



# COUNCIL MEETING

## VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: Monday, May 11, 2026

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**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

<b>Called To Order By:</b> Choose an item.	<b>Session Begin:</b> 7:00 PM	<b>Session End:</b> 7:31 PM	<b>Session Location:</b> Council Chambers
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**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
Michael Burton	Employee	Solicitor
Megan Lewis	Media	Sidney Daily News
Scott Klopfenstein	Visitor	Choose an item.
Brad Wren	Visitor	Choose an item.
Jess Zorn	Visitor	Choose an item.
Paxton Zorn	Visitor	Choose an item.
Erin Pence	Visitor	Choose an item.
Maggie Pence	Visitor	Choose an item.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:	Monday, April 27, 2026	
TYPE OF MEETING:	<b>Regular</b>	
MOTION TO APPROVE BY:	<b>DeVine</b>	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	<b>Elchert</b>	
DISCUSSION:	None	
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
	Yes	6
	No	0

**PRE-SCHEDULED:**

TOPIC:	Recognition of Fiscal Officer, Bev Wren For 24 Years Of Service
PRESENTED BY:	Village Administrator Drew Sosby
DISCUSSION:	Village Administrator Drew Sosby presented Bev Wren with a commemorative plaque celebrating her more than 24 years of service to The Village of Jackson Center as the Assistant Fiscal Officer and Fiscal Officer. Her tenure started on January 29, 2002 and will end on May 31, 2026. Mr. Sosby summarized Mrs. Wren's service and praised her for outstanding work and commitment to The Village. Mrs. Wren thanked Mr. Sosby and those in attendance. Mayor Jesse Fark acknowledged Mrs. Wren and thanked her for her work. He stated that Mrs. Wren came into a difficult situation. During her time she organized and greatly improved many aspects of The Village's finances.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. LEGISLATION**

NUMBER:	<b>2026-003</b>
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:	3rd Reading		
MOTION TO:	Adopt		
MOTION MADE BY:	York		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Elchert		
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>		
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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. LEGISLATION**

NUMBER:	2026-011		
TITLE:	<p>An Ordinance Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Into A Real Estate Purchase Agreement With Jeffrey Strand To Purchase Real Estate And Declaring An Emergency.</p>		
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance		
STATUS:	Emergency		
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule		
MOTION MADE BY:	Doseck		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	York		
DISCUSSION:	<p>Jeffrey Strand is the owner in fee simple of certain real property located in Shelby County, Ohio, located at Ohio Street, PIN 20-06-15-126-025, being Lot 581, Jackson Center, Shelby County, Ohio 45334, together with all structures, improvements, fixtures, easements, rights, and other appurtenances pertaining to it. Mr. Strand has agreed to sell and convey to The Village a strip of land off the Property. This will extend the lots that The Village purchased between Mama J's Pizza and Family Dollar. This will square up the property and allow for six more parking places. It sets up future plans to create a walk path between Mama J's and the new daycare facility. This will help the daycare project and public parking.</p>		
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

MOTION TO:	Adopt		
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MOTION MADE BY:	York		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	R Ludwig		
DISCUSSION:	No additional discussion		
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

TOPIC:	Oath Of Office
PRESENTED BY:	Mayor Jesse Fark
DISCUSSION:	James Gooding was administered the Oath of Office for the Fiscal Officer position by Mayor Jesse Fark. The appointment to Fiscal Officer will take effect on June 1, 2026.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE:	Finance
CHAIR NAME:	York
DISCUSSION	No Report

COMMITTEE:	Utility
CHAIR NAME:	York
DISCUSSION	No Report

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

COMMITTEE:	Safety
CHAIR NAME:	Elchert
DISCUSSION	The Safety Committee met prior to the Council Meeting at the Safety Building. Chief Mahan was conducting a staff meeting with his officers that the Safety Committee was able to observe. Mrs. Elchert reported that the Police Department has had 118 calls for service in the month of April. Also, we will be Charger (police vehicle) on GovDeals. It has met its use. Some things will be taken out of the cruiser such as the radio. But the computer is outdated and will be destroyed. There are many upcoming events including graduation, the parade and Community Days. They are organizing coverage for all of the events. The Police Department received Individual First Aid Kits from the Shelby County EMA. They will be worn on their vests at all times. The are not for bystanders or the public. They are for injuries to police officers. We have four kits. There will be training on how to use them. National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 4 <sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 8pm. The Fire Department has had 31 runs year-to-date. They are preparing to run their bratwurst stand during Community Days. The will also will be assisting with the fireworks display at Community Days. Several of the firefighters have been in EMR training with is emergency medical training. The last night for that training is tonight.

COMMITTEE:	Public Property
CHAIR NAME:	DeVine
DISCUSSION	No Report



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#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT:	ZEO/EDD
REPORT BY:	Ed Maxwell
DISCUSSION:	Mr. Maxwell used his time to acknowledge Bev Wren for her work over the past 24 years. He thanked her for everything she has done for The Village and the people of The Village. He said many things she does are not known. He appreciates everything she does and enjoyed working with her. Former Mayor Scott Klopfenstein and Solicitor Mike Burton also spoke and praised Bev for her outstanding work over her career.

DEPARTMENT:	Village Administrator
REPORT BY:	Drew Sosby
DISCUSSION:	<p><b><u>Streets Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crack sealing. Did not get to it last year so the guys have been busy getting caught up.</li> <li>• The village crew will be doing the bull dozing work on the parking lots between Mama J's and Family Dollar.</li> <li>• Cleaning out back garage of 209 W. Pike St</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Water Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WTP Update The new water plant has been filtering for about a month. We are waiting on the corrosion control approval from the EPA. We are close. The EPA had one more question which has been answered. Once approved, the softeners will be put online. Then we will flush water and get softened water to the customers as soon as possible.</li> <li>• We are getting quotes on demolition for the old plant which will start soon.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Sewer Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sewer department has been working at the pool. There was a leak in the splash park line that feeds the underground tank. The guys are repairing it. Opening day for the pool is Friday, May 29.</li> <li>• We have 8 returning lifeguards and 4 new lifeguards. We have 14 slide attendants. McKinley Reichert will be pool manager and Bailey Kuhns is the assistant manager.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Electric Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carnival Square Electric Improvements.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Parks Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing/trimming/spraying</li> <li>• Memorial Park renovations: The centerpiece and trees are getting a new decorative landscaping curb. There will be new decorative rock in the center. We plan to have it done before Community Days.</li> <li>• Ballfield prep work</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Admin Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met w/Ed and Jesse and discussed Zoning matters. (4/28)</li> <li>• Met w/F&amp;M bank to discuss carnival square/alley. We are looking to expand the right-of-way as part of the project. (4/30)</li> <li>• Met w/Tori Faulder to discuss remaining steps for Daycare (5/4)</li> <li>• Met w/Weigandt for Daycare Fence (5/5)</li> <li>• Ed and I attended Choice One Project Mtg. Hoping to have a street paving projects. (5/6)</li> <li>• Met w/Allison Haas to discuss Pharmacy location and accessibility. They are moving to a new location which will house Village Prints</li> </ul>



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	<p>in the front near 274 and the pharmacy will be in the back. We are working on making the back accessible with a sidewalk. There is some storm work to do as well. (5/7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met w/Brad Lucia to discuss landscaping for Daycare (5/7)</li> <li>• Attended F/M Bank luncheon. This allows village employees' fees for the new HSA accounts to be waived. They also discussed other accounts and investments. (5/8)</li> <li>• Touched base w/Choice One about seeding on Morris Rose Rd. Some of the seeding wasn't finished and now weeds are overgrowing. That will be fixed.</li> <li>• Working on Cybersecurity plan in response to HB 96. We are using things from Reliable and OML and merging them together. Eventually there will be legislation to pass.</li> <li>• Palmer Energy updated for Gas Aggregation- 24MO.-\$0.66/ccf</li> <li>• Daycare Renovations/Status. Drywall is in. Painting will start this week. Need to work on windows and get cabinets and fixtures. We need to install a sign. June 1<sup>st</sup> is a ballpark estimate for the target open date. If it is open in time we could have an open house during the Community Days parade. There are 21 children signed up so far. Capacity is 40. We submitted application to the State for a grant. We have to eliminate three things and resubmit.</li> <li>• Continuing to work on great projects for THE Village of JC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</li> </ul>
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**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

No Citizen Comments

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No Other Business

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No Executive Session

**UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS:**

No Unscheduled Business

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

TYPE OF MEETING	Regular
DATE	Monday, June 08, 2026
TIME	7:00 PM
LOCATION	Council Chambers
COMMENTS	None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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



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#### MINUTES PREPARED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	- 5/12/26

#### ATTESTED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	6/8/26

#### MAYOR/PRESIDENT PRO-TEM CERTIFIED

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Mayor	6/8/26

*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.*