

**Village of Jacksonville Council Meeting**  
**May 26, 2022**  
**6:30 PM**

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session with Mayor Sam Smathers presiding and the meeting called to order at 6:33 PM. Council members present were Jay Chapman, Angela Strock, Butch Chapman, Clinton Augustine, Rachel Gratz and Gary Simons. Also present were Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell, Solicitor Andrew Grillo, Administrator Ron Rockwell, and Interim Fire Chief DJ Henry.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to approve the April 28, 2022 Regular Council Minutes and the May 13, 2022 Special Council Minutes as read. Seconded by Councilperson Simons. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Resident Emily Swart addressed Council to discuss committee members for the Athens County Together Grant. Mayor Smathers volunteered to serve on the committee on behalf of the Village of Jacksonville. Railroad crossing gates were discussed. The crossing gates are very expensive and will only be paid for by the railroad if it is deemed a dangerous intersection. Information is currently being updated with ODOT to reflect the school buses crossing the tracks and the location of the school that ODOT did not have on file. Swart discussed possible locations for murals in the Village. The Public Service garage and the old Stoke's building were potential candidates for murals. Swart stated she would reach out to the Stoke's building owner to discuss a mural and report back to Council.

Mayor Smathers shared an email thanking Ron Riley and Ron Rockwell for doing such a wonderful job with maintaining Jacksonville. The email also requested that Council educate residents about ATV requirements due to heavier ATV traffic. Fiscal Officer Rockwell stated she will reach out to the Athens County Sheriff's Office for guidance on the information to post. Council agreed to post the information on the Village's website.

Interim Fire Chief DJ Henry requested Council appoint Alan Exline and Crystal Beitelchies to the fire department. Henry reported that the mirror was broken off the tanker truck by one of the firefighters. A report was taken on the incident. The department has responded to 8 fire runs for the month of May, 20 runs less than last year. Henry scheduled to meet with Fiscal Officer Rockwell on the second Sunday of June at 6:00PM to get firefighter fingerprints programmed for the door locks.

Councilperson Gratz made a motion to appoint Alan Exline and Crystal Beitelchies to the Jacksonville Fire Department. Seconded by Councilperson Simons. All Council voted "yes" except Councilperson Butch Chapman who abstained. Motion carried.

Administrator Rockwell reported that two collapsed storm drains have been repaired. Diversion Workers were provided to the Village to clean up streets and curbs. Alleyways and the water tower road are being grated and repaired. The apple tree is being cleaned up on the empty lot by the garage. Final items for EPA compliance are in the process of completion. Mowing has been constant throughout the Village.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell presented Council with the April 2022 Monthly Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation. Rockwell requested a motion to approve the March Financial Statements presented at the April 28, 2022 meeting. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to approve the March 2022 financial statements as presented. Seconded by Councilperson Augustine. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell stated that the DLZ Ohio invoice remains unpaid as the Village is still waiting for the damaged bench to be repaired. Rockwell presented an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and a Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance for loan payments for the purchase of a replacement Village truck. Rockwell reported that the items requested by USDA for the compliance review have been provided. Rockwell reported on two Worker's Compensation programs to save the Village money on annual premiums. The program available for 2022 is the Policy Activity Rebate (PAR) Program, which, if completed, will earn the Village a rebate of up to 50% of the annual premium (\$950). The program available for 2023 is Group Rating which will require a \$100 annual fee, but will save the Village a net premium of \$850. Rockwell recommended the Group Rating program for 2023 because the PAR Program may not be available for 2023. Councilperson Strock made a motion that the



Village of Jacksonville participate in the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation Policy Activity Rebate (PAR) Program for 2022 and Group Rating Program for 2023. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Rockwell reported that the Village of Jacksonville has been selected for a Bureau of Worker's Compensation audit. The last premium audit was performed over ten years ago. All of the initial documents have been provided to Worker's Compensation and the audit is scheduled for June 9, 2022. Rockwell provided two quotes for roof repairs for the Municipal Building. A third quote was requested, but the vendor did not provide the quote despite meeting with Village employees to provide a quote. The current roof is leaking over the fire bays and in the public restrooms. Because the Village opted to use American Rescue Plan Act funding as revenue replacement, ARPA funds can be used for the roof repair. Rockwell provided a Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance for Council approval should they wish to proceed. Rockwell stated that property tax parcel exemptions previously filed with the State were rejected and will need to be resubmitted. Rockwell prepared all the paperwork for the updated exemptions. Original documents must be filed in person with the Auditor's office. Council asked if Solicitor Grillo would file the paperwork for the Village. Grillo stated he would file the documents.

Solicitor Andy Grillo stated there was one case for Jacksonville in Municipal Court from 2021 and the issue has been resolved. No other cases are pending.

Minutes were reported for the April 28, 2022 Fire Committee meeting.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to file the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Athens County Auditor. Seconded by Councilperson Simons. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2022-16 as a third and final reading. Seconded by Councilperson Augustine. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 2022-16: A Resolution Declaring It Necessary To Levy A Tax In Excess Of The Ten Mill Limitation. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-16 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Strock. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.


Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read in full Resolution 2022-18 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Augustine. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 2022-18: A Resolution of the Village of Jacksonville, a Member of the Mayor's Partnership for Progress, Supporting the Continued Operation of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Chillicothe, Ohio. Fiscal Officer Rockwell read the resolution in its entirety for Council. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-18 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Strock. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2022-19 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Simons. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance 2022-19: 2022 Supplemental Permanent Appropriations and Declaring an Emergency. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-19 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2022-20 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Simons. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance 2022-20: 2022 Supplemental Permanent Appropriations and Declaring an Emergency. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-20 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Augustine. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Smathers entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51P.

  
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~~Mayor Sam Smathers~~  
Acting Mayor Butch Chapman

  
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Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell