



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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Sean Stanearth Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mrs. Joyce Evans: present; Mrs. Sharon Hendren: present; Mayor Sean Stanearth: present; Mr. David Keck: present; Mrs. Carol Van Deest: present; Mr. Bob Orsini: present.

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Gordon Cromwell, Charles Sullivan (American Legion Post 254), Bill Van Gundy, Elizabeth Schwartz, Ron Danne, Russell Sparks, Rebecca Sparks, Marvin Block, David Barr, Frank Reilly

IN ATTENDANCE – STAFF: Jim Lenner- Village Manager/Planner, Heber Howard-Finance Director, Jim Blair- Zoning Inspector, Jack Liggett-Service Director, Don Corbin-Chief of Police, Glen Hacker-Service Department, Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council

INVOCATION: Given by Mayor Sean Stanearth

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Stanearth opened the floor for public comment. No comments were offered and Mayor Stanearth closed the floor for public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of interviewing candidates for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Stanearth stated that there were four candidates; Ron Danne, Elizabeth Schwartz, Frank Reilly, and Russell Sparks. David Keck motioned to adjourn to Executive Session with members of Council. Joyce Evans seconded and the vote was as follows: Joyce Evans; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Stanearth; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes, Bob Orsini; yes. **The motion passed 6-0** and Executive session began at 7:05 p.m. and ended at 8:33 p.m.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 15-13 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN, LICKING COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014. 2nd reading/Public Hearing

Mayor Staneart opened the Public Hearing. David Barr gave comment saying that it looked like there could be a possible surplus in the general fund for the 62 turn lane project and he would like to see the water and sewer lines relocated outside of the pavement. Mayor Staneart replied that “this is a good thought and there has been some discussion on this, and to give some background on other projects - and this one in particular, 62 was supposed to get curb and gutter all the way down this last time when they paved. In light of the fact that we knew we would potentially be doing a third lane, why rip up a new curb and gutter. So, we made an agreement with the state and the county for this particular project to run curb, not sure how far down, engineering has looked at this that way it’s done and we won’t have to rip up the road. 37 is something we are looking at in the budget as well. The state is coming through this year to do the same thing they did on 62. How much curb can we get in obviously maintains the street a bit better, is this the best time to do it, is this the most cost effective way to do it – these are things we are looking at.” Mr. Barr said he was just looking at this particular project (62 turn lane) and right now we have four years. Mr. Staneart replied that we have a little time to plan and good question. Mayor Staneart said that he had a comment but asked if there were any other comments from residents or Council first. Mayor Staneart said that in the Finance Committee meeting tonight, working on the 2014 budget, “we are finding it hard to pin down where we are at, where we thought we were going to be from the projections of last year. Our expenditures are \$300,000 less than what we are looking at – maybe, and that’s a maybe, the year hasn’t closed out and that’s a pretty significant number, it’s 50 percent of the carryover. My recommendation would be let’s find out exactly where we are at since it’s a 50 percent of our carryover number that we would be dealing with, (\$300,000), and approve a 2013 budget, in term, until we can finalize the 2013 books and get an exact number of where we’re at so we can budget a little bit better for 2014. I think we have until April 1st, I’m not saying we wait until April 1st, Jim had mentioned that by the middle of January we should be able to have everything reconciled and know where we’re at, and then I would say at the end of January we should be able to make a decision based on a good expenditure budget and the revenues that we’ve brought in for the year. So I don’t know if everybody else on the committee is on board with that and Heber if you’ve got anything to add...” Heber said he agreed. Jim Lenner said they “would have to look at the CIP because we have more available to us, we can make some slight tweaks to the 2013 budget; in general I think it’s ok but there will be maybe a couple items that we bring back next Tuesday that would be different than the 2013 budget but maybe 95 percent could be the same.” Mayor Staneart said “we’re just trying to find out for the public’s perspective where we save some money so that when we budget in 2014 we are going to be more in line and that way we’ll know if we’re going to have a carryover, if we’re not going to have a carryover... trying to get a better sense of where we’re at so we can make a good decision for where we’re going to put monies at for next year.” Mayor Staneart asked if there were any other comments. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

PLANNING AND ZONING APPOINTMENTS

David Keck said that he would like to make a motion to appoint, for the Zoning Board. Mr. Lenner asked for clarification that they were taking one position at a time, and that the position is a four year term; Mayor Staneart said yes to both.

MOTION

Mr. Keck motioned that Ron Danne be appointed to one of the four year positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Staneart seconded and the vote was as follows: Joyce

Evans; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Staneart; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes, Bob Orsini; yes. **Motion passed 6-0**

Mayor Staneart stated that one position has been filled and there is one final position.

MOTION

Ms. Hendren said she would like to nominate Elizabeth Schwartz. Carol Van Deest seconded and the vote was as follows: Bob Orsini; yes, Joyce Evans; yes, Sharon Hendred; yes, Sean Staneart; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes. **Motion passed 6-0**

Mayor Staneart offered congratulations to both candidates appointed and thanked the remaining applicants. He said it was great to see so many people have interest.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Jim Lenner said that Friday is an Economic Development seminar and he has one spot if anyone wants to go.
2. Groundhog breakfast is January 31st. Email invite was forwarded to Council members. Cindy Monroe will be speaking.
3. The Santa Parade is Saturday at 10:00am for anyone who would like to be involved and pass out candy.
4. The Cookie walk bake sale will also be Saturday at the United Methodist Church.
5. Mr. Lenner also said if anyone has complaints about odors in the downtown businesses, it is a problem they are working on with the sewer lines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing the purchase, Lease, or sale of public property.

Mayor Staneart motioned to adjourn to Executive Session with members of Council, Jim Lenner, Heber Howard and Jack Liggett. Joyce Evans seconded and the vote was as follows: Joyce Evans; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Staneart; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes, Bob Orsini; yes. **The motion passed 6-0**

Mayor Staneart asked if Bill Van Gundy should be included in the Executive session as well. Mr. Lenner said yes, as an incoming member of Village Council, if he wishes, yes. Mayor Staneart asked all in favor of adding Bill Van Gundy to Executive Session say "aye". All Councilmembers replied in favor and Executive session began at 8:45 p.m. and ended at 9:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, Ms. Evans made a motion for adjournment; Mr. Keck seconded the motion and all were in favor.
Motion passed 6-0.

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

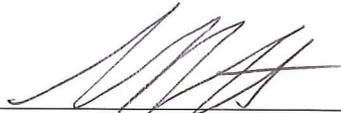


Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council



Jim Lenner, Village Manager

APPROVED AS PRESENTED



Mayor Sean Stanart

