marijuana policy and will continue to discuss this policy.

Finance Committee: Committee member Stan Taylor reported that the committee met on May 6, 2026.

- 1) The committee reviewed financial statements for April.
- 2) Committee recommends approval of Ordinance 2026-5-1, which allows the fiscal officer to pay the Garland TIF money out. This will be the final year of the TIF.
- 3) Committee approved an audit of the zoning code to begin, with a plan to budget for an update to the zoning code in the next fiscal year. Flinn advised that there are also grant opportunities to help pay for the update.
- 4) Committee approved purchases of SCADA equipment, updates to the website, a new computer for the fiscal officer, and new phones, all of which are in the budget.
- 5) Committee approved paying Parnell for paving being done at the Methodist Church as they are repaving their parking lot. Council is paying for the portion that is an alley owned by the Village. Shegog stated that he was disappointed that this was approved as he feels that other paving should take precedence. Fink stated that the committee approved this with the understanding that this will be discussed and that the alley could be vacated in the future, but that for now it is owned by the Village and the Village is responsible for the paving.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Fink

Seconded by Whitehair

- Village Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 26th – 6:30pm – Village Hall
- Safety Committee Meeting – Monday, June 1st – 5:30pm – Village Hall – Only Held if Items are on the Agenda
- Policy Committee Meeting – Tuesday, June 2nd – 4pm – Village Hall – Only Held if Items are on the Agenda
- Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 3rd – 9am – Village Hall
- Village Hall Meeting – Monday, June 8th – 6:30pm – Village Hall

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Shegog, second by Whitehair to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer