



Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday April 2, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Sean Stanart Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mrs. Joyce Evans: present, Ms. Sharon Hendren: present, Mr. David Keck: present, Mr. Christopher Speck: present, Mr. Kevin Riffe: present, Mrs. Carol Van Deest: absent, Mayor Sean Stanart: present.

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Brenda G. Coffey with Integrys Energy services, Patty Campbell with RD Energy, Inc., Mr. Erwin Hartsock and Mr. Albert with American Legion Post 254, Jack Liggett, and Mike Folker with WCLT.

IN ATTENDANCE – STAFF: Jim Lenner-Village Manager, Glenn Hacker-Service Dept., Jim Blair-Planning & Zoning Inspector, Don Corbin-Chief of Police, and Teresa Monroe-Administrative Assistant/Clerk to Council

INVOCATION : Given by Sharon Hendren

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

Copies included in packet: Citizen's compliment to Officer Cooperrider, compliment to water & sewer/service department, four Veteran's proclamations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Hartsock and Mr. Albert, members of American Legion Post 254, spoke on the Bigelow Cemetery cleanup effort. They reported that half of the cemetery has been cleaned up and straightened, and gave thanks to the Service Dept. for the limb removal; they may contract the second half. There are more Veterans buried there that need headstones and some that need replaced. They are working to get permissions from relatives of the deceased as this is needed before old headstones can be removed and replaced. Post 254 will be approaching the Babcock Foundation to ask for funding, and they requested Council to consider this as well. Johnstown owns the cemetery and a question was posed by a council member of the possibility of selling vacant plots for revenue. Continued effort will be made in identifying unmarked and/or vacant plots. The American Legion would like to keep the community involved.

PRESENTATION – Energy Aggregation – Integrys Energy

Given by Brenda G. Coffey with Integrys Energy services and Patty Campbell with RD Energy, Inc. Presentation involved asking Council to consider a ballot issue for the option of a collective energy rate for Johnstown residents. Residents would have the ability to opt out if desired. Integrys Energy believes that educating the community prior to being on the ballot is key. No decision was given by Council, further research is needed for consideration.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stanearth called attention to the citizen compliments to Officer Cooperrider and to the Service Dept. The Mayor also acknowledged and thanked Lt. Josh Boudinot & the Police Dept. for their donation of bicycles to needy children within the Wounded Warrior Project. He also said that he was honored to be able to read the proclamations for the Foster family at the event held in honor of their veterans.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Jim Lenner gave his report with the following highlights:

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Outlined highlights from JobsOhio's first year

2. PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

Greens of Kyber Run started the installation of a waterline along Mink Street.

3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

a. US 62 Safety Improvements

Jim Lenner stated ODOT will need an amount the Village is willing to provide for the two safety projects. Mr. Lenner also stated the costs for the project would come from the 2017 and 2018 Capital Improvement Fund. Applications are due to ODOT Central office by May 10th. Mr. Riffe expressed concerns about appropriating a significant amount of funds to these projects with other roads in need of repair. Mayor Stanearth asked former service director Jack Liggett if these projects were needed. Mr. Liggett expressed his opinion to Council that these projects are a necessity even with our other roads in repair. Mr. Lenner stated the County would be able to contribute some funds to the project but the exact amount is unknown. Mr. Lenner stated he would contact the Licking County Transportation Study to gauge their willingness to participate financially. Mr. Lenner is to report back to Council on April 16th.

4. ADMINISTRATION

a. Sunshine Law/Public Records Training- March 27th

Mr. Lenner noted his attendance at a public records seminar on March 27th. He expressed the need for Council members to use their Village email account to prevent others from requesting emails from their personal email account. Anyone needing a new password for their Village email account should let Mr. Lenner know so he can reset the password.

b. Property & Casualty Insurance- Policy expires June 1.

c. Digital Mapping

Mr. Lenner will have more information to follow after further research on ability to pay.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION No. 13-12 – This resolution allows the hiring of former Service Director Jack Liggett to the same position. His start date would be April 19, 2013.

Mayor Staneart opened the public hearing. No one spoke for or against the resolution. Mayor Staneart then closed the public hearing. A motion to approve was made by Joyce Evans. Motion seconded by David Keck. The vote was as follows: Joyce Evans; yes, Kevin Riffe; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, David Keck; yes, Chris Speck; yes, Carol Van Deest; absent, Mayor Staneart; yes. The motion passed 6-0

RESOLUTION No. 13-17 – Allows for Teresa Monroe to be appointed as Clerk of Council.

Mayor Staneart opened the public hearing. No one spoke for or against the resolution. Mayor Staneart then closed the public hearing. A motion to approve was made by Joyce Evans. Motion seconded by David Keck. The vote was as follows: Joyce Evans; yes, Kevin Riffe; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, David Keck; yes, Chris Speck; yes, Carol Van Deest; absent, Mayor Staneart; yes. The motion passed 6-0

ORDINANCE 03-13 - This ordinance updates our parking regulations. Highlighted changes include no parking in front or side yards without asphalt or concrete surface.

Mayor Staneart opened the public hearing/2nd reading. No one spoke for or against the ordinance. Mayor Staneart then closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE 04-13 – This ordinance requires a minimum roof pitch on all new residential units.

Mayor Staneart opened the public hearing/2nd reading. No one spoke for or against the ordinance. Mayor Staneart then closed the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Joyce Evans made a motion for adjournment; David Keck seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Next Village Council Meeting – April 16, 2013

Respectfully submitted

APPROVED AS PRESENTED


Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council
Administrative Assistant


Mayor Sean Staneart

