

**VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON
COUNCIL MEETING**

September 15, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chiacchiero.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

Opening Prayer: **Curtis Cecil of the Jefferson Church of the Nazarene**

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

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda:

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

Ricky Boomhower completed 6-month probation.

Joshua Artman completed 6-month probation.

Correction to the Design Review Board Meeting Minutes. Pat Bradek is apart of the Board not Public.

Minutes: Approval/Addition/Correction

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to accept the Jefferson Emergency Rescue Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to accept the Jefferson Design Review Board Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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

Also present:

Pat Bradek, Jen Skinner, Devin Chiacchiero, Tom Lachey Jefferson fire Department, Dave Locy Jefferson Fire Department, Robert Gregg Jefferson Fire Department, Frank Stone III Jefferson Fire Department, Megan Justice Jefferson Fire Department, Kyle Blon Jefferson Fire Department and Curtis Cecil of the Jefferson Church of the Nazarene.

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DEPARTMENTS

Administrator Murphy

Village Administrator's report for the period ending September 11, 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. We are currently in week 6 of the project.

Street Dept.

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They have been servicing stormwater drain basins. Checking the foundations and correcting any water flow issues prior to the wet seasons.

There has been an increase this month in brush removal as well. Crews have been busy clearing curbs sides of brush from residences. It should be noted, if your brush is not collected promptly, please be mindful we do have other village business and scheduled work to be completed with higher priority, but I assure you that all brush will be picked up.

Assisted Wastewater crew in fixing a drain on Woodside, where Brightspeed contracted services covered a drain and disturbed the runoff into the drain. Brightspeed will be getting a bill for the work.

Zoning:

Permits issued since the last council meeting: **2**
Total permits 2025 = **34**

Recreation Department:

New ceiling tiles have been installed in banquet room.

Haunted Woods will be happening again this year. It is scheduled for October 10th and 11th from 6pm-9pm on both nights. I am asking those who attend to be mindful of parking and please be extra careful with your children due to increased traffic.

Trick or Treat will be October 25th from 4pm-6pm. The Fire Department will be hosting a fundraiser, passing out candy and selling hot dogs as well.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Plant is running normal. No issues to report or new business to report.

Other notes:

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I want to extend my sympathy to Colucci's Pizza, Mr. Hero and Steven's Coin Laundry for the fire that occurred there in the early morning of September 3rd. I am thankful no one was injured and hope those businesses can get back on their feet soon. I stopped in and met with Mr. Colucci and offered to help in any way that we are able.

I want to thank our Fire Dept. for their quick response and courageous efforts to minimize damage. I spoke with Fire Chief Tom Lachey, who explained the fire had about an hour and a half head start until emergency services were even dispatched. Preliminary findings believe the fire started smoldering about 11:30pm.

An Asbestos survey was completed on the Memorial Field restroom building. Results of the test indicated Asbestos found in 4 areas of the structure. These included caulking around windows and doors and ceiling panels. A Jefferson company, Medico, has been contacted and are confident the remediation will be routine and at minimal cost.

Lastly, the bid for the Village Street paving program was open for bid on the 12th. I have not received a bid yet and final cost should be expected this week. Unfortunately, due to the program getting started later in the season this year, I will be asking Council to approve this on an "Emergency Status" due to the paving season coming to an end soon. I do not like pushing things through like this unless it absolutely necessary. As soon as this information is obtained, I will supply it to Council members immediately for review.

I also want to alert council I have received a Community Reinvestment Area application for 337 Frayer Dr. Once the build is completed, I will have the total amount for tax incentive and submit that application to the appropriate entities.

Clerk/Treasurer Fisher

Payroll Report/Special Pay Report

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August Month End

End of Month Summary	August	
Total Cash on Hand	\$1,000.00	
Andover Bank CD	\$50,000.00	
Huntington Bank 2257	\$46,772.08	
Star Ohio 26065	\$2,119,473.50	
Payroll Checking	\$536.79	
Andover/ First Common Bank Checking	\$2,835,591.94	
Ending Balance	\$5,053,374.31	Up 13.0 %
YTD Revenue	\$4,903,373.03	
YTD Expenses	\$4,034,519.35	
Outstanding Encumbrance	\$340,478.53	
Recreation Revenue YTD	\$135,285.55	Up 21.2 %
Senior Revenue YTD	\$17,439.71	Up 17.9 %
Income Tax Revenue YTD	\$1,708,357.96	Down 3.4 %
Sewer Fee Collections YTD	\$651,089.53	Up 0.0 %

Motion by Councilperson Orvos to accept the **List of Checks paid for August 2025**, August 1, 2025 – August 30, 2025

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Orvos to accept the Clerk Treasurers recommendation to approve Mandy Berkowitz to attend the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers Annual Conference. The Training will be at Hancock Hotel in Findley, Ohio.

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Mandy received a scholarship for the training and Hotel. The training is on October 8, 2025, through October 10, 2025. The only cost to the Village will be meals, and mileage.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Chief Mackensen

No Report

Chief Lachey

FYI: August 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- 3395

A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the 704 Unclaimed Funds to the 101 General Fund

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**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the First Reading of Resolution
No. 25-R- 3395**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Ordinance/Resolution to Read:

Reading of Resolution No. 25-R- 3396

A Resolution Accepting the Amount and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

**Motion by Councilperson Sekanina for the First Reading of Resolution
No. 25-R- 3396**

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Recreation

Committee Report:

Motion by Councilperson Roderick to accept the Administrator's recommendation Approving that Ricky Boomhower has completed is six months probationary period and move up to the pay rate per the wage Ordinance.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

FYI: Flier for the Haunted Woods

Safety

Committee Report: No Report

Motion by Councilperson Orvos to accept the resignation from Fire Chief Lachey

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from the Jefferson fire Department effective October 1, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Tom Lachey has been a part of the Jefferson Fire Department for 53 years.

Motion by Councilperson Orvos to accept the Mayors recommendation to appoint Assistant Fire Chief David Locy as the New Fire Chief for the Village of Jefferson. Effective October 1, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Orvos to accept the Mayors recommendation to appoint Bob Gregg as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Village of Jefferson. Effective October 1, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/ Service

Committee Report:

Motion by Councilperson Orvos to accept the Administrator's recommendation Approving that Joshua Artman has completed is six months probationary period and move up to the pay rate per the wage Ordinance.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Mayor

Mayor Chiacchiero read a letter for the appreciation of Thomas Lachey from the Fire Department for his years of Service.

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It is with the highest respect and gratitude that the Village of Jefferson formally recognizes **Fire Chief Tom Lachey** for his **53 years of dedicated service** to the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department, serving not only the **Village of Jefferson**, but also the communities of **Lenox Township** and **Jefferson Township**.

Chief Lachey has exemplified the very best of leadership, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to public service. For more than five decades, he has been a steady guardian of our community, answering the call at all hours, under all circumstances, and always with the courage and honor that define the fire service. His guidance has shaped generations of firefighters, instilling in them the values of **integrity, service, and brotherhood**.

The legacy Chief Lachey leaves is not only measured in the countless emergencies responded to or lives protected, but also in the example he has set—an example of **humility, perseverance, and extraordinary devotion** to the safety and well-being of others. His 53 years of service represent a lifetime of sacrifice that has strengthened the very foundation of our community.

On behalf of the Village of Jefferson, Lenox Township, and Jefferson Township, we extend our deepest appreciation to Fire Chief Tom Lachey. May his remarkable career stand as an inspiration to all who follow, and may this commendation serve as a lasting reminder of the impact of his service.

The next Village of Jefferson Council Meeting will be on Monday October 6, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

FYI: Andrews & Pontius L.L.C. July & August

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None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MEETINGS

None

ADJOURN

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

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patricia A Fisher, Clerk of Council