

Village of Jacksonville
Regular Council Meeting
April 24, 2025 6:30 PM

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session with Council President Angela Strock presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Council members present were Angela Strock, Jay Chapman, Rachel Gratz, Cameron Lowery and Butch Chapman. Also present were Solicitor Andrew Grillo, Fire Chief DJ Henry and Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell.

Councilperson Butch Chapman motioned to excuse Eric Clift from the April 24, 2025 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Gratz motioned the approval of the March 30, 2025 Special Council Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council members voted "yes", except Councilpersons Strock and Lowery who abstained due to being absent from the March 30 meeting. Motion carried.

Acting Mayor Strock presented questions emailed by resident Amy Simons. Simons asked if the Village would be hosting an annual recycling day as they have in the past, if the reminder about ATV/UTV regulations will be posted on the website, and if a contract is completed for the Old Settlers Reunion. Mayor Smathers and Bateman's Refuse are coordinating with the Athens County Solid Waste District on the annual Community Cleanup Day with date and details to be announced soon. Council requested Fiscal Officer Rockwell post the ATV/UTV regulations on the website. Councilperson Gratz indicated she will be coordinating with the Old Settlers Reunion Committee soon.

Strock thanked the Jacksonville Fire Department for hosting the Easter Bunny Breakfast and the Old Settlers Reunion Committee for the Easter Egg Hunt in the park. A lot of kids turned out for the event. Strock asked Council if they would like to change the monthly Council Meetings to the last Wednesday of each month. Councilperson Jay Chapman motioned to change the regularly scheduled monthly Council Meetings to the last Wednesday of every month. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fire Chief Henry reported that the SCBA testing on the Breathing Air System was performed today. Henry asked if the purchase order for training for Leora Coffman is completed. Henry reported that the weather siren was set off on Saturday and no one is sure why this happened. The controls for the siren have not been switched to Athens County yet. Henry reported that the department has responded to seven runs since the March 30, 2025 meeting consisting of four mutual aid runs involving three structure fires and a vehicle fire, a trash fire/controlled burn run, one motor vehicle accident and one miscellaneous run. Henry stated the department's Pump/Draft & Drive training was rescheduled for May 4, 2025 and will be held at Burr Oak State Park Dock 4 and the beach. A special activity permit was granted by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to hold the training. Henry stated the Easter Bunny Breakfast went well. Approximately 200 meals were served. Henry asked if there is an update on bids for the Durango. Henry reported the lettering for the new brush truck will be completed soon.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell stated a bid for \$600 was received for the Durango and it is up to Chief Henry if he wishes to accept the bid. Henry stated he is willing to accept the bid for the Durango. Rockwell also reminded Council that Leora Coffman must be appointed by Council to the department now that she is certified. Once she is appointed, Rockwell can prepare the purchase order for Ms. Coffman's training.

Councilperson Butch Chapman motioned to accept the \$600 bid for the Fire Department's Dodge Durango. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Lowery motioned the appointment of Leora Coffman as a member of the Jacksonville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Gratz. All Council voted "yes", except Councilperson Butch Chapman who abstained due to a conflict of interest due to being a member of the Jacksonville Fire Department.

Rockwell reported on behalf of Water Operator Ron Riley and Administrator Ron Rockwell that trash pickup continues along the State Route, trees are trimmed along the State Route, a new water service was installed on Wemmer Road, water meter issues are corrected, the storm grate behind the Fire Department is repaired, and potholes were filled on Railroad Street. Several storm drains have been repaired including in front of the Corner Deli, the Post Office and at the intersection of Sixth and High Street. Work will begin soon on the Village's annual Consumer Confidence Report due in July.

Solicitor Grillo reported he is working on a Public Record Request involving Village communications with SOPEC (Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council). There are currently no criminal cases pending. The settlement agreement with David Hellyer for water service is signed and complete.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell requested approval of the January and February financial statements and bank reconciliations presented at the March 30 meeting. Councilperson Butch Chapman motioned to approve the January and February bank reconciliations and financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council members voted "yes", except Councilpersons Strock and Lowery who abstained due to being absent from the March 30, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell presented the March 2025 financial statements and bank reconciliation for Council review. Rockwell also presented a 2025 supplemental appropriations ordinance to correct two errors made on the permanent appropriations. Rockwell reported that the on-site review for the Village's 2023/2024 Agreed Upon Procedures Audit is complete. Rockwell reminded Council to complete their Public Records/Sunshine Law Training for their current term.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell reported that the preconstruction meeting for 2025 Paving Improvements was held this morning. Paving is scheduled to begin the last week in May, weather permitting. Chief Henry will need to meet with Administrator Rockwell and Water Operator Riley to review the road closures. Fiscal Officer Rockwell asked Councilperson Butch Chapman if the funding signage for the project can be placed in his front lawn. Councilperson Butch Chapman stated he agrees if the Village will trim the weeds around the sign.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2025-5, declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Gratz. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance 2025-5: An Ordinance Amending the Appropriations Ordinance 2025-4 to Increase Funding in the Fire Fund, Decrease Funding in the General and Street Funds, and Reallocate Funding in the State Highway Fund Within the Village of Jacksonville and Declaring an Emergency. Motion was made by Councilperson Butch Chapman to adopt Ordinance 2025-5 as read. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Lowery. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried.

Acting Mayor Strock entertained a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilperson Butch Chapman and seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman to adjourn. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Acting Mayor Angela Strock



Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell