

**VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON  
COUNCIL MEETING**

March 2, 2026

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Meeting called to order by Mayor Steven Sekanina.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

Opening Prayer: Terry Wolcott Bethel Bible Church

**Roll call of Council Belden, Bradek, Damon, Febel, Roderick, Skinner**

**Corrections or Additions to the Agenda:**

Motion under Finance.

Reject the Bids for the Jefferson Imagination Playground and Village

**Minutes: Approval/Addition/Correction**

Motion by Councilperson Febel to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Febel to accept the Design Review Board Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2026.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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

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None

**Also present:**

John Perrotti, Judy Maloney, Stephanie Wessell the Gazette, Patrolman William Dye, Police Chief Chris Mackensen Micheal Hodges, Pierino Scrocca, Terry Wolcott Bethel Bible Church.

**DEPARTMENTS**

**Administrator Manor**

Village Administrator's report for the period ending February 27, 2026

Projects update:

Project		Status	Vendor	Grant/Loan		Total Cost
<b>ACTIVE PROJECTS</b>	<b>Project #</b>					
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

**Village Administrator Report**

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**Street Department**

- Continuous snow removal operations remain ongoing throughout the Village. Staff continue to maintain vehicles as this has been a long and demanding winter season.

## **Zoning / Planning**

- A Design Review Board meeting is scheduled for **April 2, 2026, at 6:00 PM** to review fencing design for the New Jail parking lot.
- A Public Hearing is scheduled for **Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM** to discuss a proposed zoning change from **R-1 Single Family Residential to Industrial**.

## **Recreation Department**

- Nothing to report at this time.

## **Wastewater Treatment Plant**

- Nothing to report at this time.

## **Other Items**

- The Military Banner Program is underway. The website is live and currently accepting orders.
- The 250th Celebration Committee will have an oak tree delivered for Village planting on **April 24, 2026, at 2:00 PM**. A tree planting ceremony will be

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**Clerk /Treasurer Fisher**

Payroll Report/Special Pay Report

FYI: Certificate of the total Amount from all Sources Available for Expenditures and Balances.

FYI Schedule B

**Chief Mackensen Police Chief**

FYI: February 2026 Police Department Reports

Chief Mackensen talked to Council about the Flock Cameras that the Village of Jefferson has. These cameras help solve crimes. Flock Safety cameras act as a shared investigative tool that extends far beyond the borders of the Village by connecting thousands of law enforcement agencies into a unified network.

**Interim Fire Chief Edison**

FYI: February 2026 Fire Department Reports

Interim Fire Chief Edison told Council that their annual pancake breakfast was a huge success.

Interim Fire Chief Edison told Council the State burning ban is now in effect until May 31, 2026. There is no burning from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building and Lands**

**Committee Report:** No Report

**Ordinance/Resolution to Read:**

**Ordinance No. 26-O-3416**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute the warranty deed to sell and transfer the real property located at 55 West Walnut street and otherwise identified as permanent parcel number 26-019-00-107-00 to the Ashtabula County Board of County Commissioners

**Motion by Councilperson Belden for the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 26-O- 3416**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monday April 6, 2026**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Town Hall**

**Discussion: Changing Zoning from R-1 Single Family Residential to Industrial.**

**Ordinance No. 26-O-3417**

An Ordinance amending the “District Map” of the Village of Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio as incorporated into the Code of Ordinances of the village of Jefferson, Ohio at section 1242.02 in order to rezone one parcel of property currently designated as R-1-Single-Family Residential to

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Industrial and designate same on the “District  
Map”

**Finance**

**Committee Report:** No report

**Ordinance/Resolution to Read**

**Ordinance No. 26-O-3414**

An Ordinance setting forth the pay for Salaried, Hourly, and Part-Time Employees  
of the Village of Jefferson, Ohio

**Motion by Councilperson Skinner for the Second Reading of Ordinance No.  
26-O- 3414**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Motion by Councilperson Roderick to Suspend Council Rules on Ordinance  
No. 26-O- 3414**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Motion by Councilperson Roderick to Adopt Ordinance  
No. 26-O- 3414**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

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**Ordinance/Resolution to Read**

**Ordinance No. 26-O- 3412**

An Ordinance for the Appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Jefferson, Ohio during fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

**Motion by Councilperson Febel for the Third Reading of Ordinance No. 26-O- 3412**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Motion by Councilperson Roderick to Adopt Ordinance No. 26-O- 3412**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Ordinance/Resolution to Read**

**Resolution No. 26-R- 3413**

A Resolution authorizing the transfer of money from the 101 General Fund to the 204 Recreation Fund, 205 Senior Fund, 206 Central Park Hall Fund and 310 Jefferson Imagination Playground and Village Park.

**Transfer Out Totals**

TRANSFER OUT REC. GEN. OPER. 204	75,000.00
TRANSFER OUT SENIORS 205	15,000.00
TRANSFER OUT 206 CAPITAL	25,000.00
TRANSFER OUT 310	200,000.00

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**Motion by Councilperson Febel for the Third Reading of Resolution No. 26-R-3413**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Motion by Councilperson Roderick to Adopt Resolution No. 26-R- 3413**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Roderick to reject all bids from the bid opening on February 13, 2026, for the Jefferson Community Park Improvements project no. 000042425.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Forestry**

**Committee Report:** No Report

**Recreation**

**Committee Report:** No Report

The Recreation Committee set up a Recreation Committee Meeting Wednesday March 4, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

**Safety**

**Committee Report:** No Report

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Motion by Councilperson Belden to approve Police Chief Mackensen's recommendation to send Joe Schor and William Dye to the Canine Legal Update Training on Tuesday November 17, 2026. The Cost for the training will be \$200.00 per officer.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Belden to approve Police Chief Mackensen's recommendation to send

Gary Nelson

Tim Blon

Norm Atkinson

Nicole Casto

David Wassie

Steven Febel

Chris Mackensen

Joe Schor

William Dye

Jeromey Cummins

Greg Lachey

To the annual Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) required CTP training Scheduled March 31, 2026, through April 2, 2026, and November 4, 2026, through November 6, 2026. The State of Ohio covers the cost of the training.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Belden to accept the Interim Fire Chief's Recommendation to hire David Robinson to the Fire Department at the rate of pay per the Wage Ordinance pending his physical and background check effective March 2, 2026

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Roll: All yea, motion carried

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**Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/ Service**

**Committee Report:** No Report

**Ordinance/Resolution to Read:**

**Ordinance No. 26-O- 3415**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1030.15 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Jefferson, Ohio pertaining to the distribution of collection fees.

**Motion by Councilperson Febel for the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 26-O- 3415**

2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried

**Mayor Sekanina**

**The Next Council Meeting will be held Monday March 16, 2026**

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Councilperson Damon to approve the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce is requesting temporary close East Jefferson Street from the intersection at State Route 46 to Market Street along with limited traffic through Wall Street and close the intersection of Wall Street and Chestnut Street. This will be for 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Jefferson Autorama Car Show on Saturday June 27, 2026

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None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**MEETINGS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday March 2, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Town Hall

**Discussion: Financing Jefferson Imagination Playground and Village**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monday April 6, 2026**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “DISTRICT MAP” OF THE VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO AS INCORPORATED INTO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON, OHIO AT SECTION 1242.02 IN ORDER TO REZONE ONE PARCEL OF PROPERTY CURRENTLY DESIGNATED AS R-1-SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO INDUSTRIAL AND DESIGNATE SAME ON THE “DISTRICT MAP”**

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilperson Febel to adjourn the Council Meeting.  
2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patricia A Fisher, Clerk of Council