

**VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON
COUNCIL MEETING**

July 21, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chiacchiero.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

Opening Prayer: **Roger Loomis Hope Community Church**

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to appoint Councilperson Dreier to take minutes in the absence of the Clerk/Treasurer.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Roll call of Council Dreier, Febel, Martuccio- Absent, 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 July 7, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to approve the Jefferson Village Finance and Recreation Committee Joint Meeting Minutes of July 7, 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)

Caleb Provty spoke to the Council on an Eagle Scout project that he wants to do down at East Park. He gave to Council two locations that he thought would be a good location to put the flagpole.

Also present:

Stephanie Wessell of the Gazette, David Locy Jefferson Fire Department Eddie Justice Jefferson Fire Department, Megan Justice Jefferson Fire Jets, Roger Loomis Hope Community Church, Judy Maloney, Linda Lawrence, Eric Hiles Sr., Warren Dillaway the Star Beacon, Caleb Provty.

DEPARTMENTS

Administrator Murphy

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Village Administrator's report for the period ending July 17, 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

In reference to the open Street Department position, a candidate has been selected. Mr. Brad Bentley has accepted the position at a pay rate of \$20.64hr. Mr. Bentley brings an Ohio Technical College Automotive Certification, many years of landscape supervision, equipment operation, and equipment maintenance experience. Street Dept. Supervisor, Bill Hitchcock, and I met with Mr. Bentley and completed the vetting process and background investigation. Mr. Bentley has completed his physical examination (passed) and is now awaiting his background results. It should be noted, I utilized the resources of the Computerized Criminal History Report through the Police Department, which indicates no disqualifying convictions or criminal history. I am requesting Council approve the hiring of Mr. Bentley, pending the official results from Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). I give my full support to Mr. Brad Bentley and have confidence he will be a valuable addition to the Village of Jefferson.

Last Council Meeting I informed every one of the pending Aqua waterline replacement on E. Ashtabula St... Preliminary thoughts where this project would

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be in the spring of 2026. However, last week I received notification that funds have been awarded and Aqua made this project their priority. Work will begin this week and expect minor traffic delays and/or detours while this project is being completed. This project, which will carry no cost to the Village, is vital in replacing aging and underperforming water supply. All fire hydrants and sidewalks will be replaced on the south side of the street as well.

Street Dept.

- Sidewalk repairs have begun throughout the village.
- Crack sealing has been completed on Woodlands Way.
- 2025 paving project will begin around September 1st. Which will include concrete work on Woodlands Way.
- Preparations and maintenance are being done at Giddings Park for the Summerfest/Waterwars this weekend.
- The catch basin has been replaced on Westview Dr.

Zoning:

Permits issued since the last council meeting: **5**

Total permits 2025 = **27**

My efforts continue to hold residents accountable for village ordinance violations.

Recreation Department:

- Movies in the park continues August 15th.
- Summerfest/Waterwars 11am-8pm July 26th
- Installation of new ceiling tiles at the Recreation Center.

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Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Clarifier #2 is back online after routine maintenance. The Woodside pump station

Other notes:

I want thank Chief Tom Lachey, Assistant Chief Dave Locy, Councilman Kevin Orvos, and anyone else who helped for the work they completed on relocating the Jefferson Fire plaque to the north side of the Fire Dept. It looks great and I appreciate the hard work and dedication to our village.

The Mayor and I toured Bissell Maple Farms last week. Some great things are happening over there, and I want to thank them for taking the time to explain and show us the operations of the business. We have made this a priority of getting to know our businesses within the village and have already toured Lake City Plating and in just a couple weeks, we will be touring Presrite.

Clerk /Treasurer Fisher

Payroll Report/Special Pay Report

End of Month Summary	May	
Total Cash on Hand	\$1,000.00	
Andover Bank CD	\$50,000.00	
Huntington Bank 2257	\$46,234.42	

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Star Ohio 26065	\$1,594,362.11	
Payroll Checking	-\$472.55	
Andover/ First Common Bank Checking	\$3,239,089.44	
Ending Balance	\$4,930,213.42	Up 10.9%
YTD Revenue	\$3,610,705.32	
YTD Expenses	\$3,198,984.58	
Outstanding Encumbrance	\$402,745.98	
Recreation Revenue YTD	\$73,790.18	Up 4.3 %
Senior Revenue YTD	\$9,445.15	Down 17.3 %
Income Tax Revenue YTD	\$1,183,414.37	Up 2.0 %
Sewer Fee Collections YTD	\$470,574.73	Up 0.8 %

Motion by Councilperson Roderick to accept the **List of Checks paid for May 2025** May 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025
2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Chief Mackensen

No Report

Chief Lachey

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Lands

Committee Report: No Report

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Forestry

Committee Report: No Report

Finance

Committee Report: No report

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 Third Reading of Resolution

No. 25-R- 3389

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Adopt of Resolution

No. 25-R- 3389

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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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 Second Reading 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

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

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to accept the Verkada Proposal for the Cameras at the Dog Park.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Recreation

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Committee Report: No Report

Safety

Committee Report: No Report

Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/ Service

Committee Report: No Report

Motion by Councilperson Febel to approve the Administrators Recommendation to hire Brad Bentley to the Full -Time Utility/ Maintenance position at the Streets Department at the rate of pay per the Wage Ordinance pending his physical and background check effective July 21, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Mayor

Village Employee Picnic July 31, 2025

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.

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Roll: All yea, motion carried

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Mayor Chiacchiero congratulated Captain Jake Rice with Jefferson Emergency Rescue and Assistant Fire Chief Dave Locy with the Jefferson Fire Department for being recognized with the Hero Service Award. Captain Jake Rice has twenty years with the Jefferson Emergency Rescue and Assistant Chief Dave Locy has forty years with the Jefferson Fire Department.

The next Village of Jefferson Council Meeting will be on August 4, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

FYI: Andrews & Pontius L.L.C. June

Motion by Councilperson Febel to close Market Street from East Jefferson Street to East Satin Street. From 9:00 am until 9:00 pm on July 26th, 2025. For the Jefferson Summer Festival.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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

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CORRESPONDENCE

None

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None

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to adjourn the Council Meeting.
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Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Submitted by,

Katy Dreier, Councilperson