

AGENDA
Jefferson Village Council
Order of Business

Date: Monday, October 17, 2022.

Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Next Ordinance No. 22-(R/O) 3289

Meeting Called to Order by: Mayor Diehl

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence

Opening Prayer:

Roll Call of Council: Damon, Dreier, Roderick, Sekanina, Szewczyk, Orvos

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

Add Jefferson Emergency Rescue District Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2022

Minutes: Addition/Correction

Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of
September 6, 2022.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Motion to accept the Jefferson Emergency Rescue District
Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2022.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Visitor's Comments (five-minute limit per council rule #13)

DEPARTMENTS

Administrator Martuccio

Administrator was on Vacation

Clerk/Treasurer Fisher

Payroll Report/Special Pay Report

Chief Mackensen

No Report

Chief Lachey

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Lands
Damon/Drier

No Report

Forestry
Roderick/Sekanina

No Report

Finance
Sekanina/Damon

Motion for the Third Reading of Resolution No. 22-R- 3282

A Resolution Accepting the Amount and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 22-R-__3282__

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Motion for the Second Reading of Amended Ordinance No. 22-O- 3285

An Ordinance for the Appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Jefferson, Ohio during fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Recreation
Orvos/ Roderick

No Report

Safety
Szewczyk /Orvos

Motion for the Third Reading of Resolution No. 22-R-3283

A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator and Village Clerk/Treasurer to enter into a Fire Service Agreement with the Board of Township Trustees of Jefferson Township, Ohio to provide fire protection services to Jefferson Township, Ohio from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 22-R- 3283 _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/
Service
Drier/Szewczyk

Motion for the Second Reading of Resolution No. 22-R-3284

Resolution declaring a 2006 International Lowpro Dump Truck owned by the Village of Jefferson to be no longer needed for municipal purposes and authorizing the sale to the highest and best bidder as is.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 22-R- 3284 _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Motion to accept the Administrators Recommendation to promote Elliott Boncimino the Equipment Operator at the Streets Department and increase his wage per the Wage Ordinance effective the next pay period October 17, 2022. Pay date November 4, 2022.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Motion for the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-3287

An Ordinance accepting woodlands way as a dedicated Street within the Village of Jefferson.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Motion for the First Reading of Resolution No. 22-R-3288

A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s), and to execute contracts as required and declaring an emergency.

Motion to Suspend Council Rules on Resolution No. 22-R-
__3288__

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 22-R-__3288__

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Motion for the First Reading of Resolution No. 22-R-3289

ODOT Project: Title Municipal Bridge Inspection Program

Motion to Suspend Council Rules on Resolution No. 22-R-
__3289__

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 22-R-__3289__

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Roll: _____

Mayor

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS/
NEW BUSINESS**

FYI: Andrews & Pontius LLC

Visitor's Comments (five-minute limit per council rule #13)

CORRESPONDENCE

MEETINGS

Adjourn:

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____ **Roll:** _____
Time: _____

**Unofficial Minutes of the Village of Jefferson. Minutes will be presented to
Council at the October 17, 2022, Council Meeting**

**VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON
COUNCIL MEETING**

September 6, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Diehl.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

Roll call of Council Damon, Dreier, Roderick, Sekanina, Szewczyk, Orvos.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda:

Councilperson Szewczyk ask to add an Executive Session after Safety regarding Personnel with action taken afterwards.

Minutes: Approval/Addition/Correction

Motion by Councilperson Szewczyk to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2022.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Szewczyk to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2022.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Szewczyk to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2022.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Szewczyk to approve the Council Meeting of the Whole Minutes of August 29, 2022.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Szewczyk to accept the Jefferson Joint Cemetery Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2022.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Visitor's Comments (five-minute limit per council rule #13)

Visitor's Comments

Michael Roach of 132 East Jefferson Street said he is retired from the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department. He spoke to Council in regards of hiring the new Police Chief and the results from the way it was handled and results that may occur. Mike Roach told Council that maybe a wage study should be done. The Amount that is being paid is to the Village Chief and the amount being paid to other Cities and Municipalities in Ashtabula County. Mike Roach asked Council and the Mayor if they have ridden with the Police Department.

Mayor Diehl told Roach he has.

Councilperson Sekanina also told everyone that he has done ride along with the Police Department.

Mike Roach went on to sat to Council; that out Police Department deal with allot more than the bedroom Community. He told Council that one officer has had another job offer and at least two more are looking. The Village has been a training ground for Police Officer's and Jefferson Police Department has never felt the support of the Village Council. Roach told Council to go out and ride with the patrolman and see what they do daily. The Village is a desirable Village to live in. If the Police Department falls apart and we start having some of the city issues in this small town. Roach said he does not know the new Police Chief that the Village is hiring he did do some research and he does have a lot of administrative background. The Deputy Chief Aaron Dumperth does not have a lot of administrative background, but he does have extensive training. Roach said that as a Police Chief he feels Aaron Dumperth would be the best candidate. He said that

if Aaron Dumperth does not get the Police Chief position it would be a big mistake.

Also present:

Stephanie Wessell of the Gazette, Jacob Morgan, Chris Mackensen, Diana Mackensen, Sara Mackensen, Dean Mackensen, Ken Fertig, Jake Rice, Jon McMannes, Kay Ann Brabender, Pat Bradek, John Perrotti, Chris Vance, Bruce Vance, Frank Snyder, Chip Ashcraft and Cindy Meyer.

Departments

Administrator's Report

Village Administrator's report for the period ending September 6, 2022.

Projects update:

Project		Status	Vendor	Grant/Loan	Total Cost
ACTIVE PROJECTS	Project #				
WWTP Renovations	OPWC – R37	Submitted to DOD/EPA Resubmitting to OPWC – R37	CT Consulting	Engineering grant \$90,000	\$1,250,000
Market street & surroundings – Sewer lining	OPWC – R35	Lining to start 6/29/22 Delayed due to contractor	CT Consulting	\$198,000 Grant \$132,000 Loan	\$550,000
Falcon Way Reconstruction	OPWC – R36	Submitted to OPWC – R37 Completed curve correction	CT Consulting	\$180,000 Grant \$50,000 Loan	\$460,000
E. Jefferson St - Reconstruction	OPWC – R36	Bid opening 8/29/22 \$147,465 paving only	Smolen Eng.	49,950 Grant 49,950 Loan	\$199,900
Repair two steel culverts on Popular Street	OPWC Round 32 - ODOT	State to bid this project	Smolen Eng. Working on drawings	100% Grant	TBD Over \$298,454
Sewer cleaning /TV/Lining West Side Town	OPWC round 34	Completed – Have small area to finish up	CT Consulting	\$198,000 Grant \$132,000 Loan	\$550,000
2022 Village Paving Program	220623	Bid opening 8/24/22	CT Consulting		135,943

Street Dept.

- Operating normal tasks.
- We took delivery of our new Steiner tractor and attachments.

- I have found a possible used replacement for truck 22. After further investigation by the Countryside mechanics, it was determined that we would be better off looking into a replacement rather than trying to fix it. Please see attached LOI and add from Commercial Truck Trader.
- Bid opening was done on 8/24/22 for paving sections of S. Spruce, S. Cucumber and the roadway to our raw pump station at the WWTP. Koski Construction was the lowest and best bidder at \$135,943. We have an emergency resolution on the agenda to allow me to move forward and sign the contract.
- Bid opening was done on 8/29/22 for paving East Jefferson St from Chestnut to the railroad tracks just east of Centerra. Koski Construction was the lowest and best bidder at \$147,465. We have an emergency resolution on the agenda to allow me to move forward and sign the contract.
- Chip and seal is scheduled to start this week. We are going to cover most streets north of West Beech Street. This year we are going to use a different aggregate that is supposed to cut down on dust once in place.

Recreation Department:

- Operating normally.
- JCRC is having a party in the park thanks to DJ Rabbit from TNJ Entertainment.(see flyer)
- Also, on October 8, there will a food cookoff event at JCRC. Please see flyer for details.
- We are working on final details for the Bluegrass Festival scheduled for September 10th. This year the event will be from 1:00 to 7:00 PM , 5 bands and more choices for food and beverages.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- Plant operations are running at fully acceptable levels.
- The Market Street and Sundry sewer lining project is in progress.
- We submitted a 2023 re-nomination request for the Wastewater EQ Basin.

Police:

Fire:

Other Items:

- First reading of 4 zoning ordinances for tonight's meeting.
- We continue to ask all departments to be mindful of all non-essential expenses and we are trying to keep overtime to a minimum.

Properties with Code violations:

Address	Violation Type	Status	Comments
216 Linden	Repairs	Active	
341 S Elm	Tall Grass	Active	
82 E Walnut	Junk – Junk Cars	Active	

Administrator Martuccio told council that the new Steiner tractor just arrived. We are ready for a snowstorm and ready to clear the Village sidewalks.

Administrator Martuccio told council that truck 22 is not worth fixing and we are in the process of buying a new truck from someone in Madison. We have had the truck inspected and looked over. The Truck has low hours and low mileage. A Ordinance will be coming in the next Council packet to put truck 22 up for surplus. It will be sold as is.

The sidewalk program is in place and the sidewalk that will be paved this year are East Satin Street between Chestnut and Market both side. The cost will be both to the Village and to the homeowner. The homeowner pays for the concrete and the Village pays the rest.

Clerk /Treasurer Fisher

Payroll Report/Special Pay Report

Motion buy Councilperson Szewczyk to approve the attendance of Clerk-Treasurer Fisher to attend the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers Annual Conference. The Training will be at the Lodge at Geneva on the Lake. There will be no cost for a hotel room because I am on the board. The training is October 4, 2022, thru October 7, 2021. The cost to the Village will be \$150.00 for the registration, meals, and mileage.

Roll: All yea, motion carried

FYI: I will be out of town on vacation starting Saturday September 10, 2022, and will be back in town on Sunday September 18, 2022

Deputy Chief Dumperth

No Report

Chief Lachey

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Lands

Motion by Councilperson Damon, for the First Reading of Ordinance No.
22- O- _3275 _
2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion for the First Reading of Ordinance No. 22-O- 3275

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1246.06 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Jefferson, Ohio pertaining to the adoption of a permissive use in the I-Industrial District.

Motion by Councilperson Damon, for the First Reading of Ordinance No.
22- O- _3276 _
2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion for the First Reading of Ordinance No. 22-O- 3276

An Ordinance adding Chapter 1264 to the Code of Ordinances of the Village Of Jefferson, Ohio, to provide for the Regulations Governing Short-Term Rentals

Motion by Councilperson Damon, for the First Reading of Ordinance No.
22- O- _3277 _
2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion for the First Reading of Ordinance No. 22-O- 3277

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1246.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village Of Jefferson, Ohio pertaining to the adoption of an additional permissive use in the R-1 Single Family Residential District for Short-Term Rentals

Motion by Councilperson Damon, for the First Reading of Ordinance No.
22- O- _3278 _
2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion for the First Reading of Ordinance No. 22-O- 3278

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1240.07 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village Of Jefferson, Ohio pertaining to the adoption of a permissive use in the R-1 Single Family Residential District for Short-Term Rentals

Forestry

No report

Finance

No Report

Recreation

FYI: Recreation Fliers (Party in the Park) September 24, 2022

FYI: Recreation Fliers (JCRC Food Cook Off October 8, 2022

FYI: Senior Department Fliers

Councilperson Roderick asked that Administrator if Council could get a itemized list from the Recreation Department for the summer programs.

Safety

Motion by Councilperson Szewczyk to approve the recommendation from the Hiring Committee to hire Christopher Mackensen as the Police Chief for the Village of Jefferson starting at the rate of pay \$59,592.75 per the wage Ordinance. Upon completion of passing background check, drug screen and physical.

Councilperson Drier read a memo to Council about her feeling in hiring the new Chief of Police.

Aaron Dumperth has been Deputy Chief for the past 14 months without acting chief pay. My understand is that the candidate picked was primarily chosen based on having more experience. When comparing the resumes and experience, you see that Deputy Chief Dumperth has 12 years of experience, three years as sergeant and 14 months as Deputy Chief. Sgt. Chris Mackensen has 16 years of experience, it'll be 17 years in December of this year, not 18, 5.5 years as sergeant and has served as acting chief on occasion. How does this justify as more experience, or being more highly qualified? Furthermore, I cannot agree with adding an additional member to our police department with a combined salary and benefits package in the amount of \$99,792.00, when we already have someone successfully fulfilling the duties of this position," Dreier said. "Where is this money coming from" I would like to ask the Mayor, in the last 14 months, has Deputy Chief Dumperth given you any indication that he would not be a good candidate for this position?"

Mayor Diehl told Council and the public. He did not know Deputy Chief that well. I developed a relationship with Deputy Chief Dumperth. Last year in July Council decided to move him into to the Deputy Chief position and give him a year to develop to be Chief. Diehl told Council he has been a pleasure to work with. He has done well in the role. Most of all he has a passion to serve and protect the Village of Jefferson and develop relationships in the Community. A hiring Committee was put together with myself. Councilperson Damon and Sekanina. That decision process was not taken lightly. After the last interview the committee was at the town hall until after midnight. In the end it was not an easy choice. The Decision was decided by the committee to go with Chris Mackensen base mostly on experience and supervisory time.

Mayor Diehl also told Council with experience and outside knowledge, hopefully we will have a stronger force from this decision.

Councilperson Roderick asked the question as to what the Village is gaining from hiring someone from the outside. Mackensen is coming from a town that is very similar to ours.

Councilperson Sekanina told Council the Conneaut Ohio is not like Jefferson. Conneaut the 27 square miles and Jefferson is about 3 miles. Conneaut has a population of 13 thousand and Jefferson has a population of about 3 thousand. Sekanina went on to tell Council in Conneaut a Sergeant man's his own platoon. Because they are much bigger and have a bigger Police force. He manages his crew that is the same people the Deputy Chief manages here in Jefferson. He also stated the he feels we are getting someone with allot of experience managing the whole platoon. Mackensen is certified with FTO training. He brings allot to the Village of Jefferson. Hopefully Deputy Chief Dumperth will stay on as second in command and will have a strong department. Furthermore, the Village has set a precedence. In the past David Wassie served as the Deputy chief for years.

Councilperson Roderick asked Chris Mackensen why Jefferson.

Chris Mackensen told Council lots of reasons. We chose to move to Jefferson three and half years ago to make Jefferson our home. We have set our roots in Jefferson. We have a Ranch just outside of Jefferson. We spend a lot of time in the Village we go to allot of events in the Village. It is a wonderful little Village. We are invested in this Community. I come to the Council meetings to find out what is going on in the Village not to get the job. I care about this town. I know most of the people at the Police Department and I hope they stay. I am coming in with a open mind. And hopefully open communication between the department. It is not about the money. If I wanted money I would not be here. I am vested in the Community, and I care about the Community.

Councilperson Roderick read a statement.

In today's Society were accusations and miss communication can lead to ruin a person's reputation or career. Aaron Dumperth took an oath to protect and serve our Community and he has never quit. That shows commitment and dedication to the Community.

Councilperson Damon told Council that he tried to take a job at the Sheriff's Department. Please add that as record.

Mayor Diehl did tell Council that there is a Finance issue that must be resolved. This position is not budgeted.

Councilperson Sekanina told Council we have a Finance Committee Meeting set up to discuss it. The meeting is set up for September 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The new Chief needs to come on board and sit down with Council and see what he needs and work with the Finance Committee and make a proper recommendation. Mayor Diehl asked for Roll Call.

Damon yea, Dreier nay, Roderick nay, Sekanina yea, Szewczyk yea, Orvos yea. Motion passes. Fours yea's and two nays'

Motion by Councilperson Szewczyk, for the First Reading of Ordinance No. 22- O- _3279 _
2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion for the First Reading of Ordinance No. 22-O- 3279

Ordinance waiving the requirement that the Police Chief of the Village of Jefferson reside in the Village for the purpose of appointing and hiring Christopher Mackensen as the Police Chief

FYI: Memorandum of Understanding (Jefferson SRO Officer)

Motion by Councilperson Szewczyk to go into executive session regarding personnel with action at 8:11 p.m.
2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Councilperson Roderick asked if there were supporting documents to show Council.

Councilperson said yes, he has supporting documents. He will give them to Council during executive session but when executive session is over, they must be given back.

Mayor Diehl asked if Councilperson Szewczyk had discussed everything with the Department head.

Councilperson Szewczyk told the Mayor it will be discussed in the executive session.

Executive Session

Motion by Councilperson Szewczyk to go out executive session at return to regular session at 9:19 p.m.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Regular Session at 9:20 p.m.

Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/ Service

Motion by Councilperson Drier to accept Koski Construction as the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$135,943.00 for the 2022 Asphalt Paving Program

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Drier, for the First Reading of Resolution No.

22- R- _3280 _

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion for the First Reading of Resolution No. 22-R- 3280

A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with the Koski Construction Company as the lowest and best bid received for the 2022 Asphalt Paving Program known as Project No. 220263

Motion by Councilperson Drier to Suspend Council Rules on Resolution No. 22-R- __3280__

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Drier to adopt Resolution No. 22-R- __3280__

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Drier to accept Koski Construction as the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$147,465.00 for the Jefferson Street Resurfacing and Improvement Program

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Drier, for the First Reading of Resolution No.

22- R- _3281 _

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion for the First Reading of Resolution No. 22-R- 3281

A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a Contract with the Koski Construction Company for the Jefferson Street Drainage and Paving Phase I Project known as Project No. CG41Z/CG42Z

Motion by Councilperson Drier to Suspend Council Rules on

Resolution No. 22-R- __3281__

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Drier to adopt Resolution No. 22-R- __3281__

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

FYI: 2004 International Model 7400 4X2

Mayor

No Report

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

FYI: Email Jefferson Emergency Rescue District

FYI: NOPEC Letter

FYI: Renewal of Application Ohio EPA

Visitor's Comments (five-minute limit per council rule #13)

Ken Fertig of 373 West Cedar Street Jefferson told Council Jefferson is very fortunate to have the people we have working for in Jefferson. An Administrator that does an excellent job. Working with the employees anywhere that is needed. Fertig also told everyone how nice this Village and how is proud he is of our little town.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MEETINGS

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting

September 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Topic: 113 North Chestnut Street

Finance Committee & Utilities Committee Meeting

September 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Topic: Potential Sewer Extension

Amending the 2022 Budget

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilperson Szewczyk, to adjourn the Council Meeting.
2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patricia A Fisher, Clerk of Council