



COUNCIL MEETING

VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER

REGULAR SESSION

Held: Monday, January 26, 2026

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INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Called To Order By:

Choose an item.

Session Begin: 7:00 PM

7:26 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
Megan Lewis	Media	Sidney Daily News

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:	Monday, January 12, 2026	
TYPE OF MEETING:	Regular	
MOTION TO APPROVE BY:	DeVine	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Elchert	
DISCUSSION: None		
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
	Yes	6
	No	0

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Finance Committee met just prior to this meeting to review the November and December monthly financial reports.

- For the month of November, month-to-date revenue was greater than month-to-date expenditures by \$211,419. When comparing the month-to-date revenues to November of 2024, they are down by 6% and when comparing them to October of 2025 they are down by 15%. However, year-to-date revenues are up by 41% compared to last year at this time.
- When comparing the month-to-date expenditures to November of 2024, they are down by 34% and when comparing them to October of 2025 they are down 44%. However, year-to-date expenditures are up by 44% compared to last year at this time.
- The ending cash balance of all funds is up by nearly 10% compared to last year at this time.
- Income tax receipts were \$169,152 for the month. When comparing the month-to-date income tax receipts to November of 2024, they are down by 28% and when comparing them to October of 2025 they are up by nearly 15%. However, year-to-date income tax receipts are down by nearly 12% when compared to last year at this time. It is important to note that the last three years (2022, 2023, 2024) were extraordinary income tax receipt years for the village with total receipts over two million. Prior to those years the village experienced receipts of 1.5 million, 1.4 million and 1.9 million for 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.
- For the month of December, month-to-date revenue was less than month-to-date expenditures by \$210,355. When comparing the month-to-date revenues to December of 2024, they are up by 102% and when comparing them to November of 2025 they are up by nearly 181%. However, year-to-date revenues are up by 48% compared to last year at this time.



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- When comparing the month-to-date expenditures to December of 2024, they are up by 83% and when comparing them to November of 2025 they are up 204%. However, year-to-date expenditures are up by 50% compared to last year at this time.
- The ending cash balance of all funds is up by 10% compared to last year at this time.
- Income tax receipts were \$200,171 for the month. When comparing the month-to-date income tax receipts to December of 2024, they are up by 42% and when comparing them to November of 2025 they are up by nearly 18%. However, year-to-date income tax receipts are down by 8% when compared to last year at this time. It is important to note that the last three years (2022, 2023, 2024) were extraordinary income tax receipt years for the village with total receipts over two million. Prior to those years the village experienced receipts of 1.5 million, 1.4 million and 1.9 million for 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT OF:	November & December	
MOTION TO APPROVE BY:	Doseck	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	R Ludwig	
DISCUSSION:	None	
VOTING ROLL CALL:	Yes	6
	No	0

PRE-SCHEDULED:

TOPIC:	Water & Sewer Rates Crash Course
PRESENTED BY:	Ben Howard, Senior Rural Development Specialist, Ohio RCAP
DISCUSSION:	Due to the weather and conditions of the roads, Mr. Howard's employer let us know he was not going to be able to attend. Mr. Howard will be coming to our next meeting on February 9, 2026 to make this presentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. LEGISLATION	
NUMBER:	2026-001
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:	2nd Reading
MOTION TO:	This Ordinance Will Stand As A Second Reading
DISCUSSION:	<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> <p>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 15th of each month to the Village. This ordinance will stand as a second reading.</p>



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NEW BUSINESS:

a. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-003
TITLE:	<i>AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER, SHELBY COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.</i>
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance
STATUS:	1st Reading
MOTION TO:	This Ordinance Will Stand As A First Reading.
DISCUSSION:	Since 2022, water rates have been increased six percent per year and sewer rates have been increased by three percent each year. This ordinance outlines the water and sewer rates based on usage for years 2026, 2027 and 2028. For 2026 all rates will remain the same with no change in customer charges as well. The water monthly minimum of 0 to 2,000 gallons will increase two percent each year in 2027, 2028 but not the commodity rate, to keep the utility on track with inflationary factors and will be reviewed annually to assess the financial condition of the water fund. The sewer monthly minimum and flow usage will have a zero percent change in 2026, 2027 and 2028 and will be reviewed annually to assess the financial condition of the sewer fund. The rates stated above shall be effective with the March 1, 2026 bills.

b. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-004
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:	1st Reading
MOTION TO:	This Ordinance Will Stand As A First Reading.
DISCUSSION:	The Wage and Benefits Committee is recommending the following revisions to the payroll ordinance that was adopted at the last meeting. In Section 4. "Compensation of Part Time Police Officers and Part Time Volunteer Firefighters" increasing the hour pay rate for Part Time Police Officer position from \$20.00 per hour to \$22.00 per hour and to set the maximum amount to be spent on part-time police compensation for 2026 to \$45,760.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE:	Finance
CHAIR NAME:	York
DISCUSSION:	No report

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CHAIR NAME:	York
DISCUSSION:	No report

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

COMMITTEE:	Safety
CHAIR NAME:	Elchert
DISCUSSION:	Elchert reported that the Soup dinner went very well and they had a good turnout. They also ran out of soup.



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COMMITTEE:	Public Property
CHAIR NAME:	DeVine
DISCUSSION:	No report

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT:	ZEO/EDD
REPORT BY:	Ed Maxwell
DISCUSSION:	No report

DEPARTMENT:	Village Administrator
REPORT BY:	Drew Sosby
DISCUSSION:	<p>Streets Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snow Report- 17 events between November 2025 to January 2026; 174.8 hrs. (total) reported; Approximately 83 tons of salt used• 1/24-1/26 Snow Event: 75.71 hours!• Painting Village Office <p>Water Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WTP Update: approx. month and half away from completion. <p>Sewer Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal Operations• Preparing storage tank cleaning <p>Electric Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• D. Schwartz started another round of Lineman Training• PCA Review (Sawvel) <p>Parks Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cemetery: Tree Removal/Trimming (Luthman's) <p>Admin Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dawson Const. started construction at 209 W. Pike Street (1/7)• Attended Utility Committee Mtg (1/12)• Attended Debris Management Training (1/14)• Mtg w/Access and AOP at new WTP (1/15)• Form Fire: Village Health Insurance (1/15)• Attended Growth Association Community Update (1/22)• Mtg w/Choice One (1/23)• Mtg w/AMP (1/23)• Beginning work for CRA Updates/Housing Council Review• Working on Tax Exemption Filing for Village Real Estate• Paint Village Office• Lifeguard Reach out!• Business Directory/QR Clings• Continuing to work on great projects for THE Village of JC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CITIZEN COMMENT:

NAME	
COMMENTS	None

OTHER BUSINESS:

NAME	
COMMENTS	None

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS:

NAME	
COMMENTS	None



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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

TYPE OF MEETING	Regular
DATE	Monday, February 09, 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	6
	No	0

MINUTES PREPARED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	1/27/26

ATTESTED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	2/9/26

MAYOR/PRESIDENT PRO-TEM CERTIFIED

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Mayor	2/9/26

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.