

**VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON
COUNCIL MEETING**

August 4, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chiacchiero.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

Opening Prayer: **Councilperson Steve Sekanina**

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

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda:

Mayor Chiacchiero told Council that there are two Ordinance that are Emergency for Council tonight. The Ordinances are for the Levies that were approved previously by Council. The Board of Elections did not approve the previous levies because of some of the wording in the Ordinances.

Minutes: Approval/Addition/Correction

Councilperson Martuccio read a statement to Council regarding the Minutes of July 21, 2025.

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Statement for the record.

Dear Patty,

Before I can, in good conscience, cast a vote to approve the minutes from the previous council meeting, I must respectfully raise a few critical questions for the record, as the minutes reference a motion that lacks essential details.

The motion, as recorded, states:

‘Motion by Councilperson Febel to accept the donation from the electrician who converted the lights from Fluorescent to LED in Village Hall and Recreation Center.’

Seconded. Roll: All yea, motion carried.

To ensure transparency, accountability, and full public confidence in this action, I am requesting clarification on the following three points:

- 1. Who was the individual or entity that made the donation referenced in the minutes?**
- 2. What was the total estimated value of the labor and materials donated?**
- 3. When specifically, was the work performed and completed at the Village Hall and Recreation Center?**

I am not suggesting wrongdoing—I am simply doing my duty to ensure that all council actions are properly documented and that the public record reflects the full scope of decisions and transactions made on behalf of the Village. Until these questions are answered with clarity, I do not feel I can cast a vote to approve the minutes as currently written.

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Respectfully,
Pasquale Martuccio

Mayor Chiacchiero told Council that The individuals want to stay anonymous as well as the dollar amount associated with it. The work was done in the late fall/early winter.

Motion by Councilperson Febel to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2025.

2nd

Roll: Dreier yea, Febel yea, Martuccio- Abstain, Sekanina yea, Orvos yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to approve the Jefferson Village Safety Committee Joint Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Febel to accept the Jefferson Emergency Rescue Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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

Also present:

Stephanie Wessell of the Gazette, David Locy Jefferson Fire Department Warren Dillaway the Star Beacon, Caleb Provty.

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DEPARTMENTS

Administrator Murphy

Village Administrator's report for the period ending July 31, 2025.

Projects update:

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

In the Village

The tree stumps have been completed by Brobst ahead of schedule.

Reminder of the Aqua watermain and waterline project will be starting August 11th. Minor road closures and/or detours will be needed throughout the project, which is going to last approximately 8 weeks.

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Street Dept.

- Our Street Dept. has done minor repairs and crack seal on Woodland Way.
- This year's sidewalk program has been completed.
- Roadway markings have been painted throughout the village. Some secondary coats of paint will be added to the downtown areas for durability.
- The County Engineer's Office has painted yellow divider lines on main routes.
- Street Dept. new employee, Brad Bentley, started his new position on 7/28.

Zoning:

Permits issued since the last council meeting: **3**

Total permits 2025 = **28**

Four certified letters have been issued to property owners not in compliance with zoning regulations since the last meeting.

Recreation Department:

A few things happening in the Recreation Dept:

- The final Movies in the Park is August 15th. (Minecraft movie)
- Pressure washing the covered bridge pavilion at Giddings Park and re-sealing the wood is in progress to keep that space beautiful and protecting the wood.

I want to thank the Recreation Dept. for making this year's Summer Fest and Water Wars a success. The same goes for the Jefferson Area Chamber for their

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involvement, continued efforts and the strong relationship we have with them. We competed with the Pymatuning Lake Festival, Wine and Walleye Festival, and Orwell Village Festival on the same day. I am pleased with the turnout and that the weather cooperated. This was my first Water Wars experience and had a blast being a part of it.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

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

Other notes:

I would like to thank the Street Dept. for their hard work during this year's sidewalk project. They pulled slabs, framed, and prepped the sidewalks for concrete while battling the extreme heat over the past two weeks.

I would like to schedule a small business Saturday event, possibly in August or September, to highlight our small businesses in the village. I am asking for ideas from council and the residents for this event or other events we may hold in the future.

Lastly, I have been with the village now for just over 3 months. I am pleased to have built the relationships I have with the residents, council, and employees. I am

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always open to questions, comments, concerns, and most importantly, what I can do better as an Administrator and for the Village of Jefferson.

Clerk /Treasurer Fisher

Payroll Report/Special Pay Report

June Month End

End of Month Summary	June	
Total Cash on Hand	\$1,000.00	
Andover Bank CD	\$50,000.00	
Huntington Bank 2257	\$46,234.42	
Star Ohio 26065	\$1,600,398.49	
Payroll Checking	\$191.12	
Andover/ First Common Bank Checking	\$3,127,008.62	
Ending Balance	\$4,824,832.65	Up 2.9. %
YTD Revenue	\$3,616,741.70	
YTD Expenses	\$3,198,934.58	
Outstanding Encumbrance	\$390,862.98	
Recreation Revenue YTD	\$122,233.93	Up 23.4 %
Senior Revenue YTD	\$12,005.41	Up 13.7 %

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Income Tax Revenue YTD	\$1,362,475.69	Down 2.0 %
Sewer Fee Collections YTD	\$473,667.03	Up 1.3 %

Motion by Councilperson Febel to accept the **List of Checks paid for June 2025**

June 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Chief Mackensen

FYI: July Police Reports

Chief Mackensen told Council that Poplar Street will be open during the fair for fair traffic. Residents can drive through Poplar Street but it may be slow.

Chief Lachey

FYI: July Fire Reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Lands

Committee Report: No Report

Forestry

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Committee Report: No Report

Finance

Committee Report: No report

Ordinance/Resolution to Read:

Resolution No. 25-R-3390

A Resolution authorizing the Village Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into a facility use agreement with the Ashtabula County Community Action Agency for the use of the Giddings Park Community Center

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the Third Reading of Resolution
No. 25-R- 3390**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Adopt of Resolution

No. 25-R- 3390

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Ordinance/Resolution to Read:

Resolution No. 25-R-3391

A Resolution enacting and adopting amended and updated code of Ordinances of the Village of Jefferson, Ohio, published by American Legal Publishing Corporation, and copyrighted 2024

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**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the Third Reading of Resolution
No. 25-R- 3391**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Adopt of Resolution
No. 25-R- 3391**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Ordinance/Resolution to Read:

Resolution No. 25-R- 3392

A Resolution Designating Depositories for Funds of the Village of Jefferson, Ohio

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the First Reading of Resolution
No. 25-R- 3392**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Ordinance/Resolution to Read:

Resolution No. 25-R-3393

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. And Declaring an Emergency.

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the First Reading of Resolution No.
25-R- 3393**

2nd

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Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Suspend Council Rules on Resolution
No. 25-R- 3393**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Adopt of Resolution
No. 25-R- 3393**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Ordinance/Resolution to Read:

Resolution No. 25-R-3394

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. And Declaring an Emergency

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the First Reading of Resolution No.
25-R- 3394**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Suspend Council Rules on Resolution
No. 25-R- 3394**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Adopt of Resolution
No. 25-R- 3394**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Recreation

Committee Report: No Report

Safety

Committee Report: No Report

Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/ Service

Committee Report: No Report

Mayor

The next Village of Jefferson Council Meeting will be on August 18, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None

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

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None

CORRESPONDENCE

FYI: Free Legal Service Henderson Memorial Public Library

Administrator Murphy told Council that the Village Streets Department is doing the work on the sign on Poplar Street. The Village is doing the work as in-kind work from when the Village bought the old Elementary School through the agreement with the School and the Village.

Councilperson Sekanina thanked the Fire Department, Police Department and The Emergency Rescue Department for being a big part of the Waters Wars with the kids in the Village. Everyone had a great time, and it was a huge success.

MEETINGS

None

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to adjourn the Council Meeting.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patricia A Fisher, Clerk of Council