

**VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON
COUNCIL MEETING
January 4, 2010**

Meeting called to order Mayor Judy Maloney
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Robert Wynn administered the oath of office to the newly elected Council members::

- Kay Ann Brabender
- Brian Diehl
- Rick Hoyson
- Jerald March

Roll call of Council: Brabender, Damon, Diehl, Fertig, Hoyson, March

Also present: E. Pengel, Richard Hummel, Patty Hoyson, Brian Ewig

Motion by Councilwoman Brabender to appoint Councilman Hoyson as President Pro-tem for the year 2010

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman March to close the nomination for President Pro-tem.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Hoyson to accept the Rules of Council Amended Ordinance 06-02638 for the year 2010

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Diehl to approve the Mayor's appoint for the 2010 Village of Jefferson Committees:

- **Building/Lands:** Chair Lon Damon - Member Brian Diehl
- **Finance:** Chair Brian Diehl - Member Rick Hoyson
- **Forestry:** Chair Jerry March - Member Lon Damon
- **Recreation:** Chair Kay Ann Brabender - Member Ken Fertig
- **Safety:** Chair Rick Hoyson - Member Kay Ann Brabender
- **Utilities/Wastewater/Services:** Chair Ken Fertig- Member Jerry March

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Fertig to accept the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Mayor Maloney to the Ambulance Board, to a 1-year term, expiring 12/31/2010

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Damon to accept the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Board of Zoning Appeals

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Hoyson to approve the recommendation of Fire Chief, John Wayman, Sr. to appoint Tom Lachey, John Wayman, Jr. and Roger Beckwith to the Fireman Dependency Board for a 1-year term, expiring 12/31/2010

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Damon to accept the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Kay Ann Brabender, Robin Blon and John Broom to the Park Development for a 1-year term, expiring 12/31/10

Correction/Addition to Agenda: **Utilities** – Richard Hummel; **Building and Lands**: Planning Commission Meeting

Motion by Councilman Hoyson to approve Council meeting minutes of December 21, 2009,

2nd

Roll: All yea, Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments (five minute limit per council rule # 13)

DEPARTMENT

Administrator's Report (To be included in the official record)

Clerk – Treasurer's Report

Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Fisher presented the Payroll Report/Special Pay Report.

Chief Febel - No Report

Chief Wayman - No Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/Service

Richard Hummel informed Council that the information that PUCO gave last summer regarding rates was contradictory and misleading. He asked if council would write the PUCO and complain.

Councilman Fertig remarked that the street crew is doing a great job of removing the snow from the Village streets, during the present severe weather condition

Building/Lands

Ordinance No.09-0-_____ (Referred to the Planning Commission for review)

An Ordinance Designating the Zoning District for Lands Recently Acquired from the Jefferson Area Local School District, Comprised of 1.880 Acres to be P – Public Parks District.

Councilman Damon said that the Planning Commission has requested a Public Hearing for February 16, 2010 at 8:00 to discuss Public Parks District at the old Jefferson Elementary School site

Safety – No report

Forestry- No Report

Recreation - No Report

Finance – No Report

OFFICIALS

MAYOR

State of the Village of Jefferson 2009

If you look at the Village through the eyes of a visitor, it's obvious that we have much to be proud of.

Some of the major accomplishments handled during 2009:

- Completed the installation of 26 decorative street lights at the improved intersection of STR #46 N and STR #307.
- Completed all funded paving, sidewalk repair, tree maintenance and planting, correspondence, reports, contract administration, utility rate reductions for residents, contract negotiations, budgeting, and other Administrator's duties.
- Continued safety awareness by having Mel Brown; Risk Control Manager for The Alliance, our Municipal Insurance Carrier, inspect all Village Departments and Village Facilities.
- Renegotiated our Work Uniform cleaning contract saving \$12,000.00 per year.
- Continued to use Village Employees allowing us to save \$30,000 by doing sidewalk repairs and over \$16,000.00 on the Spruce Street Project.
- Continued Purchases of lighted Christmas decorations at 50% off retail price.
- Installed a cut sand stone sign at Jefferson Village Park on E. Jefferson Street.
- Assisted in installing the first Rain Garden in Ashtabula County. Joint project with the Soil and conservation District and Ashtabula Joint vocational horticulture Class.
- Lisa and a group of Jefferson students attended the inauguration of the newly elected president in Washington D. C.
- Completed the revised Main Plant (W. W.) Rehabilitation for a total project cost of \$ 452,800
- Completed 100% of Mulberry Street paving with sidewalks to everyone satisfaction.
- Completed 85% of Spruce Street grade change project with the final paving held off until spring of 2010.
- Installed new welcome to Jefferson signs at two main entrances to the Village.
- Reactivated the Safe Routes to Schools \$6,000 grant. This grant will fund the larger proposal and study needed to identify and secure a 100% Construction grant.
- Worked with the New High School Contractor to modify the storm drains to prevent flooding in Elliott Allotment during heavy rains.
- Jefferson Village employees are sweeping the streets with the Geneva- on-the-Lake street sweeper which was stored indoors at wastewater as per our in-kind agreement. Savings of \$4,500.00/year
- 295 and 315 E. Jefferson Street distressed homes were demolished by the property owner

- Electrical upgrades and generator hook were completed at the police and fire station.
- New generator installed at Village Hall
- First Energy, at the Village's request, replaced the entire High voltage electric service to the wastewater plant.

A lot of pride and effort goes into the planning and maintenance of our Village. With all we've accomplished over the past year, the Village is in stable financial standing.

The Community Center continues to offer a variety of programs and activities for all age groups. The pre-school program is operating at maximum. The summer lunch program which started last summer had between 70-80 participants daily.

The exercise rooms and exercise classes keep the staff busy handling enrollment and all the paperwork involved with keeping things running smoothly.

Our senior program –from the daily bingo game and lunches – to the trips and excursions continue to serve our seniors well.

The annual Halloween Boo in the Park and party, as well as the annual Christmas Craft Show continues to grow in popularity.

The three new police cruisers we purchased to replace older cruisers represent some of the changes, improvements and accomplishments we've make over the past year.

When the Sheriff's Department notified us that due to the economy there would be a substantial increase in our dispatching fees, we found it necessary to seek services elsewhere. Through much negotiation we contracted with Middletown for our dispatching needs. The Police Department has expressed that the transition has gone smoothly and satisfactorily.

As for the Fire Department, an agreement has been signed with the Jefferson Rescue for mutual aid. The Department continues with their cadet program, and training is on going. The department is always looking for new members and will interview anyone interested in joining the team.

The playground purchased from the Board of Education when the elementary school moved to its new site, will continue to be enjoyed by our young people for many, many years, and allowed us to retain a valuable and historic asset.

Under the supervising eye of the Rotary Club, the Masonry Department at the Vo-Ed and the expertise of Herb Housel and his crew, the playground will have a new restroom facility ready for summer vacation. The project was funded by the Support Our Community Center through an endowment from the estate of Kay Roberts.

In another joint effort, the Village of Jefferson and the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce partnered during the holiday season by sharing the cost of Christmas decorations and flags for the street light poles.

The Village and the entire community are appreciative and grateful to these organizations for the help, support and pride they contribute in making and keeping Jefferson a warm and welcoming place to live and work.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Visitor's Comments

Richard Hummel complimented Council the Village Christmas decorations.

CORRESPONDENCE

**Motion by Councilman Fertig to adjourn
2nd**

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p. m.

**Submitted by
Patricia A. Fisher, Clerk of Council**