



# COUNCIL MEETING

## VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: Monday, January 12, 2026

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#### INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

**Called To Order By:** Jesse Fark      **Session Begin:** 7:00 PM      **Session End:** 7:31 PM      **Session Location:** Council Chambers

#### MEMBERS AND VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Leisha Elchert	Present	Ms. Gina Ludwig	Present
Mr. James DeVine	Present	Mr. Wayne York	Present
Mr. Luke Doseck	Present	Mr. Ross Ludwig	Present

Name	Visitor/Employee	Comments
Drew Sosby	Employee	Village Administrator
Bev Wren	Employee	Fiscal Officer
Jim Gooding	Employee	Assistant Fiscal Officer
Ed Maxwell	Employee	ZEO/EDD
Mike Burton	Employee	Solicitor
Megan Lewis	Media	Sidney Daily News
Joe Mahan	Employee	Chief of Police
Sue Ludwig	Visitor	
Ryan Ludwig	Visitor	
Rylie Clune	Visitor	

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:	Monday, December 08, 2025	
TYPE OF MEETING:	Regular	
MOTION TO APPROVE BY:	DeVine	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Doseck	
DISCUSSION:	None	
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
	Yes	6
	No	0

#### PRE-SCHEDULED:

TOPIC:	OATH OF OFFICE - Swearing In	
PRESENTED BY:	Fiscal Officer Wren	
DISCUSSION:	At the November 4, 2025 General Election, voters elected Leisha R. Elchert, Gina R. Ludwig, Lucas J. Doseck and Ross Ludwig to Council. Solicitor Mike Burton administered the Oath of Office to the re-elected and newly elected Council members, Leisha R. Elchert, Gina R. Ludwig, Lucas J. Doseck and Ross Ludwig.	



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TOPIC:	<b>OATH OF OFFICE - Swearing In</b>
PRESENTED BY:	Fiscal Officer Wren
DISCUSSION:	<p>It was discovered in looking back through the records that Drew Sosby has not been sworn in as Village Administrator. Sosby took over the position on July 1, 2024 from Bruce Metz. Solicitor Mike Burton administered the Oath of Office to Drew D. Sosby.</p>
TOPIC:	<b>ELECTION OF 2026 PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE</b>
PRESENTED BY:	Mayor Fark
DISCUSSION:	<p>Mayor Fark called for the election of the 2026 President Pro-Tempore for Council. The person elected will preside at meetings of Council and perform such other duties as may be imposed by Council when the Mayor is absent. Council members voted by paper ballot with the Fiscal Officer counting the ballots. The results of the Council members votes were five votes for Leisha Elchert and one vote for Gina Ludwig. Leisha Elchert will serve as President Pro-Tempore for calendar year 2026.</p>

TOPIC:	<b>2026 COUNCIL ROSTER &amp; COMMITTEE LISTING</b>
PRESENTED BY:	Mayor Fark
DISCUSSION:	<p>Each year, Mayor Fark reviews the Committee Listing to fill expired terms and realign committee members if needed. For the calendar year 2026, Mayor Fark is presenting the following Council Roster &amp; Committee Listing for approval.</p>



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#### VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER 2026 COUNCIL ROSTER & COMMITTEE LISTING

Elected Members	Email Address	Mobile Phone	Work Phone	Term Expiration
Jesse Fark, Mayor	<a href="mailto:jfark@jacksoncenter.com">jfark@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 597-0006	(937) 398-9952	12/31/2027
Leisha Elchert, Member	<a href="mailto:lelchert@jacksoncenter.com">lelchert@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(567) 232-0678	(937) 596-6000	12/31/2029
Gina Ludwig, Member	<a href="mailto:g Ludwig@jacksoncenter.com">g Ludwig@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 489-9199	(937) 596-2003	12/31/2029
James DeVine, Member	<a href="mailto:jdevine@jacksoncenter.com">jdevine@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(419) 308-2527	(937) 596-6111	12/31/2027
Wayne York, Member	<a href="mailto:wyork@jacksoncenter.com">wyork@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 421-4115		12/31/2027
Luke Doseck, Member	<a href="mailto:ldoseck@jacksoncenter.com">ldoseck@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 538-1781	(937) 596-6111	12/31/2029
Ross Ludwig, Member	<a href="mailto:roludwig@jacksoncenter.com">roludwig@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 622-5841		12/31/2029
Solicitor	Mailing Address	Wapakoneta Office	Business Fax	
Michael A. Burton	103 S. Blackhoof St., Wapakoneta, OH 45895	(419) 738-9275	(419) 738-3403	
Employees	Mailing Address	Mobile Phone	Work Phone	Business Fax
Drew D. Sosby - Village Administrator	<a href="mailto:dsosby@jacksoncenter.com">dsosby@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 489-8643	(937) 596-6314	(937) 596-6672
Beverly A. Wren - Fiscal Officer	<a href="mailto:bwren@jacksoncenter.com">bwren@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 538-8130	(937) 596-6314	(937) 596-6672
James G. Gooding - Asst. Fiscal Officer	<a href="mailto:jgooding@jacksoncenter.com">jgooding@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 622-5139	(937) 596-6314	(937) 596-6672
Ed Maxwell - Zoning Enforcement Officer & Economic Development Professional	<a href="mailto:emaxwell@jacksoncenter.com">emaxwell@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 726-1504	(937) 596-6314	(937) 596-6672
Drew D. Sosby	<a href="mailto:dsosby@jacksoncenter.com">dsosby@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 489-8643	(937) 596-6314	(937) 596-6672
Shelby County Regional Planning Commission Trustee				
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	SAFETY COMMITTEE:			
Meets on the 4th Monday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.	Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:15 p.m.			
Wayne York, Chairman	Leisha Elchert, Chairwoman			
Luke Doseck	Gina Ludwig			
Ross Ludwig	James DeVine			
Beverly A. Wren, Fiscal Officer	Jesse Fark, Mayor			
UTILITY COMMITTEE:	PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE:			
Meets As Needed	Meets As Needed			
Wayne York, Chairman	James DeVine, Chairman			
Gina Ludwig	Leisha Elchert			
Luke Doseck	Ross Ludwig			
WAGE & BENEFIT COMMITTEE:	MUNICIPAL RECORDS COMMISSION:			
Meets As Needed	Meets As Needed			
Gina Ludwig, Chairman	Jesse Fark, Chairman			
Leisha Elchert	Drew D. Sosby, Administrator			
James DeVine	James G. Gooding, Asst. Fiscal Officer			
Drew D. Sosby, Administrator	Michael A. Burton, Chief Legal Officer			
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<b>FIRE FIGHTER'S DEPENDENCY BOARD - ONE YEAR TERM - Appointed by Mayor</b>			
<b>Meets As Needed</b>			
Luke Doseck, Council Member Elected by Council	(937) 538-1781	(937) 596-6111	12/31/2026
James DeVine, Council Member Elected by Council	(419) 308-2527	(937) 596-6111	12/31/2026
Braden Lotz, Fire Chief	(937) 538-0569	(937) 596-6314	12/31/2026
Ben Shuster, Firefighter	(937) 726-3164	(937) 607-0348	12/31/2026
Barry Elliott, Member At Large Mutual Agreement	(937) 638-9098		12/31/2026
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION - A.K.A. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - SIX YEAR TERM</b>			
<b>Meets As Needed</b>			
Jesse Park, Chairman/Mayor	(937) 597-0006	(937) 398-9952	12/31/2027
Ed Maxwell, Zoning Enforcement Officer - Ad hoc	(937) 726-1504	(937) 596-6314	
Larry Wahrer, Citizen Appointed by Mayor	(937) 538-7081		12/31/2027
Craig Halberstadt, Citizen Appointed by Mayor	(937) 565-0327		12/31/2029
Matt Kohler, Citizen Appointed by Mayor	(937) 538-6710		12/31/2031
James DeVine, Council Member Elected by Council	(419) 308-2527	(937) 596-6111	12/31/2027
James Gooding, Asst. Fiscal Officer - Ad hoc	(937) 622-5139	(937) 596-6314	
Drew D. Sosby, Village Administrator - Ad hoc	(937) 489-8643	(937) 596-6314	
<b>HOUSING COUNCIL - APPOINTED BY MAYOR</b>			
<b>Meets As Needed</b>			
Roger Detrick, Citizen Appointed by Mayor	(937) 638-0564		
Ed Maxwell, Zoning Enforcement Officer	(937) 726-1504	(937) 596-6314	
Dwaine Sosby, Employee of the Village	(937) 638-5494	(937) 596-6314	
Brad Wren, Citizen Appointed by Mayor	(937) 538-8129	(937) 596-2027	
Gina Ludwig, Council Member Elected by Council	(937) 489-9199		
Representative from Shelby County Auditor's Office		(937) 498-7202	
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION BOARD - FIVE YEAR TERM</b>			
<b>Meets As Needed</b>			
Dan Aikin, Citizen Appointed by Mayor	(401) 742-0105		12/31/2030
Ryan Scott, Citizen Appointed by Mayor	(614) 746-8289		12/31/2026
Allen York, Appointed by JCYSO	(937) 726-3073		12/31/2027
Leisha Elchert, Council Member Elected by Council	(567) 232-0678	(937) 596-6000	12/31/2029
Luke Doseck, Council Member Elected By Council	(937) 538-1781		12/31/2029
Dwaine Sosby, Park Superintendent - Ad hoc	(937) 638-5494	(937) 596-6314	
<b>MAYOR'S BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE</b>			
<b>Meets As Needed</b>			
Jesse Park, Chairman/Mayor	(937) 597-0006	(937) 398-9952	12/31/2027
Ryan Woolley, Citizen Appointed by Mayor	(937) 638-2907	(937) 596-6712	
Gina Ludwig, Council Member Elected by Council	(937) 489-9199		12/31/2029
Drew D. Sosby, Village Administrator - Ad hoc	(937) 489-8643	(937) 596-6314	
<b>COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION - THREE YEAR TERM (Village elects one, Growth Assoc. elects all others.)</b>			
<b>Meets As Needed</b>			
Tom Woolley, President	(937) 726-3200	(937) 596-6231	12/31/2028
Scott Klopfenstein, Vice President	(937) 538-6986		12/31/2026
Todd Lotz, Secretary/Treasurer	(937) 622-1316	(937) 498-7281	12/31/2027
Wayne York, Council Member Elected By Council	(937) 421-4115		12/31/2027
Mike Burton, Chief Legal Officer		(419) 738-9274	
Ed Maxwell, Economic Development Professional, Ad hoc	(937) 726-1504	(937) 596-6314	
Drew D. Sosby, Village Administrator	(937) 489-8643	(937) 596-6314	
<b>TAX BOARD OF REVIEW - TWO YEAR TERM, APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR &amp; COUNCIL</b>			
<b>Meets As Needed</b>			
Pat Shuff, Citizen Elected by Council	(937) 538-7033		12/31/2027
Kristen Davis, Citizen Elected by Council	(937) 726-2810		12/31/2026
Gina Ludwig, Council Member Appointed by Mayor	(937) 489-9199		12/31/2029
<b>CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS COMMITTEE</b>			
<b>Meets As Needed</b>			
Barry Elliott, Citizen Appointed by Mayor	(937) 638-9098		
Bill Reichert, Citizen Appointed by Mayor	(937) 538-8861	(937) 596-6053	
Trisha Reichert, Citizen Appointed by Mayor	(937) 603-6111	(937) 596-6053	
Ben Shuster, Electric Superintendent	(937) 726-3164	(937) 596-6314	
Drew Sosby, Village Administrator	(937) 489-8643	(937) 596-6314	
Leisha Elchert, Council Member Elected by Council	(567) 232-0678	(937) 596-6000	
Wayne York, Council Member Elected by Council	(937) 421-4115		
<b>VILLAGE FULL TIME EMPLOYEES BY DEPARTMENT</b>			
<b>ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT</b>			
Drew Sosby, Village Administrator	<a href="mailto:dsosby@jacksoncenter.com">dsosby@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 489-8643	
Beverly Wren, Fiscal Officer	<a href="mailto:bwren@jacksoncenter.com">bwren@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 538-8130	
James Gooding, Assistant Fiscal Officer	<a href="mailto:jgolding@jacksoncenter.com">jgolding@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 622-5139	
Meghan Serr, Utility Clerk	<a href="mailto:mserr@jacksoncenter.com">mserr@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 538-7555	
Candee Esser, Administrative Clerk	<a href="mailto:cesser@jacksoncenter.com">cesser@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 726-5701	
<b>ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT</b>			
Benjamin Shuster, Electric Superintendent	<a href="mailto:bshuster@jacksoncenter.com">bshuster@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 726-3164	
David Schwartz, Electric Lineman Apprentice	<a href="mailto:dschwartz@jacksoncenter.com">dschwartz@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 538-7211	
<b>PARKS DEPARTMENT</b>			
Dwaine Sosby, Park Superintendent	<a href="mailto:dpsosby@jacksoncenter.com">dpsosby@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 638-5494	
Lewie Pickering, Laborer	<a href="mailto:lpickering@jacksoncenter.com">lpickering@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 726-9617	
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
Joe Mahan, Chief of Police	<a href="mailto:jmahan@jacksoncenter.com">jmahan@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 538-0379	
Lauren Kilburn, Police Officer	<a href="mailto:lkilburn@jacksoncenter.com">lkilburn@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 538-0595	
Robert Layne, Police Officer	<a href="mailto:rlayne@jacksoncenter.com">rlayne@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 407-3506	
<b>STREET DEPARTMENT</b>			
Nathan Hensley, Street Superintendent	<a href="mailto:nhensley@jacksoncenter.com">nhensley@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 489-0488	
Zach Shaffer, Laborer	<a href="mailto:zshaffer@jacksoncenter.com">zshaffer@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 726-2414	
Jason Huber, Laborer	<a href="mailto:jhuber@jacksoncenter.com">jhuber@jacksoncenter.com</a>	(937) 658-0446	



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MOTION TO APPROVE:	<b>2026 Council Roster &amp; Committee Listing</b>						
MOTION TO APPROVE BY:	DeVine						
MOTION SECONDED BY:	G Ludwig						
DISCUSSION:	York stated that he is on the Board of the Ohio Municipal Electric Association and I am going to DC in February and I am on that Policy Makers Council that will meet in July. I want it just for the record that the Council Utility Chair is appointed as a representative, and my alternate should probably be the Village Administrator. York made a motion that Council approve the appointment of the Utility Chair as the representative. Elchert seconded the motion. All "Aye", motion carried.						
VOTING ROLL CALL:	<table><thead><tr><th></th><th>VOTE</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Yes</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>No</td><td>0</td></tr></tbody></table>		VOTE	Yes	6	No	0
	VOTE						
Yes	6						
No	0						

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### a. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	<b>2026-001</b>
TITLE:	<i>AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.</i>
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance
STATUS:	1st Reading
DISCUSSION:	<p>This Ordinance Will Stand As A First Reading.</p> <p>Solicitor Burton's current contract with the Village will expire at the end of February. This ordinance proposes a new two-year contract with Solicitor Burton commencing on March 1, 2026. The contracted salary for the Solicitor will be \$4,400 per year payable in monthly installments. The cost is for general legal counsel normally associated with municipal government functions, including duties such as: Support of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; review and approval of legal notices, bid forms, and other legal documents of general government functions; preparation of ordinances and resolutions that may be requested by the legislative body; and such other duties as are consistent with the Office of Village Solicitor.</p>



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	In addition, the Solicitor will be compensated at the rate of \$185.00 per hour for time required, plus actual out-of-pocket expenses. This contract also allows for the compensation of the Solicitor's associate at an hour rate of \$155. Monthly statements itemizing the costs will be submitted by the 15 <sup>th</sup> of each month to the Village. This Ordinance will stand as a first reading.
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#### b. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-002
TITLE:	<i>AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND RATES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER, SHELBY COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.</i>
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance
STATUS:	Emergency
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule
MOTION MADE BY:	Doseck
MOTION SECONDED BY:	DeVine
DISCUSSION:	<p>The Wage and Benefits Committee met on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and is recommending the following changes to the payroll ordinance that was last amended with Ordinance 2025-011 with an effective date of January 1, 2026.</p> <p><b>1)</b> In "Section 1" – Increase Pay Table I and Pay Table II, \$1.00 per hour on all grades to offset inflation with each step remaining at 2.7% increase effective January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.</p> <p><b>2)</b> In "Section 2" - In Pay Table III, "Seasonal Hourly Rated Personnel" to increase "Slide Attendant" Step A compensation from \$10.75 per hour to \$11.00 per hour. This increase is to adjust the rate to the State of Ohio's Minimum Wage increase that went into effect January 1, 2026. This adjustment will also shift Steps (B-G) \$0.25 and will maintain the \$0.50 gap between each step.</p> <p><b>3)</b> In "Section 3" increase the Zoning Officer's salary from \$12,000/yr(\$1,000/mo.) to \$13,200/yr(\$1,100/mo.) and increase the Economic Development Director's salary from \$21,000/yr(\$1,750/mo.) to \$22,560/yr(\$1,880/mo.).</p> <p><b>4)</b> In "Section 7"- a Cell Phone Stipend be established for part- and full-time employees. Ludwig stated that the Wage and Benefits Committee is also recommending that the Village Administrator receive a step increase effective January 3, 2026. Ludwig went on to say that the village will be looking into health insurance options and may be considering a HSA as an option, more will come later as renewal comes up at the beginning of May. Elchert stated that employees did not receive a cost-of-living increase in 2025.</p>
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
G Ludwig	Yes
DeVine	Yes



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York	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION TO:	Adopt		
MOTION MADE BY:	York		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	R Ludwig		
DISCUSSION	None		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
DeVine	Yes		
York	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE:	Finance
CHAIR'S NAME:	York
DISCUSSION:	No report.

COMMITTEE:	Utility
CHAIR'S NAME:	York
DISCUSSION:	The Utility Committee will be meeting directly after this meeting.  York stated that he was pleasantly surprised by how much of the village we were able to cover with the Christmas décor.

COMMITTEE:	Wage & Benefits
CHAIR'S NAME:	G Ludwig
DISCUSSION:	No report.

COMMITTEE:	Safety
CHAIR'S NAME:	Elchert
DISCUSSION:	On the Fire Department side, they have had seventy-nine total calls for the year. Of those seventy-nine calls, twenty-two were in the village, nineteen were in the township, and twelve calls were mutual aid. Car accidents, there were three in the village and ten in the township. There were six



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	<p>medical mutual aid in the village and seven in the township. They are waiting to hear if they will be awarded the American Fire Grant which will be for additional hose and air packs. They do have their Soup Dinner coming up this Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at the Legion.</p> <p>On the Police Department side, Chief was going over the amount of service calls that they have had within the village. A service call includes when they have to run out to Plastipak to do their regular check, if they pull someone over, if they are in the school zone. Basically, if they are getting out of the car, they have to make a service ticket for that to say that is where they are and that is what they are doing. So, the total amount of service tickets for the year were 1,153 for the Jackson Center Police Department. This does not include the Sheriff's Department; this is the number for the Jackson Center Police Department only. They did have a garage door issue over at the department, but that has since been repaired as of today.</p>
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COMMITTEE:	Public Property
CHAIR'S NAME:	DeVine
DISCUSSION:	No report.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT:	ZEO/EDD
REPORT BY:	Ed Maxwell
DISCUSSION:	<p><b><u>Zoning</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Year End Report</u></b> – 22 Total Permits issued in 2025 with 2 New Homes; 24 Total Projects. <i>(122 Total New Residential Home Permits issued since 1/1/2000, including multiple residence units. 10 of these were not started and 112 have been completed or are in-process.)</i></p> <p><b><u>Economic Development</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Completed/In-Process Projects:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Speckman Automotive (NAPA)</b> has completed the renovation of their building on East Pike St. New siding, roofing, windows, doors, and new signage have completely changed the appearance. An additional new tenant is planned in 2026.</li><li>2. <b>Subway of Jackson Center</b> After opening under new ownership on April 24, 2024, the Hina family of Sidney has undergone a complete remodel and upgrade to their business facilities. They are developing future plans for the pharmacy space pending the pharmacy move to their building next door. The Hina's are very much involved with serving the community.</li><li>3. <b>Sip &amp; Stream</b> The drive-thru works very well and the walk-up area is relaxing and comfortable. The owners have extensively remodeled the</li></ol>



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building with many improvements. They have an inside area for sitting, a play area for young tots, and a "Grab and Go" cooler for sandwiches, meals, salads, and more.

4. **Mama J's Pizza** The owner has enjoyed a year of growth with the addition of a lunch buffet with expanded delivery and hours.
5. **The B Hive Ice Cream** Their tricycle became powered by electric in 2025 giving them the ability to travel to more and various locations in and around the village.
6. **Tiger Trail Park** Expansion continued with the layout of the four new ball diamonds. The first 2 diamonds have been reseeded and the backstops have been installed in 2025. The dugouts/bench areas have added to Field #1 and #2. Outfield fences are planned for 2026. Additional expansion of the other 2 diamonds and a storage/concession building will occur as we move into the future and funds are available.
7. **Got Meat, LLC, dba Curly's Custom Meats** Celebrated their first year in the new location in July. They continue to expand their wide variety of offerings to meet community requests. A deli opened in 2025 offering fresh cuts and lunch options. The store is rapidly becoming an area "can't miss" attraction.
8. **Courtside Tavern** took over operations of the former **Buckeye - Jackson Center** They have kept many of the popular menu items and have expanded their sandwich offerings. The new lessee is Tom Bodenmiller with Carrie Brown continuing to assist in the management of the operations.
9. **Midwest Bag and Film** opened their new building at 520 N. Main St. in 2025. They have not reached the 24/7 production as planned but they continue to grow the operation and the power usage has been steady.
10. **Hudson Lake Phase 3** has completed all requirements and components with the exception of the financing of the sidewalks that are to be installed within 3 years. Final acceptance by the Village will be passed when all details have been worked out. There will be 22 additional building lots available after acceptance. We were able to issue one Zoning Permit in 2024 for a new home to assist the developers and the homeowner. We will not be able to issue further permits without the final acceptance of the subdivision.
11. **Jackson View Cemetery** received a grant in 2025 for removal of trees and trimming of the healthy trees. The cemetery continues to improve with plots available for purchase.
12. **Downtown Parking** remains a priority in 2026 as we explore options for our businesses, childcare, and festivities
13. **Child Care** remains a concern for our residents and our businesses' employees. With the purchase of the property at 209 West Pike St, the village is partnering with the C.I.C, the YMCA, Airstream, and Plastipak



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to bring child care to JC. The building plans have received final approval and renovations to begin in Jan. of 2026.

14. ***The Friends of the Elder Theatre*** A 501c3 corporation, has purchased the Elder Theater and continues to operate the Elder as a community theater offering weekly movies and events. They continue to expand their board and continue fund-raising efforts to complete the land-contract to purchase the building.

15. ***Carnival Square Park*** The Village received a grant for Phase 1 of The Carnival Square Park Project. Phase One will focus on sidewalks, seating area, reseeding, and parking. A pavilion is planned as monies become available.

16. ***Robb Street Reconstruction*** The Village has received a grant for \$250,000 and a 0% loan for \$200,000 to assist in the widening and reconstruction of Robb St. The project is hoped to be ready for bid in early 2026 with construction completed by year end. The water line will be replaced with 12" line to connect the Main St. 12" with the 12" that extends east under the RR track. Additional funding for the \$1.2 Million project will come from Note Retirement for water line improvement and General Fund monies for street construction. Choice One was very helpful in the planning and assisting with the grant application.

17. ***Water Main Extension and Water Loop*** The Village was able to extend the 12" water line from Village Parkway to Morris-Rose Road and then connect to the 12" line on East Pike St. The project will allow better water flows and in the area.

18. ***Water Treatment Plant*** The new water treatment plant will be online in 2026. The building is mostly complete and equipment is being installed in the first quarter of 2026. The new plant will offer better quality water with some softening into the system.

19. ***Village Business Directory*** The information has been uploaded with a new QRF code that shows a map of the village and the location of many of our local businesses and attractions. Window clings have been received that can be placed around the Village to be scanned by a smart phone or tablet. A hard copy is also in the works.

20. ***Leininger Lane*** The project to install a connecting public Right of Way between Davis and E. Pike Streets has been completed. Parking areas and a connecting alley have been paved as part of our downtown revitalization.

21. ***Ron Leininger Veterans Memorial Park*** The Veterans Memorial Park was renamed in honor and memory of Ron Leininger. Mr. Leininger was responsible for most of the work, planning, and maintenance surrounding this memorial park.

22. ***Morris-Rose Road Water Loop*** The 12" water line on Village Parkway has been extended to Morris-Rose Road, south to SR 274, and then west to connect with the 12" line on East Pike St (SR 274). The loop provides



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better flows and circulation of the water lines in the eastern portion of the village.

23. **Lotz Insurance & Allenbaugh Insurance Agencies** These 2 major insurance agencies merged into one agency, combining their many offerings to residents.

24. **Airstream Club International** The ACI completed the complete remodel of their new building that formerly housed the dentist office and the JC Branch of Peoples Savings and Loan. They are moving into Phase 2 which will convert their previous office building into a clubhouse for their visiting members and a section for a museum and archives of their history.

25. **Peoples Savings & Loan, West Liberty** The remodel of the former US Bank Building at 201 E. Pike was completed and the JC branch offices of Peoples Savings & Loan moved to that location. The new construction makes the building an asset to the downtown area.

26. **C.I.C./Mayor's Economic Development Award** In 2025, the C.I.C. made the decision to recognize the work done by businesses to improve the aesthetics and/or promote economic development within Jackson Center. The award is in conjunction with the Mayor's approval and is presented by the Mayor, the Village Administrator, and the JC Economic Development Director. The awardees in 2025 were – **Curly's Meats, Sip & Stream, JC Subway, Speckman Automotive (NAPA), Allenbaugh Insurance, Airstream Club International, and Peoples Savings and Loan**. The award was an engraved plaque for display in their business and a small monetary award from the C.I.C. The award is expected to be an annual award to recognize the investment in JC by our businesses.

27. **America's 250** Plans were started in 2025 for the Village's participation in the nationwide celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A grant from the America's 250 was received by the JC PTO for an educational trip by some JC students to visit the Neil Armstrong Museum in Wapakoneta. The JC Area Growth Association is working to incorporate the America's 250 into our annual Community Days celebration. One major addition to this year's festival is a scheduled fireworks display sponsored with donations by local businesses and individuals. At year's end, they had raised \$6,500 of the needed \$10,000.

DEPARTMENT:	Village Administrator
REPORT BY:	Drew Sosby
DISCUSSION:	<p><b>Streets Department</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Snow Report- 12 events between November 2025 to January 2026; 84 hrs. (total) reported; Approximately 58 tons of salt used</li><li>• Painting Village Office</li></ul> <p><b>Water Department</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replaced Trailor Ct. Water MTR</li></ul>
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#### Sewer Department

- Normal Operations

#### Electric Department

- Christmas light/décor removal
- O & M on equipment
- Working w/Sawvel on getting info for 2<sup>nd</sup> transformer at Jerry Dr. Sub

#### Parks Department

- Organizing Leininger Barn
- Cleaned up flower beds on James Street

#### Admin Report:

- Dawson Const. started construction at 209 W. Pike Street (1/7)
- Ed and I met w/Allison Haas (1/7)
- Attended Wage and Benefit Mtg (1/7)
- Attended EMA Board Mtg (1/8)
- Candee/I working on Website updates/content
- Discussion w/Stolly's in regards to Village Health Insurance
- Latimer Cleaning Service Retired- new cleaning services from "Erica Floyd" for Village Office
- Paint Village Office
- Working on finalizing Pole Attachment Agreements
- Business Directory Clings
- We have been working with Choice One to get some of these projects underway. Last year we received OPWC monies for Robb Street which will be reconstruction of Robb Street, breaking out the old concrete roadway, new water main increasing the size from six inch to twelve inch to increase our water flow rate.
- The other project is Carnival Square, there are some different things we are looking at there, but essentially it is going to create a better green space and set us up for phase two so there will be more to come on that.
- You will probably see some increased traffic out at the cemetery. We did get a grant to remove some of the trees and trim other trees. Sosby went on to say that the whole point of it is to be able to get more vehicles in and out.
- Continuing to work on great projects for THE Village of JC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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#### CITIZEN COMMENT:

NAME	
COMMENTS	None

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

NAME	
COMMENTS	None

#### UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS:

NAME	Fiscal Officer Wren
COMMENTS	Wren brought the 2026 Council Meeting Schedule to everyone's attention and stated that the second meeting in May will be canceled as it falls on the Memorial Day holiday. Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

#### NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

TYPE OF MEETING	Regular
DATE	Monday, January 26, 2026
TIME	7:00 PM
LOCATION	Council Chambers
COMMENTS	None

#### ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY:	DeVine
MOTION SECONDED BY:	G Ludwig
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE
	Yes
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	No
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#### MINUTES PREPARED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	1/13/26

#### ATTESTED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
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### **MAYOR/PRESIDENT PRO-TEM CERTIFIED**

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Mayor	1/26/26

*All formal actions of the Council of Village of Jackson Center concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.*