

Village of Jacksonville
Regular Council Meeting
June 25, 2025 6:30 PM

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session. In the absence of the Mayor and Council President, Council appointed Fiscal Officer Rockwell to preside over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Council members present were Jay Chapman, Cameron Lowery, Eric Clift and Butch Chapman. Also present were Solicitor Andrew Grillo, Fire Chief DJ Henry and Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell.

Councilperson Eric Clift motioned to excuse Angela Strock and Rachel Gratz from the June 25, 2025 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman motioned the approval of the April 24, 2025 Regular Council Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council members voted "yes", except Councilperson Clift who abstained due to being absent from the April 24 meeting. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell reported on behalf of Mayor Smathers that the Old Settlers Reunion contract should include use of the lower ball field on Sunday for the helicopter to land. Smathers obtained a quote to replace the Village flag display. The quote was \$4,473.77 including shipping. The Athens Elks Lodge 973 purchased \$1,280.94 in Armed Forces flags directly and donated them to the Village. An additional \$100 was donated by Lenny Eliason, \$100 was donated by Ritter for Ohio and \$1,500 was donated by the Murray City American Legion. And additional \$1,492.28 is still needed to purchase all the flags. Council requested Rockwell send thank you notes to the parties that donated flags and funds.

Rockwell reported that Bob Garbo of Red Dog Road thanked Council for the paving and ditching along High Street and Red Dog Road. Garbo stated there is still some water running across the new pavement during rainfall that could affect the new pavement. The repair would require Trimble Township to extend and clean out ditches outside the Village corporation limits. Butch Chapman requested Rockwell attend a Trimble Township Trustee meeting and make this request on behalf of the Village.

Fire Chief Henry reported that the lettering on the new brush truck is complete. Engine 1773 needs work on the primers again. It failed at the last training. Henry stated Atlantic repaired it the last time. He would like to have a different vendor perform the work this time. Bill Ray completed the 36 hour firefighter course and passed. He will be taking the State exam on Saturday. Desirae Harp has been added to the Jacksonville Firefighters Association. A hole needs repaired in the rescue boat. Jacksonville, Chauncey and York Fire Departments each received a \$10,000 Rokon Mototractor rescue motor bike for free. Council was invited to see the bike following the meeting.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell reported on behalf of Water Operator Ron Riley and Administrator Ron Rockwell that the annual Consumer Confidence Report is complete and available to the public. Community Service Workers have been here several times to help with trimming along the highway and street cleaning. A collapsed culvert was removed on High Street to restore water flow to the ditch. They have also been maintaining alleyways, mowing and trimming throughout town, and mowing properties that failed to comply with high grass notices. A storm drain was repaired at West Main Street. A water leak repair was performed on South Sixth Street.

Solicitor Grillo reported there are currently no criminal cases pending.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell requested approval of the March financial statements and bank reconciliation presented at the April 24 meeting. Councilperson Butch Chapman motioned the approval of the March bank reconciliation and financial statements as presented at the April 24, 2025 meeting. The motion was

seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council members voted "yes", except Councilperson Clift who abstained due to being absent from the April 24 meeting. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell presented the April and May 2025 financial statements and bank reconciliations for Council review. Rockwell also presented a resolution to close the water bank account, a resolution approving the amounts and rates from the County Budget Commission for 2026, and a resolution authorizing a grant application to Ohio Public Works Commission.

Rockwell reported that the 2025 Paving Project is complete. A few change orders were needed for items encountered during the project, but the project was still within budget. Rockwell is currently working with DLZ on the final items to close out the grant. The Village's AMLER grant application was modified and submitted to ODOT for possible funding. This application included a joint trail project for the Villages of Jacksonville, Trimble and Glouster. If ODOT does not award funding, the application can be submitted for another round of AMLER funding this fall.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell reported that DLZ Ohio was selected as the engineer for the Village's Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. A meeting is scheduled on July 1, 2025 to discuss next steps on the grant which includes a new shelter house in the park, new park restrooms, curbs and sidewalks, walking trails, parking lot improvements and paving. Work on this grant is not likely to be completed this year.

Councilperson Butch Chapman asked for a status update on a grating repair near 96 E. Palmer St. Rockwell will forward the request to the Public Service Department. Chapman also requested thank you notes be sent to Athens County Solid Waste District and Bateman's Refuse for the successful Community Cleanup held on June 14.

Fire Chief Henry stated there is a bush in the corner of a resident's yard that scratched the fire truck on a recent run. Henry requested the bush be trimmed. Councilperson Butch Chapman will reach out to the resident and make the request.

Councilperson Jay Chapman asked when the Village will be getting soft chairs for the meeting room.

Councilperson Clift expressed concerns with excessive noise during a tent revival at a local church. Clift asked if they should have a signed event contract. Clift requested that a copy of the noise ordinance and event contract be provided to the church. Solicitor Grillo stated there isn't much that can be done without filing criminal or civil charges against the church. Grillo did not recommend filing civil charges against any resident. Rockwell will email Clift when paperwork is delivered to the church.

Council discussed the Old Settlers Reunion event contract prepared by Solicitor Grillo and provided by Rachel Gratz. Council expressed concerns with some of the dates and road closures on the contract. The Village also has not received the event deposit or insurance certificates for the festival or helicopter. After some discussion, it was decided to hold a special meeting with Gratz so she can communicate the concerns to the Old Settlers Reunion Committee.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2025-6, declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Lowery. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 2025-6: A Resolution Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to Close the Village Account at First National Bank and Declaring an Emergency. Motion was made by Councilperson Butch Chapman to adopt Resolution 2025-6 as read. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2025-7, declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Lowery. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 2025-7: Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor and Declaring an Emergency. Motion was made by Councilperson Butch

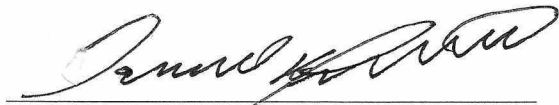
Chapman to adopt Resolution 2025-7 as read. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2025-8, declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 2025-8: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required and Declaring an Emergency. Motion was made by Councilperson Butch Chapman to adopt Resolution 2025-8 as read. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Mayor Samuel Smathers


Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell