

COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Mayfield Village Civic Hall -Mayfield Village Civic Center
6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 in Mayfield Village Civic Hall at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. Council President Schutt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council President Schutt asked, Mrs. Betsa, may I have a Roll Call, please?

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Arndt, Mr. Gall,
 Mrs. Jurcisek, Mr. Marquardt,
 Mr. Murphy and Mr. Schutt

Also Present: Mayor Bodnar, Ms. Rich, Ms. Calta
 Chief Carcioppolo, Mr. Cappello,
 Chief Matias, Mr. Marquart, Mr. McAviney,
 Mr. Russell, Mr. Stupczy, Ms. Wolgamuth
 and Mrs. Betsa

Absent: Mr. Girbino

Council President Schutt stated, please let the record reflect that Councilman Girbino is excused for this evening's meeting.

MAYOR

Thank you, Council President. I've got a handful of things to talk about tonight. First off, I'd like to congratulate our Law Director, Diane Calta, on being named *Best Lawyers* Lawyer of the Year for Municipal Law in Cleveland, an honor awarded to just one attorney in each practice area and geographic region. This recognition reflects the trust of her clients, the respect of her peers, and her commitment to public service. So congratulations, Diane, and we're certainly happy that you're serving in this position.

I would also like to note that this Friday at 8:00 a.m., the Mayfield Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the *State of the Schools* Breakfast at the High School. Reservations are needed, so please let us know if anyone would like to attend that so that we can make the arrangements.

Also on Friday at 10:30, we have our First Responders' Memorial Event at the First Responders' Memorial next to the Firehouse, and after that, there will be hot dogs at the fire station. So please come to that if you can.

The Chamber of Commerce is planning their *State of the Cities* Luncheon, which they do every year. This year, it will be at Stonewater on October 21st. Mayors or their representatives from Highland Heights, Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills, and Mayfield Village will provide the State of their City or Village Address and provide updates. Oftentimes, they tell you a variety of things that are going on in their communities. We will send out more information on that, but everybody is welcome to come and attend that.

Finally, I'd just like to note that this Thursday night, our State Representative Dan Troy is coming out to the Grove for the Diamond Project Concert, and he estimates he and Carol are going to get there between 6:15 and 6:30. He has been very proactive on our behalf throughout the years that he has represented us. So he will be there this Thursday, and I will be thanking him for the recent grant we got for the Wiley Park restroom renovations. If you can come to that, please let me know. I will also be picking up dinner at Pizzazz Pizza and bringing it to the event. So if you're coming, let me know your Pizzazz Pizza order so I can get you dinner.

And that's everything I have. Thank you, Council President.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Mayor Bodnar.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Schutt stated, and as the Mayor mentioned, congratulations, Ms. Calta, on your award.

And just a reminder that the Regular Meeting of Council for September is scheduled for Monday, September 21st at 7 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

1) Community Partnership on Aging Council of Governments Amended and Restated Agreement (Administration)

Council President Schutt asked, Mayor Bodnar?

Mayor Bodnar stated, this is just a newly refurbished agreement. It includes University Heights, and it took a while to get it in order because they are limited participants, at least for the first year. But it was amended essentially to include University Heights.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor.

2) 2026 Crack Sealing Program (Asphalt Fabrics & Specialties - \$75,000) (Engineer)

Council President Schutt asked, Mr. Cappello?

Mr. Cappello stated, yes, Council President. This is our annual crack sealing program. We're going to be concentrating on the County roads this year, so Wilson Mills, Lander, White Road, Highland Road and Ridgebury. And also, the material cost for this is reimbursable through the County's maintenance program. So a portion of this will be reimbursed by the County.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. Cappello.

3) ODOT Consent Legislation to pave SOM Center Road from south corporate line to Wilson Mills Road (Engineer)

Council President Schutt stated, again, Mr. Cappello?

Mr. Cappello stated, yes. ODOT plans on doing the maintenance program. They go throughout different communities, especially the Villages, in which they'll pay 100% of the curb-to-curb resurfacing cost. So that's what this is for. I haven't gotten a set of plans yet to see exactly the typical section they're going to be doing. If we wanted to do anything else minor, I have to see what's covered or not but if we want to do some smaller, additional repairs, we may opt to do that as part of it. We can discuss that once I see what the plans look like and what they are going to cover.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

Mr. Gall asked, is this in addition to what they have planned for next year on SOM?

Mr. Cappello replied, This is what they have planned.

Mr. Gall asked, this is what they have planned. So they're going to mill those?

Mr. Cappello stated, usually, what they'll do is they'll come in and they'll do a mill, and then they resurface it. I always want to find out, sometimes they'll do some joint repair, like this partial duct repair. I need to verify that. There's a couple of those areas we probably wouldn't want them to do that anyway, even if we had the money for it.

Mr. Gall agreed, yes. I mean, the stretch from Heinen's to the south border, I've been getting complaints of the cracks. Anything we can do to help alleviate that would be great, which we've discussed and you're aware of.

Mr. Cappello stated, right. Thank you.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. Cappello.

4) Tax Rate Resolution for Tax Year 2027 (Finance Department)

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Rich?

Ms. Rich replied, thank you, Mr. President. This is the annual requirement under the Ohio Revised Code. Earlier in June, we passed the tax budget. The County approved that as a necessity that we need our levies to fund the 2027 budget. So, this is the tax resolution to set the rates for our levies for next year.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Ms. Rich.

5) Fire Re-inspection Fees (Update to Codified Ordinance 1501.14) (Fire Department)

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Calta or Chief Carcioppolo?

Chief Carcioppolo replied, yes. This is to match the two ordinances right now. There's a little disparity. We've never charged for reinspections. So, basically, when we do an annual fire inspection, we'll identify items that need to be corrected and then we'll go back 30 days later and if those items were not corrected again, we would put a small fine with that.

Two of our sections of our local ordinance are a little conflicting. One of them says the reinspection is a charge. The other one says it's a charge if the violations haven't been corrected. So, we want to match those and then put some updated fee structure in there. I think what we discussed was \$100.00 for the first reinspection. If the violations aren't corrected, \$200.00 for the second and \$300.00 for the third. And then, at that point, you can go to a citation. So, it's just a way to try to limit how much we have to go back and double check things because it takes time away from doing other things.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Chief.

6) Update to Section 505.99 of Chapter 505, Animals and Fowl, regarding costs incurred for boarding animals (Law Department)

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Calta?

Ms. Calta replied, yes. We had a recent situation. You guys should have my memo that brought this to our attention. The Animal Warden ended up housing, was it two dogs, Chief?

Chief Matias replied, yes. It was two dogs.

Ms. Calta continued, they weren't able to get them to the County pound. They were full or the situation was such that they couldn't. So, the Animal Warden ended up housing these two dogs for an extended period of time. It wasn't directly related to a charge under 505. And so, what we thought would be a good option; I'm sure that situation will never present itself again but since it did present itself, we thought that it would be a good idea to propose these revisions that broaden this section and essentially allow us to take those charges and present them to the animal owner or property owner for collection so that it's not something that we have to pay. I think the charges on that were \$400.00 or \$500.00 if I remember correctly. So, we're not talking large sums of money, but not something that we want to subsidize in the future. So, the thought was to modify this so that if we have that situation.

Now, there are some situations I will tell you that in order to, if there's an issue and we send it to the animal owner and that animal owner is not also a property owner, we can't then go to the next step to have it assessed on the property tax duplicate because they don't own any real estate. So, say we have someone who's a renter in town, that wouldn't be an option. But this still is broad enough that those options are available, but they may not always be.

Council President Schutt stated, sure. Makes sense. Any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Ms. Calta.

7) 2026-2027 Senior Snow Plow Program (Recreation Department)

8) 2026-2027 Opt Outs (Recreation Department)

Council President Schutt asked, Mr. McAvinew?

Mr. McAvinew stated, thank you, Council President. It's that time of year again. The 2026-2027 Senior Snow Plow Program. We've had five companies who have put in proposals. Ameriscape, Arnold, JC Landscaping, MJO, and GM Landscape. GM was about \$100 more than everybody else. They were over \$400.

The good news is that since 2024, we've only went up \$10 across the board of what we paid more. So, this year we went up \$5. The contractors have stayed relatively the same. Three of them stayed the same. One of them went up slightly. But when I do all the numbers, the person who charges the most gets the least amount of driveways. The person who charges the least gets the most amount of driveways. So, that's why I would come up with the number. It's an estimate based on how many driveways. I think last year it actually came in a little below my estimate there. So, applications will be out and about. Also, with the opt-out, nothing changes on there. It's a \$75 reimbursement if they submit their proper paperwork, which is basically is your application, your invoice and proof of payment. Does anyone have any questions?

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, okay. Thank you, Mr. McAvinew.

Any Other Matters

Council President Schutt asked, are there any other matters to come before Council this evening?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, since there are no other matters, the meeting is adjourned. It is 7:12 p.m. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Betsa, MMC, Clerk of Council