



COUNCIL MEETING

VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER

REGULAR SESSION

Held: Monday, April 27, 2026

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INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Called To Order By:	Session Begin:	Session End:	Session Location:
Jesse Fark	7:00 PM	7:31 pm	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
Jim Gooding	Employee	Assistant Fiscal Officer
Bev Wren	Employee	Fiscal Officer
Ed Maxwell	Employee	ZEO/EDD
Megan Lewis	Media	Sidney Daily News

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:	Monday, April 13, 2026	
TYPE OF MEETING:	Regular	
MOTION TO APPROVE BY:	Doseck	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	R Ludwig	
DISCUSSION:		
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
	Yes	6
	No	0

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Finance Committee met just prior to this meeting to review the March monthly financial reports.

- For the month of March, month-to-date revenue was greater than month-to-date expenditures by \$209,771.09. When comparing the month-to-date revenues to March of 2025, they are down by 8.46% and when comparing them to February of 2026 they are down by 10.72%. Year-to-date revenues are down by 15.74% compared to last year at this time.
- When comparing the month-to-date expenditures to March of 2025, they are down by 9.8% and when comparing them to February of 2026 they are down 32.08%. Year-to-date expenditures are down by 23.9% compared to last year at this time.
- The ending cash balance of all funds is up by 11.45% compared to last year at this time.
- Income tax receipts were \$151,302.75 for the month. When comparing the month-to-date income tax receipts to March of 2025, they are up by 141.9% and when comparing them to February of 2026 they are down by 18.72%. Year-to-date income tax receipts are up by 15.44% when compared to last year at this time.
- Wayne York reported that there will be a refund showing up on the May report due to taxes from Jackson, Ohio inadvertently being distributed to Jackson Center, Ohio. That money will be withheld from Jackson Center in the first May distribution. The amount is \$7,081.15.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT OF:	March
MOTION TO APPROVE BY:	York
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Elchert
DISCUSSION:	



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VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
		Yes
	No	0

PRE-SCHEDULED:

TOPIC:	Rooftop Solar Presentation
PRESENTED BY:	Pat Shuff
DISCUSSION:	Mr. Shuff was unable to attend the meeting. The presentation will be rescheduled.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-007
TITLE:	An Ordinance Accepting Certain Streets In The Hudson Lake Estates, Phase 3, As Dedicated To Public Use Within The Village Of Jackson Center, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency.
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance
STATUS:	3rd Reading
MOTION TO:	Take From The Table
MOTION MADE BY:	DeVine
MOTION SECONDED BY:	R Ludwig
DISCUSSION:	<p>A street or alley dedicated to the public use shall not be under the care or control of a municipal corporation unless the dedication is accepted and confirmed by an ordinance. This ordinance allows the council of the Village of Jackson Center to accept the dedication of the constructed streets named Nicholson Avenue, Colinsworth Court and Hudson Drive. The acceptance does not include sidewalks, the installment of which will be delayed to allow for construction of structures. Maxwell stated that you may remember that we accepted the plat about two years ago. In the development process they had some issues with sewer lines, cave-ins, things like that, that delayed the project. The last step was the letter of credit for how they were going to pay for the sidewalks as lots are developed. Our first ordinance regarding the agreement will take care of that. Once that ordinance is passed and in place, then we can accept the dedication of the streets to the Village.</p> <p>Ordinance 2026-006 was passed at the last meeting and the agreement was signed by all interested parties. Therefore, this ordinance was able to be taken off the table.</p>

VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
		Yes
	No	0

MOTION TO:	Adopt
MOTION MADE BY:	Elchert
MOTION SECONDED BY:	G Ludwig
DISCUSSION:	The purchase agreements have been signed. We closed on the purchase agreement last Friday. The bond has been met and cashed so we are able to accept these streets and the dedication of the stop streets for Hudson Phase 3 and the deed will be recorded tomorrow.



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VOTING ROLL CALL		VOTE	
G Ludwig		Yes	
DeVine		Yes	
York		Yes	
Doseck		Yes	
R Ludwig		Yes	
Elchert		Yes	
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

b. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-008
TITLE:	An Ordinance Designating Certain Newly Dedicated Streets Shown On The Hudson Lake Estates, Phase 3, Plat Within The Village Of Jackson Center As Stop Streets And Declaring An Emergency.
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance
STATUS:	3rd Reading
MOTION TO:	Take Off The Table
MOTION MADE BY:	DeVine
MOTION SECONDED BY:	R Ludwig
DISCUSSION:	<p>Council has accepted the dedication of newly constructed streets in Hudson Lake Estates. It is necessary to provide traffic regulation and the extension of police power within Hudson Lake Estates. This Ordinance designates Nicholson Avenue as a STOP street at its intersection with Hudson Drive. This ordinance also authorizes the installation of pavement markings and traffic control devices.</p> <p>Ordinance 2026-006 was passed at the last meeting and the agreement was signed by all interested parties. Therefore, this ordinance was able to be taken off the table.</p>

VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
	Yes	6
	No	0

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

c. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-003
TITLE:	A Resolution Appointing James G. Gooding To The Position Of Village Fiscal Officer And Declaring An Emergency
CLASSIFICATION:	Resolution



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STATUS:	2nd Reading
DISCUSSION:	<p>Council adopted Ordinance 2002-009 on March 11, 2002 to abolish the elected Clerk-Treasurer's position and combine them into one position and created the appointed Village Fiscal Officer position. Beverly Wren was appointed to that position on March 11, 2002 and has been serving in that position to date for twenty-four years. Wren will be retiring from the Village effective May 31, 2026 leaving a vacancy in the appointed Fiscal Officer position. It is the wishes of the Mayor and Council to appoint James G. Gooding as Fiscal Officer effective June 1, 2026. This will be a first reading of this Resolution. It was discussed that this used to be an elected position. However, it makes more sense to the Council to appoint the position to the person who is preparing the financial reports and making all of the transactions. Therefore, Council wants to continue with the appointment process that has been taking place for several years.</p>

NEW BUSINESS:

a. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-010
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:	Emergency
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule
MOTION MADE BY:	DeVine
MOTION SECONDED BY:	York
DISCUSSION:	<p>The Wage and Benefits Committee is recommending the following revisions: 1) Section 5. "Medical Insurance" to include the additional benefit of a Health Savings Account Health Plan and define Employer Contributions for those enrolled.</p> <p>Starting in fiscal year 2026 employees will have the choice between the traditional health insurance plan and a Health Savings Account (HSA) plan. Employee will pay 15% of premium for both plans. The village will pay 85% of the premium. The village will make contributions of \$500 per year for individuals and \$1000 per year for families into HSA accounts. Employees may also deposit their own pre-tax dollars into their accounts on a biweekly basis.</p> <p>The traditional PPO plan was about a 5% increase. The HSA option was a 10% decrease. We allowed the employee to choose which plan they wanted to take. It didn't cost the village any more to offer both. We just needed at least one to be enrolled in each plan. We currently have five enrolled in HSA. We currently have nine in our insurance. There are four in the PPO so far.</p> <p>The PPO plan will cost the village \$6,983 per year for an individual employee or \$21,559 per year for a family plan. For the HSA option it will cost the village \$5,982 for an individual and \$18,467 for a family. The HSA accounts will be set up at F+M Bank. The \$1,000 family and \$500 per year contributions to the employee HSA accounts for 2026 will be prorated on the first pay check after the plan is in effect.</p>
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Doseck	Yes
R Ludwig	Yes
Elchert	Yes
G Ludwig	Yes
DeVine	Yes



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York	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION TO:	Adopt		
MOTION MADE BY:	R Ludwig		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Elchert		
DISCUSSION:			
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
York	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

b. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-004		
TITLE:	A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Execute A Natural Gas Aggregation Supply Contract With Interstate Gas Supply (IGS Energy) And Declaring An Emergency.		
CLASSIFICATION:	Resolution		
STATUS:	Emergency		
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule		
MOTION MADE BY:	DeVine		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Elchert		
DISCUSSION:	<p>AMPO has been evaluating the market daily and is recommending the Village enter into a supply contract for a period of up to 24 months (October 2026- September 2028) with Interstate Gas Supply (IGS Energy) at a price to be determined on or around May 15, 2026 for residential and commercial participants in the Village Program. This will give the Village the flexibility from Council to enter into a natural gas aggregation supply contract, pending the competitiveness of offers received on or around May 15, 2026.</p> <p>With the situation in the Middle East and the USA becoming a big LNG exporter AMPO believes it will be wise to go into a contract around May 15 rather than waiting until September. AMPO believes this will give us a more favorable cost. Currently our gas aggregation rate is \$0.59 per CCF. As of last week the 24-month fixed rate was \$0.67. Village residents have the opportunity to opt out if they would rather play the market. The 2-year deal provides two more winters making the rates more budget-friendly and predictable.</p> <p>The Village of Versailles is taking this same proposal to their council as well.</p>		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
York	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION TO:	Adopt		
MOTION MADE BY:	Doseck		



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MOTION SECONDED BY:	G Ludwig		
DISCUSSION:			
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
York	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 6	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE:	Finance
CHAIR NAME:	York
DISCUSSION:	Nothing to add to the report previous given.

COMMITTEE:	Utility
CHAIR NAME:	York
DISCUSSION:	No Report.

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

COMMITTEE:	Safety
CHAIR NAME:	Elchert
DISCUSSION:	No report

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT:	ZEO/EDD
REPORT BY:	Ed Maxwell
DISCUSSION:	<p>Maxwell reported that the pharmacy will be moving to the building next door (the old eye doctor building) hopefully by the end of next month. The Hina family will be looking to bring another business into vacancy created by the move.</p> <p>We will be reminding people on Facebook that zoning permits are needed for fences, accessory structures and pools. Those are the three things people seem to fail to get permits for most often.</p> <p>We've had property maintenance issue. We will give a courtesy call to people to let them know not to blow their grass out into the street as they mow. It causes unsafe conditions for motorcycles and it gets in the storm sewer and eventually cause flooding. We do not want to cite anyone. We just want to make people aware. We will also post this on Facebook.</p>

DEPARTMENT:	Village Administrator
REPORT BY:	Drew Sosby
DISCUSSION:	<p>Streets Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crack sealing. Had to stop today because the alternator went out on the machine and it wasn't getting hot enough to work properly.



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- We will be adding a sidewalk to allow people to get to the back side of the pharmacy
- Cold patch at Plastipak
- Investigated Grace STRM CB's

Water Department

- WTP Update: CCTR status. Hopefully we hear back soon. We answered some questions for the EPA and are now waiting.
- Council toured the WTP tonight

Sewer Department

- Pool Start up
- We had to replace the Splash Pad pump

Electric Department

- Installed new Electric Pole on west end of town
- Excellence in Reliability Certificate from the EPPA
- We also received an acknowledgement from Senator Manchester's office honoring us for receiving national recognition from the American Public Power Association. This shows what our guys do and the service they provide to our community. Congratulations to Ben Shuster and David Schwartz.

Parks Department

- Mowing/trimming/spraying
- Ballfield prep work
- FCCLA is interested in painting the park bathrooms

Admin Report:

- Ed and I met w/NK Telco (4/15)
- Attended Planning Commission Mtg (4/16)
- Met w/Stolly's Insurance to discuss Property and Liability renewals. Our renewal is tending to a 5 to 10% increase. Stolly is pushing for 5%. The losses during tornado is negatively affecting us. (4/20)
- Attended Coffee w/Commissioners at Sip & Stream (4/21)
- Attended Power Supply Cost Mtg w/Mike Miglore "AMP" (4/21)
- Mtg w/LVS at Daycare Facility. We will be installing a security system and access controls. (4/23)
- Met w/State Liaison with DCY to discuss Daycare Grant. They like the application but just need to tweak a couple of things. (4/23)
- Daycare Renovations/Status. A lot of equipment is coming in. Starting to get the garage cleaned out. We will begin constructing a parking lot soon. We are shooting for construction to be finished by mid May. Then it can be inspected after that. Then it will open after it passes inspection. It could be a week or a month. The parking lot will be gravel initially with the goal of paving it in the future.
- Continuing to work on great projects for THE Village of JC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CITIZEN COMMENT:

NAME	Megan Lewis
COMMENTS	Lewis asked what residents without basement are supposed to do during a tornado. She wondered if there is a shelter to go to for the people that live in the trailer park.



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	Mayor Fark informed her that there is not a shelter provided by the village. Council members informed her that it is safest to go to an interior room with no windows. They also suggested they could go to a house of someone they know to seek shelter.
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OTHER BUSINESS:

NAME	None
COMMENTS	


NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

TYPE OF MEETING	<u>Regular</u>
DATE	<u>Monday, May 11, 2026</u>
TIME	7:00 PM
LOCATION	Council Chambers
COMMENTS	

ADJOURNMENT:

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


MINUTES PREPARED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	4/28/26

ATTESTED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	5/11/26

MAYOR/PRESIDENT PRO-TEM CERTIFIED

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Mayor	5/11/26

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.