

**Village of Jacksonville Council Meeting**  
**July 25, 2019**  
**6:30 PM**

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session with Mayor Sam Smathers presiding and the meeting called to order at 6:35 PM. Council members present were Emily Swart, Rachel Clift, Dave Moleski, and Jay Chapman. Also present were Fire Chief Brad Lowry, Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell and Solicitor John Haseley.

Mayor Smathers announced that two Council seats are vacant due to the resignations of Butch Chapman and Christina Ewing. Council will need to appoint an acting President of Council.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to appoint Rachel Clift as acting President of Council. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Jay Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Resident James Andrews appeared before Council to discuss storm water backing up into the basement of his home. Mr. Andrews stated he had contacted an attorney regarding the matter and was told he could make a claim against the Village for damage to his furnace. Mr. Andrews has installed a sump pump in his basement, but it is unable to keep up with the rate of water coming into the basement. Solicitor Haseley contacted Bob Heavener Excavating to obtain a quote to jet the storm water drains. A quote was provided at \$200 per hour with a minimum of four hours. Mr. Heavener will need access to a water source and will need Council to indicate where they want the removed debris placed. Another quote was provided from a Columbus based company at \$250 per hour with travel time billed at the same rate.

Councilperson Jay Chapman made a motion to contract with Bob Heavener Excavating to clean out the storm water drains. Seconded by Councilperson Moleski. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Luke Sulfridge of SOPEC appeared before Council to announce that the first of two public hearings was held on June 27 regarding the Electric Aggregation. The second public hearing is scheduled for August 19. Mr. Sulfridge presented a Resolution to Council to proceed with the next step of Electric Aggregation.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2019-8 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance 2019-8: Approving the Plan of Operation and Governance for the SOPEC Electricity Aggregation Program, for the Purpose of Jointly Establishing and Implementing an Electricity Aggregation Program and Declaring an Emergency. Councilperson Swart made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-8 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fire Chief Brad Lowry reported that the ODNR grant for turn out gear was awarded. Lowry asked if the department has enough funding to purchase an additional set of gear. Fiscal Officer Rockwell will provide the answer by the weekend. The department would like approval to apply for a grant for \$28,000 from Fire House Subs. Solicitor Haseley prepared a Resolution to approve applying for the grant. Lowry stated the department is receiving a grant from BWC for \$6,210 for a gear washer. The department is looking into using some of the Land Bank properties that are being demolished for training. The Jacksonville Fire Department will be hosting a Firefighter I training course in August. Nine department members will be attending the training. Lowry asked if something can be done to



reduce the utility costs for the department. Lowry stated that the Village is billed for sewer usage even though the majority of the water is used to wash and fill trucks. Lowry would like to disconnect the phone line for the fire department as it is not needed. Lowry would also like to cancel the Orkin service. Lowry would like Council to explore other options for cleaning the building to reduce costs. Lowry discussed insurance options. Lowry stated new seals were installed around the overhead bay doors. The new emergency siren is on hold, but is approved. The EMS is paying \$26,000 for the siren. Other local Villages will get new sirens in the spring. The National Weather Service will be able to set off the sirens when there are disasters. Zack Talbert was added to the roster as a new member of the department in July. The department responded to 20 calls in July and has used 304 gallons of fuel so far in 2019. There are a total of 29 members currently on the department.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2019-9 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Moleski. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 2019-9: A Resolution Approving the Agreement Between the Village of Jacksonville and Ohio First Responder Grants, LLC, to Complete and Submit a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Application and Declaring an Emergency. Councilperson Jay Chapman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-9 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Council discussed road patching in the Village. Council discussed what was being done with the old water meters when the new ones are purchased. The Eagles paid for some of the existing meters. Steve Andrews stated he is not happy with the speed bumps being installed on the side streets.

Solicitor Haseley provided notices to sell the monkey bars and slide from the park. Haseley provided a notice to abandon meters at vacant houses. Haseley stated he will be preparing an exemption for the Withem trailer to resolve issues with tax bills. Haseley stated the Village could move forward with removing or demolishing the trailer. Haseley stated Mayor Smathers can appoint individuals to the vacant Council seats as early as tomorrow.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell presented Council with the May Bank Reconciliation for signatures, May Financial Statements, and May Work Log. Rockwell requested a motion to approve the April Financial Reports presented at the May 23, 2019 meeting.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to approve the April 2019 Financial Reports as presented. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Smathers reported that Phase I of the Water Project is 95% complete. Reclaiming will begin in one to two weeks. Smathers will be appointing Council members tomorrow. Smathers reported that Village Administrator Todd Smith is consumed with the water projects and will need help at least on a temporary basis. Council discussed a short term contract of three months for a worker. Councilperson Moleski made a motion authorizing the Mayor to contract for part time help for Todd for three months for the duties that are most needed. The employee will be contractual and paid by 1099. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Rachel Clift reported for the Park Committee that she is looking into purchasing the baby swings, chains, basketball nets and moving the outlet in the shelter house. Councilperson Moleski stated the outlet should be moved by a certified electrician. Moleski stated the foundation of the shelter house will need to be repaired. It has been damaged by flooding. Council discussed the issue with the foundation of the stage and the horseshoe pits at the park.

Mayor Smathers stated that the Public Safety Committee needs to meet to discuss the cost of a police officer so that a levy could be placed on the 2020 ballot. Funding would not be collected until 2021 and someone could be hired in 2022. Councilperson Clift stated that the individual needs to be OPATA

Certified or they cannot wear a uniform, have arresting authority or call for backup from another agency. OPATA Certification costs approximately \$6,000.

Resident Amy Simons requested an update regarding UTV inspections. Council discussed inspections, stickers for UTVs and repealing the UTV Friendly Ordinance. Council agreed to offer an "inspection day" for UTVs to receive inspections and proper stickers from the County Sheriff's Office. Haseley reported that the Village can contract with the Sheriff's Office for \$40 per hour to enforce the UTV laws under Ohio Revised Code.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to close Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Streets beginning August 25 at 5:00P until 5:00P on September 2 for the Old Settlers' Reunion. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Swart stated a capital improvement fund is needed for storm water drains to be replaced and the Village should look into grants for this. The matter was forwarded to the Street Committee. Councilperson Moleski stated that a "No Parking" sign needs put up at the VFW. Moleski discussed closing a road in the Village and maintenance on Railroad Street. Moleski also expressed concerns with speed bumps being on railroad property. Councilperson Jay Chapman stated that easements were granted by the railroad. Haseley will verify this information for Council.

Mayor Smathers requested an Executive Session under ORD Section 121.22(G)(3) to discuss possible legal issues. Councilperson Jay Chapman made a motion to enter executive session with the Mayor, Council and Solicitor present. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for executive session at 9:14P.


Councilperson Moleski made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 9:19P.

Mayor Smathers stated that an individual working community service for the Village mowed his yard in error. Mayor Smathers has made it clear that his yard is not part of the Village maintenance. Smathers would like to reimburse the Village \$5.00 for gas.

Mayor Smathers entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22PM.



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Mayor Sam Smathers



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Council Clerk Heather Rockwell