October 13, 2026

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

Moved by Shegog, seconded by Whitehair, that council dispense with the reading of the September 14, 2026 minutes and approve as distributed. Motion carried.

Visitors: Blake West, Fred Townsend, Terry Townsend, Fred Steele, July Steele, Lynn Elliott, Jay Klies, Casey Klies, Jon Bates

Fred Steele and Fred Townsend addressed council to state that they are in favor of the proposed rezoning of Maple Lane as long as the housing options developed are of good quality. Jon Bates showed council pictures of Orr Alley where a university parking lot is causing issues. Village Administrator Dalton Flinn stated that the operations department would look into this. Blake West spoke about Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative's need to develop more space for their large vehicles and thus the need to pass Ordinance 2026-11-1 vacating Sunafrank Alley to allow for that expansion.

REPORTS

Muskingum University Representative: Kari Winters, AVP of Athletics

1) Winters stated that the athletic department is looking to increase community partnerships and that they welcome any opportunities for public service for the students.
2) She stated that the university is planning to update the main campus sign.
3) She invited the community to all athletic events, particularly those geared toward Youth Nights.

Police Chief: Police Chief David Briggs gave the September monthly report.

1) Reported that there were 526 calls for service.
2) Reported that there were 27 traffic citations.
3) Reported that there were 8 misdemeanor charges.

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

1) Reported that there were 61total EMS calls for the month.
2) Reported that there were 26 fire runs.
3) Reported that there was coverage for 79.4% of shifts.
4) Reported that they taught a fire extinguisher class at Guernsey-Muskingum Electric, participated in the 9/11 memorial climb, hosted training from Columbia Gas, taught an alcohol awareness class for the Kappa Sig fraternity, participated in the Muskingum University Wellness Fair and educated about safe haven laws.

Fiscal Officer: Administrative Assistant Joy Johnson gave the September financial report.

1) Reported that the available primary checking balance is $2,834,807.51.
2) Reported that Chris Kerby participated in the finance committee meeting and met with department heads in preparation for creating the 2027 budget.

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

1) **Administration report**

- Special thank you to Hannah Metzger and John and Annie Glenn fellows for reservoir work and new signage
- Working on Lead line project
- Met with Verdantas and RCAP
- Met with Library about stormwater issues
- ATP meeting
- Met with Guernsey Muskingum

2) **Operations Department**

- Normal operations, mowing, weed eating, flowers, TC samples, utility locates, read water meters
- Repaired ¾" water service line under Thompson
- Repaired 4" main water leak under S. Liberty at Maple
- Repaired ¾" water service line @ 153 Lakeside Dr
- Finished FEMA paperwork for Dalton to submit
- Hand delivered lead and copper sample data to the 10 residents that assisted us. All reports came back normal
- Coordinated with Landon, Dalton, and Zemba's to dreg creek by WTP
- Met with 2 homeowners about high water bills, 1 had a leaking outside spigot and the other a leaking toilet
- 2008 GMC C5500 dump truck blew power steering line. Parts no longer available, so had to have them special made,
- 2001 GMC C6500 dump truck broke a rear spring bolt while hauling stone. Had to have it special made and replaced.
- Both issues were fixed in house
- Still working with ODOT on the logistics for the salt contract.
- Street sweeper was ran 4 times
- Sat in on bid opening for lead service line replacement on Main St.
- Met with library and their engineers about storm water issues. Scheduled RCAP to come in and camera our portion of the line for a better sense of the issue.
- Put new signs up at the U.R.

3) **Water Department**

- dredged creek at WTP
- pulled bad high service pump motor and replaced with a rebuilt one WTP
- new security cameras installed at WTP

4) **Wastewater Department**

- fixed sand filter at WWTP
- fixed clarifier at WWTP

5) **Zoning permits**

- one sidewalk repair

Mayor: Mayor Robert Dickson gave the September report.

1) Reported that he attended the inauguration of the new Muskingum University president.
2) Reported that he is involved in planning for the Veterans' Day ceremony.
3) Reported that he met with Greg Adams and Shane Barkley about the fire department building.

Infrastructure Committee: Committee chair Stan Taylor reported that the committee met on September 26, 2026.

1) Committee recommended passage of the first reading of Ordinance 2026-11-1, which will allow for the vacation of a portion of Sunafrank Alley.
2) Committee recommended approval of Ordinance 2026-11-2, which will allow for a rezoning of an area on Maple Lane to R3.

Safety Committee: Committee chair Jim Whitehair reported that the committee met on October 5, 2026.

1) Committee heard a report from the police department. Topics included an issue with the cell phone policy in the employee handbook, which was referred to the policy committee, the need for surveillance cameras in the back of Village Hall and near the fire department, a booster for the radios used by the police in Village Hall, concerns about safety issues with the Christmas parade, and the installation of e-tickets.
2) Committee heard a report from the fire department. Topics included the need for repairs to Medic 905, repairs to Tower 901, discussion about the roof and flooring in the fire department building, as well as 2027 budget requests.
3) Both departments submitted a joint request to apply for grants for funding for a combined police and fire department building. Both chiefs were told to present more detailed information on this request.
4) Committee heard from a concerned resident about issues with Stag Alley.

Finance Committee: Committee chair Yolanda Taylor reported that the committee met on October 7, 2026.

5) The committee reviewed financial statements for September.
6) Committee recommended approval of Ordinance 2026-10-2, amending the salary of an employee to reflect additional licensing.
7) Committee recommended approval of Resolution 2026-10-3, amending the appropriations for the remainder of the year.
8) Committee approved paving for patches where water breaks have occurred.
9) Committee discussed the purchase of a generator for Village Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Jim Whitehair, seconded by Levi Shegog to waive the third reading for Ordinance 2026-10-1.

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

Motion Passes

Moved by Whitehair Seconded by Shegog

Ordinance 2026-10-1, an ordinance to approve, adopt and enact bond amounts in order to update the bond sheet for the Village of New Concord, State of Ohio, final reading

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

Motion Passes

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by S. Taylor Seconded by Fink

Ordinance 2026-10-2, an ordinance amending Ordinance 2026-3-1 to establish wages for an employee of the Village for the period 10-13-2026 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 Fink Seconded by S. Taylor

That **Ordinance 2026-10-2** be approved as read.

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

Motion Passes

Moved by S. Taylor Seconded by Y. Taylor

Ordinance 2026-10-3, an ordinance providing for amending and revising specific line-items in the appropriations of expenditures for the Village of New Concord for the calendar year 2026 and declaring an emergency

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

Motion Passes

Moved by Y. Taylor Seconded by S. Taylor

That **Ordinance 2026-10-3** be approved as read.

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

Motion Passes

Moved by Shegog Seconded by Whitehair

Ordinance 2026-11-1, an ordinance vacating a portion of Sunafrank Alley within the Village of New Concord, Ohio, first reading

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

Motion Passes

Council discussed the purpose of Ordinance 2026-11-2, which is to change the zoning map to allow a site plan to be brought to the planning commission for development of housing needed in the Village. Council decided to pass Ordinance 2026-11-2 by emergency legislation.

Moved by Shegog Seconded by S. Taylor

Ordinance 2026-11-2, an ordinance to amend the zoning district map of the Village of New Concord and declaring an emergency.

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

Motion Passes

Moved by Shegog Seconded by Y. Taylor

That **Ordinance 2026-11-2** be approved as read.

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

Motion Passes

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New Concord Area Board of Trade Trail of Treats – Saturday, October 31st – 5-6pm – behind Village Hall, corner of Layton and Maple
- Trick or Treat – Saturday, October 31st – 6-7pm
- Money Smarts for Older Adults – Saturday, November 7th – New Concord Church of Christ – 9am
- Election Day – Tuesday, November 3rd

MEETING SCHEDULE:

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

ADJOURNMENTS: Motion by Shegog, second by Whitehair to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

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Mayor Fiscal Officer