

**VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON
COUNCIL MEETING**

August 18, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chiacchiero.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

Opening Prayer: **Councilperson Steve Sekanina**

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 August 4, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to accept the Jefferson Emergency Rescue Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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

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Also present:

Stephanie Wessell of the Gazette, Pat Bradek, John Perrotti, Judy Maloney and Jen Skinner.

DEPARTMENTS

Administrator Murphy

Village Administrator's report for the period ending August 14, 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

Reminder of the Aqua watermain and waterline project has started as of August 11th. First stage is above-groundwork with minimal disruption. Minor road closures

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and/or detours will be needed throughout the project, which is going to last approximately 8 weeks.

Street Dept.

Street Dept. will be cleaning out drain basins throughout the village.

Employees have been conducting routine maintenance on equipment.

Finishing up covered bridge pavilion re-staining.

I am asking the council to approve training for two Street Dept. employees to obtain their Chemical Applicator Licenses. The training is only offered a few times a year and is this Wednesday at Ohio State University in Reynoldsburg, OH. This license is mandatory if utilizing Round-up and similar chemical applications.

Zoning:

Permits issued since the last council meeting: **2**

Total permits 2025 = **30**

Recreation Department:

Pre-school registration is closed, and the upcoming class is full.

New ceiling tiles are to be installed in the banquet room.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Plant is running normal and above-ground work has been ongoing prior to phase 1 construction of Clarifiers.

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Other notes:

The Mayor and I had the privilege to host Congressman Dave Joyce at the Village Hall last Tuesday. We discussed infrastructure projects, including the Aqua Waterline replacement on Ashtabula St. and the upcoming Wastewater Treatment Plant 4 phase project. We also reviewed plans for the Memorial Park Project. Back in June of this year in Washington DC, I spoke to Congressman Joyce and invited him to our village. He said he would be out this summer and made true on his promise. I want to thank Congressman Joyce for taking the time to meet with us and hope to work together with him and his staff on future projects.

Last week, the Mayor and I met with the Presrite administration at their location. We toured the facility and learned about all the great things going on there. I want to thank Presrite for the courtesy they displayed to us and for taking the time to tell us about their business.

The Street Department has finished the Jefferson Area Schools sign at Poplar/Beech Streets. I want to thank the Street Department for the hard work and dedication to this project.

Additionally, I want to thank Recreation Department for their hard work and dedication this summer season. A lot of work goes into the events season, and it has not gone unnoticed.

Lastly, the Wastewater Department has been working tirelessly to keep the plant within the EPA permit regulations and jetting of lines throughout the village. Their hard work and dedication to the village has not gone unnoticed.

Motion by Councilperson Febel to approve Administrator Murphy to attend the Ohio Municipal League Annual Conference in Columbus, OH October 8-10. This conference highlights legislative updates, Sunshine Laws, and round table discussions. This will provide a platform to network with other Municipalities, Villages, and government officials. Cost for this conference is.
Conference Registration- \$600.00

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Lodging- \$486.00

Meals- \$47.00 per day (Estimated \$141.00)

The Administrator will be utilizing my assigned Village vehicle for transportation.
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Roll: All yea, motion carried

Clerk /Treasurer Fisher

Payroll Report/Special Pay Report

Chief Mackensen

Chief Mackensen reminded everyone that school is back in session and we all should make sure of the safety for the students heading back.

Chief Lachey

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Lands

Committee Report: No Report

Forestry

Committee Report: No Report

Finance

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Committee Report: No report

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 Second Reading of Resolution
No. 25-R- 3392**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Recreation

Committee Report: No Report

Safety

Committee Report: No Report

Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/ Service

Committee Report: No Report

Motion by Councilperson Orvos to accept the Administrator's recommendation to approve training for two Street Department employees, **Blaze Burr and Elliott Boncimino**. On August 20th, 2025, a training opportunity is available for Chemical Pesticide Applicator License at Ohio State University, Reynoldsburg Ohio. This is a mandatory license required by the State of Ohio.

License Application Fee- \$35.00 X 2= \$70.00

Training Materials- \$33.50

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Class Registration- \$35.00 X 2= \$70.00

Total= \$173.50

They will be taking the Village Administrator's Ford Explorer and credit card for gas and meals

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Mayor

The next Village of Jefferson Council Meeting will be on Tuesday September 2, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None

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

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MEETINGS

None

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patricia A Fisher, Clerk of Council