

**VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON  
COUNCIL MEETING**

June 16, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chiacchiero.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

Opening Prayer: Erin Valenti CSR Ministries

**Roll call of Council** Dreier Absent, Febel, Martuccio, Roderick, Sekanina, Orvos

**Corrections or Additions to the Agenda:**

None

**Minutes: Approval/Addition/Correction**

Motion by Councilperson Febel to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to accept the Jefferson Emergency Rescue Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2025.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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

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None

**Also present:**

Stephanie Wessell of the Gazette, Erin Valenti CSR Ministries, Pat Bradek, Judy Maloney and John Perrotti

**DEPARTMENTS**

**Administrator Murphy**

Village Administrator's report for the period ending June 15, 2025.

Projects update:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Project #</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Grant/Loan</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<b>ACTIVE PROJECTS</b>	<u>Project #</u>				
<u>WWTP EQ Basin</u>	<u>OPWC – R37</u>	<u>Submitted to DOD/EPA Resubmitting to OPWC – R37</u>	<u>VERDANTAS</u>	<u>Engineering grant \$90,000</u>	<u>\$1,250,000</u>
<u>WWTP Clarifier Improvement Phase 1</u>	<u>OPWC – R38</u>	<u>Contracted-Union Industrial.</u>	<u>VERDANTAS</u>	<u>\$207,500 Grant \$50,000 Loan</u>	<u>\$615,000</u>
<u>WWTP Clarifier Improvement Phase 2</u>	<u>OPWC-R39</u>	<u>Submitted to DOD/EPA Resubmitting to OPWC – R39</u>	<u>VERDANTAS</u>		<u>\$369,000</u>
<u>WWTP Clarifier Improvement Phase 3</u>	<u>OPWC-R40</u>	<u>Submitted to DOD/EPA Resubmitting to OPWC – R40</u>	<u>VERDANTAS</u>		<u>\$389,000</u>

**In the Village**

In reference to tree and stump removal, Brobst has scheduled us for early August for this service.

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## **Street Dept.**

The Street Dept. has received the new Case 4WD backhoe.

Notice of Job opening for the Street Dept. has been posted and accepting applications at the Village Hall.

The maintenance of equipment and vehicles is ongoing.

## **Zoning:**

Permits issued since the last council meeting: **4**

Total permits 2025 = **19**

I have met with several property owners who have minor zoning violations. All contacts were well received and given the property owners a window to correct these issues before an official violation process is started.

## **Recreation Department:**

A few programs happening at the Recreation Center:

- Movies in the park began on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Other dates include July 11<sup>th</sup>, and August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Autorama is June 21<sup>st</sup> from 4pm-8pm
- Summerfest/Waterwars 11am-8pm July 26<sup>th</sup>

New rubber flooring has been delivered for the fitness center. Street Dept. will do most of the installation.

## **Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

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Wastewater Plant has been running smoothly and the employees doing lots of routine maintenance on the grounds.

**Other notes:**

Sidewalk repairs for 2025 will be beginning soon. I anticipate repairs beginning sometime in July.

On June 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, I was honored to represent the Village of Jefferson at the 2025 Empowering Local Leadership Conference, located at the Capital Building in Washington D.C. I was also privileged to represent the Village at the White House. Here I met with State and Federal leaders and lobbied for our village to have the same opportunities as the larger cities. Overall, the experience was extremely positive and some very important politicians in Washington now know where Jefferson Village is. I am very proud of the opportunity to represent the Village of Jefferson and am looking forward to the same opportunity next year.

**Clerk /Treasurer Fisher**

Payroll Report/Special Pay Report

**Chief Mackensen**

FYI: May Stats

**Chief Lachey**

FYI: May Fire Reports

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building and Lands**

**Committee Report:** No Report

**Forestry**

**Committee Report:** No Report

**Finance**

**Committee Report:** No report

**Ordinance/Resolution to Read:**

**Resolution No. 25-R-3383**

Resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing 1.55 mills tax levy and requesting the Ashtabula County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the Village of Jefferson and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that renewal levy

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the Third Reading of Resolution No. 25-R- 3383**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Adopt Resolution No. 25-R- 3383**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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**Ordinance/Resolution to Read:**

**Resolution No. 25-R-3384**

Resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing 1.00 mills tax levy and requesting the Ashtabula County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the Village of Jefferson and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that renewal levy

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the Third Reading of Resolution No. 25-R- 3384**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Adopt Resolution No. 25-R- 3384**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Ordinance/Resolution to Read:**

**Resolution No. 25-R-3386**

Resolution for the submission to the electors of the Village of Jefferson, Ohio the question of a renewal levy of 1.55 mills per year for five years for the benefit of Jefferson Village.

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the Second Reading of Resolution No. 25-R- 3386**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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**Ordinance/Resolution to Read:**

**Resolution No. 25-R-3387**

Resolution for the submission to the electors of the Village of Jefferson, Ohio the question of a renewal levy of 1.00 mills per year for five years for the benefit of the Village of Jefferson in operating the Jefferson area Fire Department

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the Second Reading of Resolution  
No. 25-R- 3387**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Ordinance/Resolution to Read:**

**Resolution No. 25-R-3389**

A Resolution establishing a K-9 Fund to be designated as the 218 K9 Fund for the accounting for all donations and revenue received and expended for the upkeep and maintenance of the K9 Officer owned by the Village of Jefferson Police Department.

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the First Reading of Resolution  
No. 25-R- 3389**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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**Recreation**

**Committee Report:** No Report

**Safety**

**Committee Report:**

Motion by Councilperson Febel to approve Police Chief Mackensen Recommendation to hire Jeromey Cummins to the Full -Time Detective /Patrolman position at the Police Department at the rate of pay per the Wage Ordinance pending his physical and background check effective June 11, 2025.  
2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/ Service**

**Committee Report:** No Report

**Mayor**

The next Village of Jefferson Council Meeting will be on July 7, 2025.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

None

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None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**MEETINGS**

None

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to adjourn the Council Meeting.  
2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patricia A Fisher, Clerk of Council