

**VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON
COUNCIL MEETING**

September 2, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chiacchiero.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

Opening Prayer: **Tommy Casper of the Jefferson Church of the Nazarene**

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 August 18, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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

Also present:

Pat Bradek, John Perrotti, Judy Maloney, Jen Skinner, Devin Chiacchiero and Tommy Casper of the Jefferson Church of the Nazarene.

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DEPARTMENTS

Administrator Murphy

Village Administrator's report for the period ending August 29, 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 is in progress. First stage is above-groundwork with minimal disruption. 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.

Finishing up covered bridge pavilion re-staining. There will be a slight delay on the very top of the pavilion, due to the specific equipment needed to reach that portion.

Painting of curbs, parking areas, and street markings have been completed.

The Street department crew is getting ready to replace a stormwater pipe near the intersection of Sycamore and Jefferson St. Pipe was damaged due to Spectrum drilling through the pipe. I am awaiting approval from Spectrum to approve the repair estimate I supplied to them. The total amount is estimated at approximately \$3,500.00.

Zoning:

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

Total permits 2025 = **32**

Recreation Department:

Pre-School is starting soon.

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

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Plant is running normally, and above-groundwork has been ongoing prior to phase 1 construction of Clarifiers.

The Woodside Pump Station will be upgraded soon with new valves, pipes, and pump rebuild.

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Other notes:

A few reminders to the village residents and those who spend their days in the village.

- Reminder that all streets within the village are 25mph.
- No signs can be placed within the village right of way without proper permits.
- With the camping season ending, all travel trailers and pop-up campers must be stored behind the front line of every home within the village and must be up to date on all registrations.
- Junk vehicles are not to be stored on any residential property throughout the village.
- All shrubs, grass, yards, and curtilage must be kept up with reasonable maintenance and care.
- Any landowner failing to meet the standards of the Village of Jefferson Ordinances, in most cases will get a knock on their door from myself, prior to any official violation process being started. I understand people have unfortunate events, burdens, or financial troubles and I will always attempt to make contact to speak with you about a timely resolution to the violation. I will always try to offer any help I possibly can first.

Within the Village Sewer bills this month, most will find a letter explaining details of our Jefferson Playground and Village project at the former Memorial Park. We are kindly asking for donations to help with purchasing equipment, fixtures, sponsorships and overall project costs. You can contact me or the Mayor for additional information. This is a great opportunity to be involved and have an investment in our youth.

I would like to address the Aqua main line project on Maplewood, Cedar and surrounding area there. I have received calls from residents concerned about the

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costs at the responsibility of the homeowner. I spoke with the project representative from Aqua. They have extended the project deadline for residents affected to next year. Anyone wishing to obtain further information, please refer to the mailer sent to you by Aqua or contact the Village Hall and we can give you that contact information. Please keep in mind, the Village of Jefferson does not own or operate any water lines in the village.

Lastly, bid has been posted for this year's pavement program. Opening for bid will begin 9/12. Areas to be paved are Westview Dr., Section of S. Poplar (From East Jefferson to Satin), Woodland Way (Concrete repair), and a separate bid for the paved pull-off for the new playground.

Councilperson Febel told Council he had some concern about a skate park being at the new project that was the former Memorial Park. Councilperson Febel told Council we had a skate park in the past it was nothing but trouble. The problem, all the troublemakers were not the Kids of the Village, and it put a burden on the Police Department.

Councilperson Febel stated he is all for a playground for the kids but a skate park he is not in favor of.

Mayor Chiacchiero told Council that there are no plans for a Skate Park.

Councilperson Martuccio asked the Administrator if there were no new homes but several additions with the Zoning permits that have been issues for this year.

Administrator Murphy told Councilperson Martuccio that there have been no zoning permits issued for new homes.

Administrator Murphy told Councilperson Martuccio that there have been a few properties sold in the Village and hopefully in the future there will be new homes built.

Councilperson Martuccio asked the Administrator how much the new Jefferson Playground and Village project is going to cost.

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Administrator Murphy told Councilperson Martuccio that the list will be finalized some. The Village is taking out some things on the list. Because the Village thinks they can get sponsorships for some of the items.

Items include sponsorship bricks, benches, flag poles, trash receptacle and other items.

Administrator Murphy told Council Phase I will cost approximately 1 million three hundred thousand dollars for the first phase. The Village is hoping to get some big sponsors to help make something special for the Community. The amount may change as the Village gets the plans from the engineers.

Councilperson Martucci asked if King Luminaire was going to help at all with the lighting for the Park.

Administrator Murphy said he has reached out to them.

Councilperson Martuccio asked what the total cost for the project will be.

Administrator Murphy told Council that CDC is stepping up and helping with the project especially with the little Village. Most of the building cost about thirty thousand dollars each. Phase one is what the Village is mostly responsible for.

Administrator Murphy asked the Police Chief if he knew the total cost so far and he stated is was approximately three million three hundred thousand dollars.

Clerk /Treasurer Fisher

Payroll Report/Special Pay Report

July Month End

End of Month Summary	July	
Total Cash on Hand	\$1,000.00	
Andover Bank CD	\$50,000.00	

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Huntington Bank 2257	\$46,772.08	
Star Ohio 26065	\$1,612,335.21	
Payroll Checking	-\$33,175.00	
Andover/ First Common Bank Checking	\$3,160,426.31	
Ending Balance	\$4,837,358.60	Up 12.2%
YTD Revenue	\$4,547,079.60	
YTD Expenses	\$4,116,746.53	
Outstanding Encumbrance	\$362,835.04	
Recreation Revenue YTD	\$98,137.20	Down 2.1%
Senior Revenue YTD	\$16,079.32	Up.18.9 %
Income Tax Revenue YTD	\$1,538,052.80	Down 3.1 %
Sewer Fee Collections YTD	\$644,474.12	Up 6.2 %

Motion by Councilperson Orvos to accept the **List of Checks paid for July 2025**
 July 1, 2025 – July 31, 2025
 2nd
 Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Martuccio to approve the attendance of Clerk-Treasurer Fisher to attend the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers Annual Conference. The Training will be at Hancock Hotel in Findley, Ohio. There will be no cost for a hotel room because I am part of the board. The training is on October 7, 2025, through October 10, 2025. The cost to the Village will be meals, and mileage.
 2nd
 Roll: All yea, motion carried

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Chief Mackensen

FYI: August Police Reports

Chief Lachey

No Report

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- 3392

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

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

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to Adopt 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

Mayor

The next Village of Jefferson Council Meeting will be on Tuesday September 15, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

FYI: Wording for Proposed Renewal Levies on the Ballot November 4, 2025

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

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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None

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to adjourn the Council Meeting.
2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patricia A Fisher, Clerk of Council