

**VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON
COUNCIL MEETING**

July 7, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chiacchiero.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

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

Roll call of Council Dreier, 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 16, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Motion to approve the Design Review Board Minutes of June 18, 2025.

2nd

Roll: Dreier yea, Febel yea, Martuccio abstains, Roderick yea, Sekanina yea, Orvos yea
motion carried

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

None

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Also present:

Stephanie Wessell of the Gazette, William Dye Jefferson Police Department, Tom Lachey Jefferson Fire Department, Roger Loomis Hope Community Church, Pat Bradek, John Perrotti, Michele Lemons, Megan Justice, Chief Chris Mackensen, Jeromey Cummins, Nicholas Cummins, Joey Cummins and Autumn Snyder.

DEPARTMENTS

Administrator Murphy

Village Administrator's report for the period ending July 2, 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 tree removal, Brobst has completed the tree portion service ahead of schedule. The stumps will be taken care of here soon.

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Applications have been received for the open Street Dept. position and are being reviewed. I have conducted several interviews with qualified applicants. We should have a decision this week once background checks are complete.

Ohio Public Works Round 40 pre-application was submitted. These funds will be used for the E. Walnut St. project, which will include infrastructure improvements, sidewalks, new road surface, and upgrades to existing water lines.

The Fire Chief and I met with a representative from Aqua Ohio. They are planning a complete water main and water line replacement of West and East Ashtabula Streets and across N. Market St. During this project, Aqua will be relacing all sidewalks as well. This will greatly improve infrastructure, especially allowing more flow to the fire hydrants along this street, which are almost useless at this time. The timetable for this project could be before winter, but most likely in the spring of next year.

Street Dept.

- Our Street Dept. has fixed spot surface areas on North Spruce St.
- Getting set to replace sidewalks throughout village in needed areas.
- Roadway markings have been painted throughout the village. Some secondary coats of paint will be added to the downtown areas for durability.

Zoning:

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

Total permits 2025 = **22**

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Certified letters have been sent to property owners who have not made any attempt to be in compliance of zoning ordinances. This is after I have personally met with each and gave them reasonable time to remedy the issues to avoid this process.

Recreation Department:

A few programs happening at the Recreation Center:

- Movies in the park, dates include July 11th, and August 15th.
- Summerfest/Waterwars 11am-8pm July 26th

New rubber flooring has been installed at the fitness center.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

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

Met with Verdantas Corp. in reference to Phase 1 and 2 of the WWTP project. A representative from Union Industrial Contractors was present as well and explained they are seeing longer than usual lead times in getting the custom parts for the clarifier. We learned a 32–36-week lead time. Work will be starting in early spring of 2026 and should last approximately 4 months.

Other notes:

Concerning House Bill 335 to end inside millage for Villages and Cities was not added to the State of Ohio's Budget. This means this portion of the bill will not be fast tracked and will have to go through the entire process, which could take several years. It should be noted; this bill faces heavy opposition and will most

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likely be altered several times in the near future. This bill as written would cost the village approximately \$230,000 a year.

I would personally like to welcome the new Police Department hire, Jeromey Cummins to the village. I had the opportunity to speak with him and explain our expectations and standards and think he will be an asset to the village.

I would also like to personally thank our Street Department and Wastewater Department. They have been battling the heat, heavy rains, and busy workload thus far. They are a valuable piece to what makes the Village of Jefferson a special place. Their hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed.

Clerk /Treasurer Fisher

Payroll Report/Special Pay Report

2026 Tax Budget

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to accept the 2026 Tax Budget and submit it to the Ashtabula County Auditor

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Chief Mackensen

FYI: June Police Reports

Chief Lachey

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FYI: June Fire Reports

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-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 Third Reading of Resolution No. 25-R- 3386

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Adopt Resolution No. 25-R- 3386

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2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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 Third Reading of Resolution
No. 25-R- 3387**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Adopt Resolution No. 25-R- 3387

2nd

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.

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

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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 First 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 First Reading of Resolution
No. 25-R- 3391**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Recreation

Committee Report: No Report

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Safety

Committee Report: No Report

Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/ Service

Committee Report: No Report

Mayor

The next Village of Jefferson Council Meeting will be on July 21, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

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

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None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MEETINGS

None

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ADJOURN

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to adjourn the Council Meeting.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patricia A Fisher, Clerk of Council