Village of Johnstown
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
Mayor Sean Staneart Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday September 17, 2013 at 7:01 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; Ms. Carol Van Deest: present.

IN ATTENDANCE – STAFF: Jim Lenner-Village Manager/ Planner, Jim Blair-Zoning Inspector, Chief Don Corbin, and Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council.

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Gordon Cromwell, Bruce Tolle, Charlie Sullivan, Urvin Hartsock, and Harry Galbraith with American Legion Post 254, Tom Sheehan with This Week News/Johnstown Independent.

INVOCATION: Given by Mayor Staneart

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 3, 2013

Dave Keck motioned to approve the September 3, 2013 minutes as presented; Carol Van Deest 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. Thank you notes addressed to all Councilmembers and Jim Lenner from United Way

b. Ohio Division of Liquor Control - Notice of license transfer-hearing request

Joyce Evans motioned to not request a hearing. Ms. Van Deest seconded and the vote was as follows: Kevin Riffe; yes, Joyce Evans; yes, Tom Fagan; yes, Sharon Hendren;

yes, Mayor Sean Staneart; abstain, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes. **The motion passed 6-0 with 1 abstention**

c. Citizen compliment to Officer Cooperider

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 254 – Commander Gordon Cromwell thanked Village Council Members for the offer of a possible shared use of the Village of Johnstown Recreation Center building. Mr. Cromwell passed out a map of the Recreation Center and surrounding property (Attachment A) and asked Council if they would consider the long term lease of some of the land to American Legion Post 254 for development. Mr. Cromwell pointed out the areas on the map and elaborated on future plan ideas. He also said they had a fundraiser under way selling engraved bricks for the Veteran's walkway that will be installed wherever their final location will be. Mr. Cromwell asked if the Village was still planning on putting the roof on the Rec Center building and would still be mowing and plowing the snow; Mr. Lenner said these topics can be part of negotiations. Sharon Hendren asked whose names could be on the bricks; Mr. Cromwell said bricks can be purchased and engraved with any Veteran name from any Military Service Branch. Mr. Cromwell said that he would like to get their new post location finalized so fundraising can be even more productive. Mayor Staneart said there are certainly details to work out and Council just needed to gauge the interest in this location before forming a committee. Mr. Staneart said that a committee could be formed toward the end of the meeting. Ms. Van Deest asked Mr. Cromwell if he envisions the Post holding meetings at the Rec Center right away. Mr. Cromwell said that the location is certainly sufficient as is for now. Mayor Staneart asked for patience with the time frame because it will take time to work out details with the committee that is formed. Mr. Cromwell added that he is hopeful for a Veteran's Walkway dedication on Memorial Day 2015.

LEGISLATION

A. **RESOLUTION 13-28 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN GUIDING PRINCIPLES DOCUMENT** *Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote*

Introduction: This document was drafted and revised in Special Council meetings on June 24, 2013; July 8, 2013; and July 22, 2013.

Public Hearing: Mayor Staneart opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke for or against the Resolution. Mayor Staneart closed the Public Hearing.

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**

B. **RESOLUTION 13-29 -A RESOLUTION FORMING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE AND INSTRUCTING THE COMMITTEE TO DRAFT AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN** *Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote*

Introduction: Mr. Lenner referred to the Special Council meetings of June 24, 2013; July 8, 2013; and July 22, 2013 in which the vision and mission statements and the guiding principles

document was drafted and now adopted with Resolution 13-29 and said that this would be the next step in fulfilling a policy goal. Formation of a committee is now recommended for drafting the Village Economic Development policy. Carol Van Deest said that she felt a timeline or time frame for completion should be established.

Public Hearing: Mayor Staneart opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke for or against the Resolution. Mayor Staneart closed the Public Hearing.

Joyce 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; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol VanDeest; yes. **The motion passed 7-0**

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Committee formation

A. Economic Development Policy (EDP) Committee - Mr. Lenner asked who would be interested in being on the committee. Tom Fagan said this was in his field of expertise and volunteered for the Committee in the short term, as he will not be a Councilmember in the new year. Mr. Lenner asked Mr. Fagan if he would be interested in staying on the committee as a citizen volunteer, Mr. Fagan said yes. Carol Van Deest said that she was interested. Mr. Lenner stated that the Mayor and Councilmembers appointed tonight shall appoint the remaining individuals to fill the positions as noted in Resolution 13-29. Joyce Evans stated that it would be good to have a member of Downtown Johnstown Inc. on the committee.

Mr. Keck motioned to approve the appointments of Mayor Sean Staneart, Council Member Thomas Fagan and Council Member Carol Van Deest to the EDP Committee. Mayor Staneart 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

B. American Legion Project Committee – Mr. Lenner asked who would be interested in being on the committee. Ms. Evans, Mayor Staneart, and Ms. Hendren volunteered.

Mr. Keck motioned to approve the appointments of Councilmembers Joyce Evans, Sharon Hendren, Sean Staneart, and Jim Lenner as staff to the American Legion Project Committee. Mr. Fagan 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**

2. Mr. Lenner let Village Council know that he would be out of town from September 20th through September 27th for the I.C.M.A. Conference. Mr. Lenner was chosen to be a guest speaker.

3. Mr. Keck had a special note that today is Constitution Day and it commemorates the formation and signing of the United States Constitution 226 years ago by 39 brave men on this day in 1787.

4. Mr. Lenner gave an update on the Streetscape project and said they would be pouring curbs on Wednesday. Also the contractor will begin work on the new shelter house pavilion at Hannah's Park.

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**

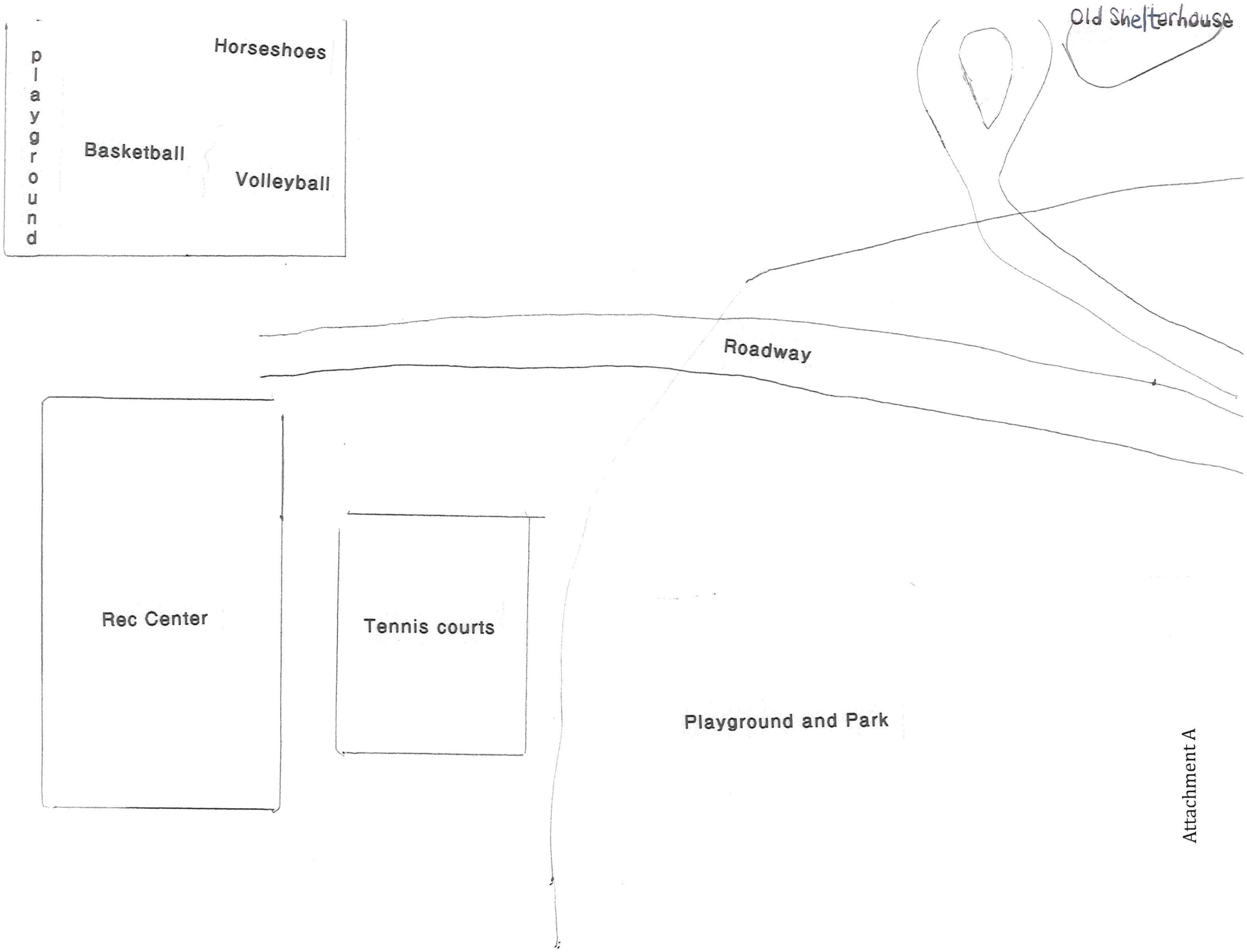
Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Teresa Monroe
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Mayor Sean Staneart



Attachment A