



COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER
REGULAR SESSION

Held: Monday, July 13, 2026

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INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Called To Order By: Session Begin: Session End: Session Location:
Jesse Fark 7:00 PM 7:35 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	Not Present
Mr. Luke Doseck	Present	Mr. Ross Ludwig	Present

Name	Visitor/Employee	Comments
Drew Sosby	Employee	Village Administrator
Jim Gooding	Employee	Fiscal Officer
Ed Maxwell	Employee	ZEO/EDD
Mike Burton	Employee	Solicitor

MOTION TO EXCUSE FROM ATTENDANCE:

MOTION TO EXCUSE:	Wayne York	
MOTION TO EXCUSE BY:	DeVine	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Elchert	
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
	Yes	5
	No	0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:	Monday, June 22, 2026	
TYPE OF MEETING:	Regular	
MOTION TO APPROVE BY:	Doseck	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	R Ludwig	
DISCUSSION:	No Discussion	
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
	Yes	5
	No	0

PRE-SCHEDULED:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

a. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-012	
TITLE:	An Ordinance To Adopt A Cybersecurity Program Establishing Ransomware Payment Authorization Procedures, Prescribing Cybersecurity Incident Reporting Requirements, And Declaring An Emergency.	
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance	
STATUS:	2nd Reading	
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule	
MOTION MADE BY:	G Ludwig	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	DeVine	
DISCUSSION:	In accordance with Ohio revised Code Section 9.64, enacted through House Bill 96, the Village is required to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards public data, information technology, and Information Technology (IT) resources to ensure confidentiality, availability, and integrity. The law mandates use of generally accepted cybersecurity best	



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	practices, including frameworks, such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework and the Center for Internet Security best practices. Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(B) prohibits political subdivisions from paying a ransom demand arising from a ransomware attack unless the legislative authority formally approves such payment by resolution or ordinance. Village Administrator, Drew Sosby, reported that this is require by House Bill 96. We have a plan in place. We need to pass the legislation as required. This document will give the employees the steps to follow immediately. It will be part of the superintendents' emergency management plans. Reliable has reviewed the plan. We used Reliable and OML templates to formulate the policy. Solicitor Mike Burton has also reviewed it. Usually, we attach policy with ordinances. But because of the sensitive nature of this policy it is not made public.		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION TO:	Adopt
MOTION MADE BY:	Elchert
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Doseck
DISCUSSION:	No Further Discussion
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
DeVine	Yes
Doseck	Yes
R Ludwig	Yes
Elchert	Yes
G Ludwig	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

b. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-007
TITLE:	A Resolution Creating A Capital Projects Fund And Declaring An Emergency.
CLASSIFICATION:	Resolution
STATUS:	2nd Reading
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule
MOTION MADE BY:	Elchert
MOTION SECONDED BY:	G Ludwig
DISCUSSION:	The Village passed Resolution 2025-016 authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission Program on August 25, 2025. The Village applied for and has received financial approval for the project entitled "Robb Avenue Reconstruction" in the amount of a \$450,000, being a \$200,000 grant and a \$250,000 loan from Ohio Public Works Commission. The Village needs to establish a fund to account for the receipt of and the disbursement of the grant and loan monies for the capital purchases for the reconstruction of Robb Avenue. Village Administrator, Drew Sosby, reported this will allow to create a new project fund. Then we will able take payments and make disbursements. He



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	also reported the we have received the agreement and he has signed it. Solicitor Burton has looked it over and it has been finalized.		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION TO:	Adopt		
MOTION MADE BY:	Doseck		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	DeVine		
DISCUSSION:	No Further Discussion.		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

a. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-013		
TITLE:	An Ordinance Accepting The Plat Titled "Linden Avenue Alley Dedication" In The Village Of Jackson Center, Being A New Survey Of Existing Parcels 20-06-15-201-012 And 20-06-15-201-019, 018, 017, 016, And 024; And Dedicating The South Portion Of Said Parcels To The Public Use Forever; And Declaring An Emergency.		
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance		
STATUS:	Emergency		
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule		
MOTION MADE BY:	DeVine		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	G Ludwig		
DISCUSSION:	A Survey Plat titled "Linden Avenue Alley Dedication", which resurveys Parcel 20-06-15-205-001 as it exists on the Shelby County Auditor's Map and formally dedicates the southern portion of said parcel, extending the Right of Way for Linden Avenue Alley 14 feet to the north, and resurveys Parcels 20-06-15-201-019, 018, 017, 016, and 024 as they exist on the Shelby County Auditor's Map and formally dedicates the southern portion of said parcels, extending the Right of Way for Linden Avenue Alley 14 feet to the north. The Plat has been submitted to the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Village Planning Commission, and said Zoning Enforcement Officer and Village Planning Commission have recommended that Jackson Center Village Council approve the resurvey of these parcels with the newly created Dedicated Right of Way as indicated on the survey. The Village and F+M Bank had an agreement where they would donate property in the alley south of F+M Bank. This gives us more space for the Carnival Square project. After this is finalized we will take it to the County Engineer.		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		



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G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION TO:	Adopt		
MOTION MADE BY:	R Ludwig		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Elchert		
DISCUSSION:	No Further Discussion		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

b. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-014		
TITLE:	An Ordinance Authorizing The Village's Participation In The Ohio Treasurer Of State's Ohio Market Access Program And Authorizing The Preparation And Filing Of An Application For That Program And The Execution And Delivery Of A Standby Note Purchase Agreement In Connection Therewith, And Other Necessary And Appropriate Documents, And Declaring An Emergency.		
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance		
STATUS:	Emergency		
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule		
MOTION MADE BY:	Elchert		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Doseck		
DISCUSSION:	American Municipal Power, Inc. and the Village of Jackson Center have cooperated in connection with financing the cost of upgrading the Village's municipal electric system by constructing a new substation and approximately one mile of 69KV transmission line. AMP has issued notes on behalf of the Village for the project. The notes issued by AMP on behalf of the Village are currently outstanding in the principal amount of \$1,860,000 are about to mature and it will be necessary to renew the outstanding notes in the reduced principal amount of not to exceed \$1,715,000. The Village wishes to have AMP issue renewal notes on its behalf, and in order to obtain a more favorable interest rate on the notes, the Village also wishes to participate in the Ohio Treasurer of State's Market Access Program. This is an annual step. We have participated in this for the electric substation financing since 2018. This ordinance authorized the filing of the application. We will once again be paying \$145,000 on the principal this year reducing the principal to \$1,715,000.		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION TO:	Adopt		
MOTION MADE BY:	G Ludwig		



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MOTION SECONDED BY:	DeVine		
DISCUSSION:	No Further Discussion.		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
DeVine	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

c. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-015		
TITLE:	An Ordinance Authorizing Certain Adjustments In The 2026 Annual Appropriations Of Public Funds For The Village Of Jackson Center During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026 And Declaring An Emergency.		
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance		
STATUS:	Emergency		
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule		
MOTION MADE BY:	Doseck		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	DeVine		
DISCUSSION:	Since the adoption of the Annual Appropriations for the year 2026, certain expenditures have differed from the anticipated expenditures. The following adjustment must be made in the Annual Appropriations Ordinance 2025-010. Within the General Fund, appropriations be increased in the amount of \$450,000 in appropriation account code 1000-800-590-0000 – Other- Capital Outlay- System Expansion. The purpose of this increase is the cost of the Robb Avenue Reconstruction Project. The revised appropriation budget for the General Fund is \$1,293,072.51 and the revised appropriation budget for all funds is \$8,517,259.81. Within the General Fund, appropriations be increased in the amount of \$15,000 in appropriation account code 1000-710-300-0000 Contractual Services. The purpose of this increase is to cover cost of general engineering services for various projects. The revised appropriation budget for the General Fund is \$8,517,259.81. Within the Mayor’s Court Fund, appropriations be increased in the amount of \$1,500 in appropriation account code 9901-882-600-0000 – Other. The purpose of this increase is to be able to disburse Mayor Court Receipts to the state and the village. The revised appropriation budget for the Mayor’s Court Fund is \$3,500.00 and the revised appropriation budget for all funds is \$8,517,259.81. We looked at the Cost of Estimated Resources and there is no issue. We are staying compliant.		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION TO:	Adopt		
MOTION MADE BY:	DeVine		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	G Ludwig		
DISCUSSION:	No Further Discussion		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		



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Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

d. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-016		
TITLE:	An Ordinance Authorizing The Village Administrator To Complete The Donation And Exchange Of Real Property Located At 205 West Pike Street And West Pike Street, Jackson Center, Ohio, With Sari K. Silwani, Trustee Of The Sari K. Silwani Trust And Declaring An Emergency.		
CLASSIFICATION:	Ordinance		
STATUS:	Emergency		
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule		
MOTION MADE BY:	Elchert		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	R Ludwig		
DISCUSSION:	Sari K. Silwani is the owner in fee simple of certain real property located at 205 West Pike Street, Jackson Center, Shelby County, Ohio, and being a part of PIN 20-0615126.015. The Village of Jackson Center, Ohio, is the owner in fee simple of certain neighboring real property being part of Outlot 9, located on West Pike Street, Jackson Center, Shelby County, Ohio, and being a part of PIN 20-0615126.016. Th donor agrees to donate and convey the Donation Property directly to the Jackson Center Community Improvement Corporation acting as agent for the Village, in exchange for the Village transferring the Exchange Property directly to Donor. A Real Estate Donation Agreement has been drafted between Donor, the Village, and the CIC to complete the Transaction, all for a public purpose. The Exchange Property is not needed for a municipal purpose, and public auction of the Exchange Property is not required pursuant to RC 721.03, because the Village by and through its agent, the CIC, pursuant to RC 1724.10 is receiving the Donation Property in exchange for the Exchange Property. Solicitor Burton reported that there will be a clause in the agreement that says if the property is ever sold it will come back The Village. The reason for that it The Village is transferring this property which typically has to be done through public auction. In this case with the CIC acting as the agent of The Village it does not have to go through public auction.		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION TO:	Adopt		
MOTION MADE BY:	Doseck		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	DeVine		
DISCUSSION:	No Further Discussion		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0



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e. LEGISLATION

NUMBER:	2026-008		
TITLE:	A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Into A Contract With Sturm Construction Inc., Of Sidney, Ohio For The Robb Avenue Reconstruction Project, And Declaring An Emergency.		
CLASSIFICATION:	Resolution		
STATUS:	Emergency		
MOTION TO:	Suspend The Three Reading Rule		
MOTION MADE BY:	R Ludwig		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	G Ludwig		
DISCUSSION:	The Village plans to reconstruct Robb Avenue by replacing the existing 6" watermain with a new 12" watermain, and the complete reconstruction of Robb Avenue located in the Village of Jackson Center. The Village plans to enter into a contract with Sturm Construction, Inc., of Sidney, OH to provide the materials, equipment, and labor to construct the Project, The Village Administrator and Choice One Engineering have completed an engineering estimate for the Project of \$1,128,226.50, appropriately advertised for bids for the Project, and opened and reviewed the bids, and recommend awarding the Robb Avenue Reconstruction Project to Sturm Construction, Inc. The Council deems it necessary to proceed with the Project to avoid untimely delays. The bid opening was held on June 25th. There were three bids. After reviewing all bids, Choice One recommended the contract be awarded to Sturm Construction whose low bid was \$860,000 for the project.		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
G Ludwig	Yes		
DeVine	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION TO:	Adopt		
MOTION MADE BY:	DeVine		
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Elchert		
DISCUSSION:	No Further Discussion		
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE		
DeVine	Yes		
Doseck	Yes		
R Ludwig	Yes		
Elchert	Yes		
G Ludwig	Yes		
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 5	NO: 0	ABSTAIN: 0

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



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DISCUSSION	No Report
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COMMITTEE:	Safety
CHAIR NAME:	Elchert
DISCUSSION	The police department had 122 calls for service in June. National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 4th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the pool. The fire department will also be involved. There will be the typical hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and cookies. It is planned to have ice cream as well. Admission to the pool is free during this time. The fire department has had 51 runs for the year. That is typical for this time of year. They have 19 members currently on staff. Five members attended Emergency Medical Response Training classes. It was six weeks of training three times a week. They learned procedures so they can fill in gaps before the rescue squad arrives. There is a test that has to be passed by the five members. Two have passed the test so far. This is a nice way for the members of the fire department to further serve the community.

COMMITTEE:	Public Property
CHAIR NAME:	DeVine
DISCUSSION	No Report

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT:	ZEO/EDD
REPORT BY:	Ed Maxwell
DISCUSSION:	Zoning permits have really picked up. Mr. Maxwell believes it is due to the fact that a message was put in the village newsletter. Also, the lots just to the east of the railroad tracks on Pike St. have been sold to an investor. There will be a facility built there for lease for commercial use. There are no tenants yet. This lot has been for sale for several years.

DEPARTMENT:	Village Administrator
REPORT BY:	Drew Sosby
DISCUSSION:	<u>Streets Department</u> • Poured new concrete in front of Village Office. It looks better and is much more accessible for customers in wheelchairs. We are still going to clean up the area and possibly add decorative rock. • Cold patch potholes at Plastipak • Add gravel in Daycare Parking lot and did some work at the Legion as well. <u>Water Department</u> • New WTP Softener are online- test results showing 170 MG/L hardness in the system. • Soap seems to be lathering better and the shower water smells better. • We are encouraging customers with softeners to get with your service company to see if your settings need to change. <u>Sewer Department</u> • Normal Operations <u>Electric Department</u> • Did some work at Plastipak • Getting ready to trim/remove trees and stumps <u>Parks Department</u>



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- Soccer season is upon us; getting field's prepared and goals installed.
- Story walk at Wally Byam Park Installation will be done on July 14th. The library is eager to get books in. There are 18 different spots on the walking track.

Admin Report:

- Met w/resident on Morris Rose Rd to discuss grass grading/seeding issues. This is resolved and will be fixed. The contractor did come back and do the grading work. A few spots were missed and will be fixed. (6/23)
- Village crews and I attended after action report from the gas leak (6/23)
- Attended Growth Association Mtg. (6/24)
- Held Bid opening in Council Chambers for Robb Ave. Project (6/25)
- Held Employee Appreciation "Ice Cream Social" for the all-Village crews (6/25)
- Had a mtg w/Superior Sealcoat in regards to paving projects here in JC. They will be doing some of the paving work for Robb Avenue as well as Carnival Square. He also is doing some work between the Hardware and the Village Office. We are going to take advantage of that as far as limiting expenses. (6/26)
- Village had the Shelby County ARC in town/pool; Candee and I cooked lunch (6/26)
- Various mtg w/Burton's office regarding PA and Plat approvals for the Silwani/F & M Bank donations
- Daycare Status- waiting on inspections and approvals. (TBD). Mayor Fark would like Village Council to tour the facility now that is close to completion.

Continuing to work on great projects for THE Village of JC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CITIZEN COMMENT:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Fark reported that the Norther Shelby County Joint Ambulance District is out for bid as of Fiday for a rescue service provider. The bid packet and request for proposal is posted on our website as well as the Botkins and Anna websites. Mayor Fark would like to do social media post as well. At the next amulance district meeting on August 13th at 7:00 pm in Jackson Center the bids will be opened. The district is also looking for a fiscal officer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS:

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

TYPE OF MEETING	<u>Regular</u>
DATE	<u>Monday, July 27, 2026</u>
TIME	<u>7:00 PM</u>
LOCATION	<u>Council Chambers</u>
COMMENTS	None



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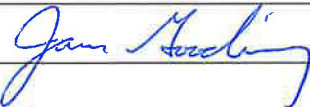
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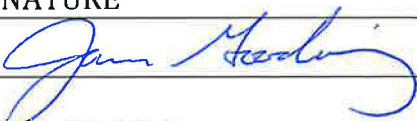
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY:	DeVine	
MOTION SECONDED BY:	Doseck	
VOTING ROLL CALL:	VOTE	
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	No	0

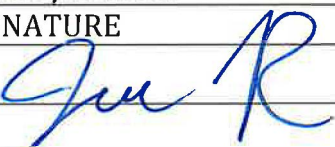
MINUTES PREPARED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	7/14/26

ATTESTED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	7/27/26

MAYOR/PRESIDENT PRO-TEM CERTIFIED

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Mayor	7/27/26

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.