

COUNCIL MEETING

VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER

REGULAR SESSION

Held: December 9, 2019

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INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Called To Order By:	Session Begin:	Session End:	Session Location:
Scott Klopfenstein	7:00 p.m.	7:39 p.m.	Council Chambers

MEMBERS AND VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Ken Gloyeske	Present	Mr. Larry Wahrer	Present
Mrs. Karen Woodruff	Present	Mrs. Leisha Elchert	Present
Mr. Jesse Fark	Not Present	Mr. James DeVine	Present

Employees Present:

Bruce Metz	Village Administrator
Ed Maxwell	ZEO / EDD
Chuck Wirick	Chief of Police
Jerry Davis	Fire Chief

Visitors Present:

Matt Clayton	Sidney Daily News
Daniel Aikin	
David Klopfenstein	Anna Rescue

MOTION TO EXCUSE FROM ATTENDANCE:

Motion To Excuse Jesse Fark and Bev Wren From Attendance:

<i>Motion To Excuse From Attendance:</i>	Wahrer
<i>Seconded By:</i>	Woodruff
<i>Aye:</i> 5 <i>Nay:</i> 0	<i>Motion Carried</i>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Draft Minutes As Pre-Read From The November 25, 2019 Regular Council Meeting:

<i>Motion To Accept The Minutes As Pre-Read</i>	Elchert
<i>Seconded By:</i>	DeVine
<i>Aye:</i> 5 <i>Nay:</i> 0	<i>Motion Carried</i>

PRE-SCHEDULED:

- a. David Klopfenstein, Anna Rescue

Mr. Klopfenstein stated that some changes have happened since I saw you last. If you were watching the election that just came off, they approved us for .2 increase on our EMS Levy. That has caused a little bit of issues and concern for us. As I previously talked to you before when we were looking at a 1 mill levy, unfortunately the Trustees of the Township went behind us and went that route. We found out after the deadline was over that they were going that route. The way they explained it to us was that they thought that would be equal to what the others at a one mill would equal out to for their size. We got a hold of the County Auditor and went through a bunch of things and that is not so. We have a meeting with them in two weeks to talk to them again about trying to say hey, we needed that .3 added to it now and we need to go back a revisit this. When we talked to them on the phone, they said that was not going to happen and that they were not going to work with us and that the .2 was what they thought was fair and that is what they did. I have talked with our Trustees and come over and talked with Mr. Metz and told him our concerns and let him in on what is going on. Like I said, the Trustees are not very happy, that is not my area, I don't dive into the levys and things of that nature and the contracts. That is not my part, I just kind of let you guys know what is going on. So we will be talking with them. Our issue is, if it is not taken care of by the end of 2020, we may have to sever our ties with the Township and that is where it comes back to affect the Village. We don't like this, we like our Village. I live in the Village, so it affects me personally to have to deal with this. We want you to know up front in advance, this is where we are going, this is the road that we are going to have to go down. We are dealing with this with Franklin Township,

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Dinsmore Township and Van Buren all across the board. We have been saying this for almost a year now. I know we have people from your guys Council, people from the Township come over and we had an Advisory Board meeting at our facility and told them at that time, we are looking to go to a one mill levy across the board from everybody. We have to replace our trucks, I have been telling everybody, we've got to replace our trucks. They are twenty-two years old, twenty-one years old, the next one is seventeen years old. If we are going to take care of people, we have to have a vehicle to get there and we have said this over and over again. Why they chose to go the route they did and put a .2 instead of the .5 like we asked. I don't get it. I have taken the truck out, our new truck before it got in the accident and showed them the cot loaders, showed them the trucks, showed them the bags; this is what this cost, this is what this cost and went through everything them. We have been open and honest with them and this is where we are at. So, I don't know exactly where we are going to go from here other than telling them that they need to get this up to that full one mill by the end of 2020. Whether they work with us or choose not to put it on, we have told them point blank, listen we are not telling you to vote yes or no, we are just asking you to put it on the ballot for the constituents to make a decision. We are not pressing them to say, hey you've got to vote yes for this. That ain't what it's all about. We just want them to put it on the ballot, give the people of Jackson and Jackson Township the opportunity to say, hey you are doing a good job, we are going to vote for you to get this money and do this, or we don't really think you need this. That is not our decision and it really shouldn't be their decision in our opinion to say yes or no, they should just do what we are asking them to do. It is just like if one of you guys own a business, you go to them as say hey, it is going to cost \$25,000 or whatever to do your driveway or to put a roof on and you say okay, and then they come back and say, I'm sorry we're not going to give you that much. So we're to provide you guys a service, make sure you are happy with that service and we're doing the job and in return their job is to make sure that we are getting enough money to provide that service. Unfortunately, it has been a rough road to go, it is never easy to ask for more money. We know everybody is stretched, it's hard, and with the condition that our world is in. Unfortunately we are at that point where we have to do this, gas prices are up, insurance is up, BWC is up, the price to get our equipment has gone up and in the medical field, they've got you. Whatever they want to charge you, you're stuck with. We have been giving you guys reports everytime we come, or Jessica sends them out, says hey we bill out \$1,200 for a call, but we only get \$300 off of that call. So we are losing 70% right off the top of what we bill. We can't continue to do that and survive and that is where than money comes in to help subsidise that difference. We are just kind of in a very sticky situation right now with that acrossed the board with all of the Townships. It is just one of those things where you hate to ask for more money, but you can't continue to keep eating all of the costs either. So that is kind of where we stand, we wanted to be up front and honest with you, with the Village, especially with me living here. I want EMS coverage, I want to know that if something happens to me or my wife, that somebody is going to be there and we are not going to have to wait for mutual aid from Indian Lake or St. Johns if they can get a crew or Port Jefferson if they can get a crew, when we have Anna that has a staff 24/7 that can get here. With that I will open the floor, does anyone have any questions.

Gloyeske asked if they were have trouble with all of the Townships. Mr. Klopenstein said that right now our biggest fight right now is with Jackson and Franklin Township. Dinsmore seems to be on board, at least that is what they are telling us. Actually, the lowest which is Van Buren Township, that is right now currently at .3, so they are going to have to do a .7 increase, has not given us any issues. Gloyeske asked if Van Buren has a .7 on the ballot. Klopfenstein answered, they will have a .7 on the ballot, correct. Gloyeske asked where Franklin is at. Klopfenstein stated that Franklin right now is at a .7 and we are trying to get them up to a one. Gloyeske asked, so they don't want to put anything on the ballot. Klopfenstein answered, so when we met with them last week, we were told that they would do it in their time. They had up to 2020 to get that, so they had two chances to put it on the ballot for it to get through, and they said we will wait until the last chance to be able to do it. So we have some issues with them because, their Fiscal Officer is our ex-Chief's mom. And because we had some issues there, it has caused a little bit of bad blood and we are trying to work through that and say hey, we want to serve the people. That is

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what it is all about, it has nothing to do with previous decisions, we just want to be there for the people and in order for us to do that we have to have a truck to give there. Gloyeske asked what was the reasoning for the Jackson Township Trustees for putting a .2 on instead of a .5. Klopfenstein answered that they felt that was equal to the one mill that everyone else would be going to per capita is how they said their area was more populated is how they put it. So if they go the .2 that would be the equal of everyone else being at a one. We are just trying to make it flat acrossed the board, everybody is at a one. They were worried at the time that if we pass our levy and Jackson doesn't pass their levy than we're going to have to pay for their services. And we had to go back and say no this is per area that we we're doing this. If they don't pass it, then they are going to have to figure out what they are doing from there. We are serving everybody exactly the same.

Chief Davis asked if services stop if the levy doesn't pass. Klopfenstein responded, If it is not passed in 2020, that is correct. Chief Wirick asked if the constituents say they don't want this. Klopfenstein answered, then they will have to see about going through Indian Lake, Port, or Integrity or whoever they can find that is going to do it for that price.

Mayor Klopfenstein asked if there are any Villages that are separate from the Townships they are located in, are all of the Townships doing the speaking for the Villages too. Klopfenstein answered, correct. Mayor Klopfenstein then asked, can we as a Village do something separate from the Township. Klopfenstein stated that if you chose to, you could contract separately and we would cover just the Village. Klopfenstein went on to say that is why he is going to be speaking to all of the Villages. If their Townships decide not to and they want to keep EMS services through Anna, we can contract with them separately through the Village. Mayor Klopfenstein asked, but nobody is doing that at this time. Klopfenstein answered, no, no one is doing that at this time. Klopfenstein went on to say that the levys are not up until 2020. The only one that will be different is Van Buren Township who had already passed theirs and we were late getting to them so they will just be adding an increase. Theirs is like three or four more years. Mayor Klopfenstein stated, help me out here, so next year we would have to put a .3 on to get up to one mill. Klopfenstein answered yes. He went on to say that it would start to be collected in 2021 and that they would receive it in 2022.

Klopfenstein stated that Jason would be at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **ORDINANCE 2019-027** – An Ordinance Adjusting Rates, Terms And Conditions For Electric Service Provided By The Village Of Jackson Center, Shelby County, State Of Ohio And Declaring An Emergency. *Third Reading*

We will be adjusting electric rates for bills rendered on or after February 1, 2020. As proposed with this ordinance the residential customer charge will increase \$2.00 and the energy charge per kilowatt hour will increase by \$0.000960. Under general service the customer charge for single phase will increase \$2.00 and for three phase will increase \$5.00. The energy charge for single phase will increase by \$0.003920 and for three phase will increase by \$0.001560. For demand metered customers, the customer charge will increase \$2.00 for single phase and \$5.00 for three phase. The demand charge will increase \$0.50 per kilowatt. The energy charge for single phase will increase by \$0.004250 and for three phase it will be reduced by \$0.003330. Large power customers will find their customer charge staying the same and the demand charge per kilowatt is increasing \$1.00. The energy charge per kilowatt hour will be reduced by \$0.003580 and the transformer credit per kilowatt will remain the same. The charge for security lighting will increase by \$0.35. This is the third reading of this Ordinance.

Motion To Adopt Ordinance 2019-027:

Second By:

Gloyeske

Elchert

Votes were:

Wahrer

Aye

Woodruff

Aye

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Elchert Gloyeske	Aye Aye	DeVine	Aye
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- b. **ORDINANCE 2019-028** – An Ordinance Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Into Contracts For The Furnishing Of Fire Protection To Territory Outside The Village Limits And Declaring An Emergency. *Third Reading*

Metz stated that the Village provides fire protections services to Jackson Township and a portion of Stokes Township. The Fire Contract with Stokes Township is renewed each year and the contract with Jackson Township is renewed every five years. This ordinance authorizes the Village Administrator to renew the fire contracts with Jackson Township for five years and Stokes Township for one year. This is the third reading of this Ordinance.

Motion To Adopt Ordinance 2019-028:

Second By:			Woodruff Gloyeske
Votes were:	Woodruff DeVine Wahrer	Aye Aye Aye	Elchert Gloyeske Aye Aye

- c. **ORDINANCE 2019-029** – An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Jackson Center, In Shelby County, And State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020 And Declaring An Emergency. *Third Reading*

This is the third reading of the appropriation (expenditure) budget for the Village of Jackson Center for the 2020 fiscal year. Metz stated that he has attached a summary of the appropriation budget for 2020. The total of the whole budget is \$8,243,726.76. The breakdown of the 2020 Appropriation Budget by Fund is as follows: General Fund \$2,843,799.49; Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund \$72,612.52; State Highway Fund \$9,000; Parks and Recreation Fund \$2,000; Community Reinvestment Fund \$1,000; Fire Equipment Fund \$25,000; Note Retirement Fund \$228,883.17; Jackson, Washington, College Street Construction Fund \$968,000; Water Operating Fund \$479,207.01; Sewer Operating Fund \$567,393.59; Electric Operating Fund \$2,957,842.69; Refuse Operating Fund \$58,559.60; Enterprise Deposit Operating Fund \$22,000.00; Unclaimed Monies Fund \$428.69 and Mayor’s Court Fund \$8,000. Metz highlighted some of the items in the budget. The big items are the stop light at Airstream’s new plant, the swimming pool, pickleball court and Jackson, Washington and College Street Reconstruction.

Motion To Adopt Ordinance 2019-029:

Second By:			Elchert Wahrer
Votes were:	Elchert Gloyeske Woodruff	Aye Aye Aye	DeVine Wahrer Aye Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **ORDINANCE 2019-031** – An Ordinance Authorizing Certain Adjustments In The 2019 Annual Appropriations Of Public Funds For The Village Of Jackson Center During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019 And Declaring An Emergency.

Metz stated that the first amendment is a transfer of \$0.34 from a debt service appropriation account code to a capital outlay appropriation account code. The transfer is necessary to make sure that we spend the Capital Improvement Fund to zero. The second amendment with authorize us to decrease the appropriations in the Jackson, Washington and College Streets Reconstruction Fund by \$11,000. The purpose of this decrease is to keep us in compliance with auditing standards and to make sure that our appropriation budget for this fund does not exceed the January 1st cash balance plus actual receipts for the fund. The third adjustment is similar, however, in the Mayor’s Court Fund.

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We are asking to reduce appropriations in that fund by \$10,165.00. Again, the purpose is to stay in compliance with auditing standards making sure that appropriations do not exceed the January 1st cash balance plus actual receipts.

<i>Motion To Suspend The Three Reading Rule:</i>				DeVine
<i>Second By:</i>				Gloyeske
<i>Votes were:</i>	DeVine	Aye	Gloyeske	Aye
	Wahrer	Aye	Woodruff	Aye
	Elchert	Aye		

<i>Motion To Adopt Ordinance 2019-031:</i>				Woodruff
<i>Second By:</i>				Elchert
<i>Votes were:</i>	Gloyeske	Aye	Wahrer	Aye
	Woodruff	Aye	Elchert	Aye
	DeVine	Aye		

- b. **RESOLUTION 2019-018** – A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Into A Contract With Tom’s Construction Of St. Henry, Ohio For The Jackson, Washington And College Streets Improvement Project And Declaring An Emergency.

Metz stated that the Village plans to reconstruct Jackson, Washington and College Streets and replace water main on Buchanan and College Streets replacing old cast iron main. The Village also plans on replacing old rolled curb and sidewalk on Jackson Street and place new asphalt on Jackson, Washington and College Streets. The Village solicited quotes for this project and received eleven quotes. After reviewing all of the quotes, Access Engineering is recommending that the Village award the contract to Tom’s Construction of St. Henry. This resolution authorizes the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Tom’s Construction for this project in the amount of \$1,105,483.00.

<i>Motion To Suspend The Three Reading Rule:</i>				Gloyeske
<i>Second By:</i>				Wahrer
<i>Votes were:</i>	Wahrer	Aye	Woodruff	Aye
	Elchert	Aye	DeVine	Aye
	Gloyeske	Aye		

<i>Motion To Adopt Resolution 2019-018:</i>				Woodruff
<i>Second By:</i>				DeVine
<i>Votes were:</i>	Woodruff	Aye	Elchert	Aye
	DeVine	Aye	Gloyeske	Aye
	Wahrer	Aye		

- c. **RESOLUTION 2019-019** – A Resolution To Approve The Schedule To Masters Services Agreement For Participation In Safety And Training Program With American Municipal Power, Inc. And Authorize The Village Administrator To Execute The Aforementioned Schedule And Declaring An Emergency.

This resolution will approve the Schedule to Master Services Agreement for the Village to participate in a Safety and Training program with AMP, Inc. and authorize the Village Administrator to execute the schedule on behalf of the Village. During various times of the year, AMP or its Affiliated Entities conduct safety and training programs for AMP members and their employees. In order for the Village to continue to participate in these safety and training programs, the Village must execute this agreement and it must be on file with AMP.

<i>Motion To Suspend The Three Reading Rule:</i>				Woodruff
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Second By:				Wahrer
Votes were:	Elchert	Aye	DeVine	Aye
	Gloyeske	Aye	Wahrer	Aye
	Woodruff	Aye		
Motion To Adopt Resolution 2019-019:				Gloyeske
Second By:				Elchert
Votes were:	DeVine	Aye	Gloyeske	Aye
	Wahrer	Aye	Woodruff	Aye
	Elchert	Aye		

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Finance Committee:* No Report
- Utility Committee:* No Report
- Wage & Benefits Committee:* No Report
- Safety Committee:* Elchert stated that the committee met just prior to this meeting. The Police has been quiet. Fire runs are up more than last year, we are at 59 runs and last year we had 52.
- Public Property Committee:* No Report

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Police Chief:* No Report
- Fire Chief:* No Report
- ZEO/EDD:* No Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: December 9, 2019

Electric Department

- Trimming trees
- Christmas decorations
- Substation clean up

Street Department

- Leaf pickup
- Sidewalk/Drive approaches repairs
- Vehicle maintenance and repairs

Water/Wastewater Departments

- Normal operations

Parks Department

- Mower and equipment maintenance

Administrator

- ☺ 2020 Budget
- ☺ LEPC meeting

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- ☺ Attended meeting on Hydro Plants in Columbus
- ☺ Attended bid opening in Sidney for the Jackson, Washington and College Streets Project
- ☺ Metz recommended that the regular meeting on December 23rd be cancelled and stated that as of now, we do not have anything for the agenda. Council members agreed that the meeting would be cancelled.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chief Wirick and Mayor Klopfenstein will be attending the D.A.R.E. Graduation at Houston at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before Council.

Motion To Adjourn:

Gloyeske

Seconded By:

DeVine

Aye:

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Nay:

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Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned until January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.


Beverly A. Wren, Fiscal Officer


Scott Klopfenstein, Mayor

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.