



COUNCIL MEETING  
VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER  
REGULAR SESSION

Held: Monday, December 08, 2025

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INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Called To Order By:      Session Begin:      Session End:      Session Location:  
Jesse Fark                      7:00 p.m.                      7:28 p.m.                      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
Mike Burton	Employee	Solicitor
Ross Ludwig	Visitor	
Megan Lewis	Media	Sidney Daily News

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:	Monday, November 24, 2025	
TYPE OF MEETING:	Regular	
MOTION TO APPROVE BY:	Elchert	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	DeVine	
DISCUSSION:	None	
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
	Yes	6
	No	0

PRE-SCHEDULED:

TOPIC:	Fire Department Probationary Appointment – Derek Thurman
PRESENTED BY:	Mayor Fark
DISCUSSION:	Mayor Fark stated that he received a letter from Fire Chief Braden Lotz making a recommendation to appoint on a probationary basis Derek Thurman to the Jackson Center Volunteer Fire Department. It was discussed that Mr. Thurman just recently moved to Jackson Center and is already certified as a firefighter. Chief Lotz is recommending a probationary period to monitor and evaluate Mr. Thurman for six months.

MOTION TO PROBATIONARLY APPOINT BY:	DeVine	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Doseck	
DISCUSSION:	None	
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
	Yes	6
	No	0

OLD BUSINESS:

a. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2025-010
TITLE:	AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER, IN SHELBY COUNTY, AND STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.



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CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance		
STATUS:	3rd Reading		
MOTION TO:	Adopt		
MOTION MADE BY:	G Ludwig		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Elchert		
DISCUSSION:	<p>Each year the Village prepares an appropriation budget for the next fiscal year. This presentation is for the 2026 fiscal year and includes the following appropriation budgets per fund. General Fund \$2,235,976.93; Street Construction Maintenance &amp; Repair Fund \$130,649.91; State Highway Fund \$5,000; Cemetery Fund \$19,708.50; Parks and Recreation Fund \$2,000; Community Reinvestment Agreement Fund \$1,000; Fire Equipment Fund \$60,000; Note Retirement Fund \$317,135.14; Water Operating Fund \$622,080.18; Sewer Operating Fund \$780,530.90; Electric Operating Fund \$3,797,107.25, Refuse Operating Fund \$48,571; Enterprise Deposit Operating Fund \$14,000; and the Mayor’s Court Fund \$1,000. The total appropriation budget for all funds is \$8,034,759.81.</p> <p>Sosby stated that the only change from the second reading of this ordinance was the inclusion of the StoryWalk Project that will be completed next year.</p> <p>If residents would like to view the power point presentation regarding this budget, it will be posted on our website and you will be able to view it by clicking on this link: <a href="https://www.jacksoncenter.com/Public-Posting-of-Legislation-Legal-Notices-Job-Postings">https://www.jacksoncenter.com/Public-Posting-of-Legislation-Legal-Notices-Job-Postings</a>.</p> <p>This is the third and final reading of this ordinance.</p>		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
G Ludwig	Yes		
Reese	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
York	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

b. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2025-011		
TITLE:	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.		
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance		
STATUS:	2nd Reading		
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule		
MOTION MADE BY:	DeVine		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	York		
DISCUSSION:	<p>The payroll ordinance that was last amended with Ordinance 2025-003 with an effective date of April 14, 2025. This ordinance makes the following amendment; beginning on January 1, 2026, Part-time Police Officers will be paid \$20.00 per hour instead of being paid by quarter shift, half shift, three-quarters shift and full shift. Part-time Police Officers will begin contributing to Ohio Public Employees Retirement System instead of Social Security. This is a second and final reading of this ordinance.</p>		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
Reese	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
York	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		



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Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

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

NEW BUSINESS:

a. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2025-013		
TITLE:	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ESTABLISHED INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS AND CUSTOMER-OWNED RENEWABLE GENERATION ELECTRIC RATE TARIFFS FOR THE VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER, OHIO, SHELBY COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.		
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance		
STATUS:	Emergency		
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule		
MOTION MADE BY:	Elchert		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	York		
DISCUSSION:	The Village would like to establish terms and conditions for providing electric service to customers operating renewable generation facilities interconnected with the Village electric system in its Rules and Regulations for Electric Service to customers of the Jackson Center Municipal Electric System. The safety of utility workers and the general public requires inspection and testing of equipment arranged for the production of electricity from distributed renewable generation facilities that are owned and operated by residential and non-residential customers of the Village electric utility and operate in parallel with the Village electric system. Council has determined that it is necessary to establish electric rate tariffs specific to customer-owned Generation Facilities that allow a Village customer operating a renewable Generation Facility to be credited for his or her excess generation. It is also determined that it is necessary to establish electric rate tarriffs for customer-owned Generation Facilities that provide an appropriate credit based on the Village’s avoided power supply costs. Therefore, customers served by the Village of Jackson Center electric utility wishing to install, use and/or operate renewable energy sources in parallel with the Village electric system shall be required to complete and maintain an Interconnection Agreement with the Village electric utility in accordance with the Interconnection Standards for Installation and Parallel Operation of Renewable Fueled Customer-Owned Generation Facilities.		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
York	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		





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G Ludwig	Yes		
Reese	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

COMMITTEE:	Utility
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME:	York
DISCUSSION:	No report.

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

COMMITTEE:	Safety
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME:	Elchert
DISCUSSION:	Elchert reported that the committee meeting was canceled this evening due to members being in other meetings. However, she did report that the Fire Department has responded to seventy runs this year and after responding to this last house fire is working on repairing equipment.

COMMITTEE:	Public Property
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME:	Reese
DISCUSSION:	No report.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT:	ZEO/EDD
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REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME:	Ed Maxwell
DISCUSSION:	No report.

DEPARTMENT:	Village Administrator
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME:	Drew Sosby
DISCUSSION:	<p><b><u>Streets Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Snow Removal</li><li>• Police Department Renovations</li></ul> <p><b><u>Water Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Normal Operations</li><li>• WTP Update- continue working on electrical components, treatment equipment is installed</li></ul> <p><b><u>Sewer Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grabbing Fecal Sludge Samples</li><li>• Finishing up Sludge removal for the year</li></ul> <p><b><u>Electric Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Normal Operations</li><li>• Working w/Sawvel on future Capital Projects</li></ul> <p><b><u>Parks Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Snow Removal</li></ul> <p><b><u>Admin Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Candee/I met w/Midnet Media to discuss Website (11/25)</li><li>• Submitted nominees for the AMP Scholarships (12/1)</li><li>• Called SecureCom to look at Camera's and Phone Systems (12/3)</li><li>• Ordered "clings" for Business Directory w/Behr Designs (12/4)</li><li>• Cybersecurity Program Implementation- HB 96</li><li>• Working on ROW Permit/Street Opening Research/Legislation</li><li>• Working on Pole Attachment Agreements w/Burton's team</li><li>• Finalizing Appropriation Budget for 2026 &amp; working on 5-year Capital Plan</li><li>• Continuing to work on great projects for THE Village of JC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</li><li>• Sosby stated that he would like to meet with the Utility Committee in January to discuss the recent Water/Wastewater Cost of Service Study. This meeting will be scheduled at a later date.</li></ul>

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT:**

NAME	
COMMENTS	None

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

NAME	<b>Mayor Fark</b>
COMMENTS	Fark asked Sosby if there is any proposed business for the next regular meeting that is scheduled for December 22, 2025. Sosby reported that there is not at this time. Fark then proposed to cancel the last meeting as it is not needed.



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MOTION TO CANCEL THE DEC. 22 <sup>ND</sup> REGULAR MEETING BY:	York	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Elchert	
DISCUSSION:	None	
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
	Yes	6
	No	0

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS:

NAME	Mayor Fark
COMMENTS	Fark stated that since this is the last meeting of the year, he wanted to take the time to thank Mr. Quentin Reese for his service on Council. Fark stated that Reese was a valuable member of Council and everyone appreciated his input. Thank you Quentin for your service to our community!


NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

TYPE OF MEETING:	Regular
DATE:	Monday, January 12, 2026
TIME:	7:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Council Chambers
COMMENTS:	This will be Councils organizational meeting for 2026. We will be administering the Oaths to the members elected in November, 2025 and electing a President Pro-Tempore to serve in the absence of the Mayor.


ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY:	DeVine	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	G Ludwig	
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
	Yes	6
	No	0


MINUTES PREPARED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	December 9, 2025

ATTESTED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	January 12, 2026

MAYOR/PRESIDENT PRO-TEM CERTIFIED

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Mayor	January 12, 2026

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.