Village of Johnstown
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
Mayor Sean Staneart Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday September 3, 2013 at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Kevin Riffe: present; Mrs. Joyce Evans: present; Mr. Tom Fagan: present; Ms. Sharon Hendren: present; Mayor Sean Staneart: present; Mr. David Keck: present; Mrs. Carol Van Deest: present.

IN ATTENDANCE – STAFF: Jim Lenner-Village Manager/ Planner, Jim Blair-Zoning Inspector, Jack Liggett-Service Director, and Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council.

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Olivia Thorp and Deb Dingus with United Way, Charlie Sullivan and Gordon Cromwell with American Legion Post 254.

INVOCATION: Given by Sharon Hendren

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 6, 2013

Mr. Keck motioned to approve the August 6, 2013 minutes as presented; Mayor Staneart seconded. The vote was as follows: Kevin Riffe; yes, Joyce Evans; yes, Tom Fagan; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Staneart; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes. **The motion passed 7-0**

CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Staneart shared the following correspondence received by the Village of Johnstown:

a. Letter from Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine to Chief Corbin approving the 2013-2014 Drug Use Prevention Program Grant

b. Resident thank you card to Water Department/ Jean Moyer

c. Resident thank you letter to all Officers of Johnstown Police Department

d. Public Notice from E.P.A

PRESENTATION

Jim Lenner introduced representatives of Licking County United Way. Deb Dingus is the Executive Director of the United Way of Licking County and Olivia Thorp is with the United Way Campaign Committee. A short fundraising campaign video was presented; the campaign theme is Lend a Hand. Ms. Dingus addressed Council with some statistical information that showed how United Way was directly involved in the Johnstown Community and asked the Village of Johnstown employees and residents to consider donating money and/or volunteer time. More information can be found at www.unitedwaylc.org

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mayor Staneart opened the floor for public comment. No comments were offered. Mayor Staneart closed the floor for public comment.

MANAGERS REPORT – Mr. Lenner submitted the following Manager's report to Council

Council Committee and Commissions

Planning & Zoning will meet on September 4th to hear a variance to allow two wall signs at the Old Horseshoe Restaurant.

Economic Development

We are working with Grow Licking County to develop a list of targeted industries for potential future employers in the Village.

Co-sponsored by the Columbus Partnership and The Columbus Foundation, Benchmarking Central Ohio 2013 represents the fifth edition of an invaluable resource to help community leaders better understand how central Ohio is stacking up against peer communities across the country. The report compares the Columbus region to 15 metro areas on 90 indicators in five broad areas: population vitality, economic strength, personal prosperity, lifelong learning, and community wellbeing. There are 14 new indicators in the 2013 report on topics that include entrepreneurship, transportation choices, and the creative economy. For the full report visit http://www.communityresearchpartners.org/.

Save the date: 2nd Annual ED411 is Friday, December 6th, 2013 at The Ohio Union on the campus of Ohio State University. ED411 is a half-day economic development training session designed to help elected and appointed officials and business leaders in the Columbus Region gain a greater understanding of economic development. The content of this training session is being created by the Mid-Ohio Development Exchange (MODE) with the assistance of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and Columbus 2020. MODE's mission for ED411 is convening local officials to discuss the impacts of private investments in our region, how company investment decisions are made and what resources are available to help companies grow and prosper in the Region. ED411 will include interactions with regional and local officials through breakout sessions and presentations from national and local experts in the field.

Private Development

Greens of Kyber Run have completed Building #1 and #2.

We have received plans for Leafy Dell Phase 6 which includes a connecting road to Croton Road. Leafy Dell Phase 5 Section 2 included 22 new lots and over half are sold are in contract. Council will be seeing a resolution of public infrastructure acceptance for Phase 5 Section 2.

Capital Improvement Projects

US-62 Repaving – The final coat of asphalt is currently being laid. We have experienced problems with the Wendy's traffic signal which ODOT is aware and have called in a contractor to determine the problem and associated fix.

Downtown Streetscape Phase I & II – Preparation for the Streetscape project has started with the gas company working for the past two weeks. They are lowing gas laterals along S. Main Street to prevent rupture when the sidewalks are being torn out. During the excavation of two laterals, voids were found under the sidewalk that were previously unknown. One is in front of Shull's Hardware and the other is in front of Linda Chambers' building. The Village Engineer met with Jack Liggett and myself on August 22nd to discuss ways to deal with this problem. ODOT has been contacted and will be informed of all of the voids under the sidewalk. Jim Blair entered each building to search for any other possible voids on August 26th and 27th. The Village will be responsible for the cost to fill these voids. The contractor is working to install a gas main in Post Office Alley to service the buildings on the east side of S. Main Street.

Rolling Meadows Park – The swing set has been installed by the service department. We have ordered swings and will install as soon as they are delivered.

*Mr. Lenner noted that the swing set was manufactured by Munson Machine here in Johnstown.

Rec Shelter – We will be tearing down the old Shelter on Tuesday September 3rd.

Raccoon Creek Pedestrian Bridge –We are waiting on an updated schedule from the Engineer for shrinking the project based on the decision of ODOT to not use easements.

Meadow Drive Drainage – A new basin has been installed in anticipation of the US 62 paving project. We will work with three property owners to secure easements to install storm pipe from US 62 down Meadow to an existing catch basin. This is the last known drainage problem on US 62.

Administration

Bigelow Park Dog Waste – We have ordered a sign and dog waste bags to be posted at the Park. Based on recommendations from the Law Director I propose the following language be added to Section *505.08 NUISANCE CONDITIONS PROHIBITED* of the Village's Codified Ordinance:

> **PRIVATE: No owner or person in control of any dog, other pet or domesticated animal shall allow or permit it to defecate upon or to otherwise soil, defile or commit any nuisance upon any private property other than the property of the owner unless with the consent of the owner of the private property**
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> **PUBLIC: No owner or person in control of any dog, other pet or domesticated animal shall allow or permit it to defecate upon or otherwise soil, defile or commit any nuisance upon any public property. When the dog,**

other pet or domesticated animal shall have defecated upon public property, it shall not be considered a violation of this provision if, and only if, the person owning or controlling the animal shall immediately remove and dispose of all feces thus deposited in a sanitary manner.

This provision shall not apply to dogs, other pets or domesticated animals involved or assisting in any law enforcement functions.

*Mr. Keck asked if we should consider a note about an exemption for service dogs as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Lenner

Mr. Lenner mentioned that interest has been sparked for the Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Grant. The first demolition has been completed on Payne Street and went well. Two other people have come forward requesting grant funds for demolitions; family of Mr. Perkins and the owner of Amaysing Meats. Mr. Lenner said that the first demolition was a 100% grant and these two are only a 50/50 grant in which the State, through the County, will pay fifty percent of the costs and the Village is required to pay the other fifty percent. The Village would enter into a short notarized agreement by both parties that the Village would pay the fifty percent and the property owner would pay the Village back so there would be no cost to the Village. The Moving Ohio Forward Grant is still available to anyone interested and the money needs to be used by December 31, 2013.

Mr. Lenner asked for an Executive Session at the end of the meeting for the purpose of sale, purchase or lease of public property with himself and members of Council and no decision after.

Mayor Staneart recognized Monroe Township trustee Joe Robertson that had entered Council chambers.

Ms. Van Deest thanked Jim Blair for preparing the Zoning Report and said it is very helpful.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 13-27 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THEBUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. JOHNSTOWN VILLAGE COUNCIL Revised Code, Secs. 5705.34-5705.3
Introduction, Public hearing, Vote

Mr. Lenner introduced the resolution as something we do every year, we are doing a 10 mil limitation and the budget commission believes we will see about a $3,000 increase in property tax next year, right now $228,000 is budgeted and they are thinking $231,000 for next year, this is just a formality.

Mrs. Evans motioned to approve. Mr. Keck seconded and the vote was as follows: Kevin Riffe; yes, Joyce Evans; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Tom Fagan; yes, Mayor Sean Staneart; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol VanDeest; yes.
The motion passed 7-0

Resolution 2013-26 A Resolution Amending Resolution 2013-22 and Approving and Committing Capital Improvement Funds for US 62 Two Way Left Turn Lane (LIC-62 4.17) *Introduction, Public hearing, Vote*

Mr. Lenner stated there were some discrepancies, in our favor, between the County and the Village on how much funding was being given to the Village. Jim said he had less dollars showing for the Village and has corrected that amount. We still will have construction in 2019 but State fiscal year 2014 which is going on right now, as soon as this resolution is passed, we can start the process of looking for a design and engineer; resolution 2013-22 had year 2015. Important note that no construction dollars are committed as of yet, they want to see what happens with design first.

Mrs. Evans motioned to approve. Mayor Staneart seconded and the vote was as follows: Kevin Riffe; yes, Joyce Evans; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Tom Fagan; yes, Mayor Sean Staneart; abstain, David Keck; yes, Carol VanDeest; yes.
The motion passed 6-0 with one abstention

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Riffe asked for clarification on the Raccoon Creek Pedestrian Bridge project. Mr. Lenner said that when we received the grant and this was approved in 2008 from Westview to Clark Drive, the original plan showed the path going through private properties through easements; ODOT has said no, it has to be right of way, which costs at minimum $3,000 per property. In effort to avoid costs not budgeted by having to purchase pieces of properties for right of way, the project has been downsized to run from Westview to Bigelow because we can do that part with easements.

Mr. Keck suggested moving the November council meetings to the 12th and 26th because November 5th meeting is Election Day. No decision was made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jim Lenner asked for a motion to move to Executive Session with himself and Jack Liggett for the purpose of sale, purchase or lease of public property. Ms. Evans motioned and Mr. Keck seconded. All were in favor; motion to move to Executive session passes 7-0

Executive Session began at 7:49 pm and ended at 8:10 pm

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before Council, Joyce Evans made a motion for adjournment; David Keck seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Kevin Riffe; yes, Joyce Evans; yes, Tom Fagan; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Staneart; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol VanDeest; yes. **The motion passed 7-0**

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Teresa Monroe
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Mayor Sean Staneart