



# COUNCIL MEETING

## VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 8, 2025

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#### INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

**Called To Order By:**

Jesse Fark

**Session Begin:**

7:00 p.m.

**Session End:**

7:20 p.m.

**Session Location:**

Council Chambers

#### MEMBERS AND VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Leisha Elchert	Present	Ms. Gina Ludwig	Present
Mr. Quentin Reese	Present	Mr. James DeVine	Present
Mr. Wayne York	Present	Mr. Luke Doseck	Present

**Employees Present:**

Drew Sosby  
Bev Wren  
Ed Maxwell  
Jim Gooding  
Joe Mahan  
Mike Burton

Village Administrator  
Fiscal Officer  
ZEO/EDD  
Assistant Fiscal Officer  
Chief of Police  
Solicitor

**Visitors Present:**

Megan Lewis  
Jimmy Butler  
Eric Hickey

Sidney Daily News  
Bruce Metz  
Dan Akers

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

***Draft Minutes As Pre-Read From The August 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:***

*Motion To Accept The Minutes As Pre-Read:*

DeVine

*Seconded By:*

Doseck

*Yea:* 6

*Nay:* 0

*Motion Carried*

#### PRE-SCHEDULED:

- a. None

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **RESOLUTION 2025-015** – A Resolution Accepting The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor. **Second Reading**

Each year the Shelby County Auditor presents to the Shelby County Budget Commission, the most recent assessed valuation information. The Auditor goes over the tax revenue estimates for each levy. The Budget Commission then determines the amounts and rates and authorizes the necessary tax levies certifying them to the County Auditor. The Village must send back this resolution accepting the amounts and rates by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.



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For the fiscal year 2026 the amounts required from General Property Tax approved by the Budget Commission and the County Auditor's estimated tax rates for the Inside 10 mill limitation are \$85,116 for the Village of Jackson Center. Voters passed a 2.00 mill levy on November 8, 2022 that is Outside the 10 mill limitation and the County Auditor has estimated it will generate \$49,492. This is an increase of \$832 from the fiscal year 2025 estimated amounts of the inside 10 mill limitation of \$84,284 and an increase of \$94 from the outside 10 mill limitation of \$49,398. The outside millage is adjusted by the state to make sure that it stays within a reasonable amount of the last year. This will be the second reading of this resolution.

***This Resolution Will Stand As A Second Reading.***

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **RESOLUTION 2025-017**- A Resolution Authorizing The Renaming Of The Jackson Center Veterans Memorial Park To The **"Ronald E. Leininger Veterans Memorial Park"** And Declaring An Emergency.

The Village has previously constructed and landscaped a Parcel of land in Jackson Center that was originally the site of a community water tower to be used as a park to memorialize the fallen Veterans of the Jackson Center Area community who had made the ultimate sacrifice for the price of freedom by giving their lives for those they served. The Village was able to make this conversion largely through the efforts and hard work of Ron Leininger. Mr. Leininger faithfully maintained the beauty of the park with countless hours of volunteer landscaping and hydration maintenance in all types of weather conditions.

Mr. Leininger dedicated his life to the service of others, especially the service of his fellow Veterans. After his service with a tour during the Vietnam War, Mr. Leininger became a 59-year, Life Member of Scherer Post #493 American Legion, a Life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8445, and a charter member of the Sons of American Legion Detachment #493. Mr. Leininger served the Veterans of Shelby County, Ohio and the surrounding area as a 10-year commissioner of the Shelby County Veterans Services and by leading the "Coats for Vets" program. Mr. Leininger personally took charge of seven area cemeteries ensuring that those who served were recognized for their service by the placement of a flag on their gravesite at Memorial Day. In addition to serving and training the local and regional Honor Guards for fallen veterans, Mr. Leininger was well versed in flag etiquette and proper flag folding to honor the flag of the country he served and for distinguished presentation to family members. He served the community of Jackson Center for many years with the leading and directing of the community's "We Care Fund" that provides financial assistance to those in need.

Now, therefore, the Village of Jackson Center shall permanently re-name the Jackson Center Veterans Memorial Park to be known as the **"Ronald E. Leininger Veterans Memorial Park"**.



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The Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to obtain by donation or purchase an appropriate memorial plaque or monument to be placed at the park with the name **“Ronald E. Leininger Veterans Memorial Park”** to honor Mr. Leininger’s service to all veterans, and residents of the Jackson Center community.

***Motion To Suspend The Three Reading Rule:***

**Elchert**

***Second By:***

**Ludwig**

<b><i>Votes were:</i></b>	<b>Ludwig</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Reese</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>DeVine</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>York</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Doseck</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Elchert</b>	<b>Yea</b>

***Motion To Adopt Resolution 2025-017:***

**Reese**

***Second By:***

**DeVine**

<b><i>Votes were:</i></b>	<b>Reese</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>DeVine</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>York</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Doseck</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Elchert</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Ludwig</b>	<b>Yea</b>

***COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

***Finance Committee:***

No report.

***Utility Committee:***

No report.

***Wage & Benefits Committee:***

No report.

***Safety Committee:***

Elchert reported that the committee met just prior to this meeting and discussed:

**Police Department**

- The PD is working on their five – ten year budget with Administrator Sosby.
- The Police Department needs to upgrade their computers from Windows 10 to Windows 11. They are currently getting quotes for those replacements.
- Elchert reported that the cameras in the park are working, they have had very few incidents since the cameras have been up.

**Fire Department**

- The FD has had 53 runs so far this year.



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- They have the Tenderloin Dinner coming up on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at the Fire Station. This is a drive-thru only and dinners are \$10.00 each.

#### *Public Property Committee:*

No report.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

##### **ZEO / EDD's REPORT:**

- The CIC (*Community Improvement Corporation*) Financial Audit is near completion. The CIC will be reorganizing as they will be taking on new projects.
- The stray and feral cats notice was posted on Facebook and will be in the upcoming October newsletter.
- We have been awarded a \$2,500 Cemetery Grant that we will be using towards trimming trees in the cemetery.
- We have applied for the ODNR (*Ohio Department of Natural Resources*) Natureworks Grant in hopes of receiving funding for improvements that we would like to make to Carnival Square.
- We have applied for an OPWC (*Ohio Public Works Commission*) Capital Infrastructure Projects Grant in hopes of receiving funding for the Robb Street Improvement Project.

##### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

##### **Streets Department**

- Historical Society - prep work/pour new sidewalk/ramp
- Installed castings for storm catch basins at Leininger Lane

##### **Water Department**

- WTP (*Water Treatment Plant*) Update: New Low Service pumps delivered, Artesian plumbing filters/softeners, paving October

##### **Sewer Department**

- SCADA (*Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition*) install Plastipak Lift Station to start this week
- Officially closed the pool down
- Painting Village signs

##### **Electric Department**

- Trimming trees
- Leininger Lane pole work



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#### Parks Department

- Mowing/Soccer Season
- Paws on the Path 5k (*Fundraiser*)- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 8am-12pm @ Tiger Trail Park

#### Admin Report:

- Phone call w/Elizabeth Hibbs to discuss creative solutions for childcare & story (8/26)
- Met w/Reliable to discuss HB 96 "Cybersecurity Law" (8/27)
- Met w/Plastipak to discuss water and sewer usages (8/28)
- Ed and I had a teleconference with Burton to go over existing projects (9/2)
- Signed contract w/RCAP (*Rural Community Assistance Partnership*) for Water/Wastewater COS (*Cost of Service*); sent over financials & data (9/2)
- Met w/Grace Lutheran Church to discuss Water Plant Drive Expansion (9/3)
- Ed and I met w/Behr Designs to review new Business Directory and ideas (9/3)
- Finalized AMP's (*American Municipal Power*) Cybersecurity Assessment (9/4)
- Met w/Cintas to review and update (9/5)
- Mtg. w/Sawvel to discuss PPA (*Power Purchase Agreement*) & portfolio (9/8)
- Childcare in JC Project Update: Provider has been identified/financial commitments have been made; next steps are building permits, renovations, MOU (*Memorandum of Understanding*) execution, inspections.
- Working on the 2026 Appropriation Budget
- Continuing to work on great projects for THE Village of JC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#### ***CITIZEN COMMENT:***

No comments.

#### ***OTHER BUSINESS:***

No other business.

#### ***EXECUTIVE SESSION:***

*There Is Not An Executive Session Scheduled.*

#### ***UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS:***

No unscheduled business.

#### ***ADJOURNMENT:***

*There being no other business to come before Council.*



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*Motion To Adjourn:*

**York**

*Seconded By:*

**DeVine**

*Yea:*

6

*Nay:*

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*Motion Carried*

The meeting adjourned until September 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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Jesse Fark, Mayor

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Beverly A. Wren, Fiscal Officer

*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.*