



Village of Johnstown Special Council Meeting Minutes Friday, December 19, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sean Stanart Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Special Council Meeting for Friday, December 19, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Cheryl Robertson; present, Bill Van Gundy; present, Bob Orsini; present, Sharon Hendren; absent, Mayor Sean Stanart; present, David Keck; present, Carol Van Deest; present.

IN ATTENDANCE – STAFF: Jim Lenner-Village Manager, Jack Liggett-Service Director

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Jerry Pulley

INVOCATION: Given by Mayor Sean Stanart

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

LEGISLATION

A. ORDINANCE 11-2014 - 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, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 *Tabled December 9, 2014*

Moved to take from table: Bob Orsini

Second: Carol Van Deest

Cheryl Robertson;	Y	Sean Stanart;	Y
Bill Van Gundy;	Y	David Keck;	Y
Bob Orsini;	Y	Carol Van Deest;	Y

Pass 6-0

Ordinance 11-2014 is the 2015 budget; the ordinance was tabled for further review and confirmation of some of the numbers. Mr. Lenner said in review some line item changes were made since last meeting:
1. It was found that the second half property taxes were not in the system so that is an extra one hundred thousand dollars in revenue for the General fund.

2. Finance Director found twenty three thousand dollars that was miss-appropriated for income tax so that was also an increase to the General fund.

3. Water payments had not yet been posted for the month of November so there are increases of forty five thousand in water operating, forty seven thousand in sewer operating, twenty five thousand in water debt, and thirty one thousand in sewer debt.

These numbers are reflected in carryover.

Mr. Lenner said that in order to get the budget closer to manageable he did reduce the General fund by ten percent and the sewer operating by thirty eight thousand dollars. Council was also provided a graph chart of income tax numbers showing decline since 2012.

MOTION: To recognize the arrival and attendance of Councilwoman Sharon Hendren at 3:42 p.m.

Move: David Keck

Second: Cheryl Robertson

Cheryl Robertson;	Y	Sean Staneart;	Y
Bill Van Gundy;	Y	David Keck;	Y
Bob Orsini;	Y	Carol Van Deest;	Y
Sharon Hendren;	Y		

Pass 7-0

Mr. Orsini said that he would like his official position to be that the Estate Tax fund reflect zero so that any expenditure would have to come before Council. Mr. Lenner said that he has no problem with that.

Mr. Lenner also noted that the Capital Improvements looks very large because of the anticipated 1.25 million dollars to cover the cost of Concord Road so the 1.4 million reflected will be reduced by 1.25 million.

Mayor Staneart stated that going into next month and the New Year, the total reduction needed in order to meet this budget is two hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Van Gundy asked what happened in 2012 to drive the income tax received up so high. Mr. Lenner said that it was the result of a large one-time payment of profit from a company here in town that is no longer headquartered here. The difference between last year and this year is a negative three hundred thousand dollars.

Mayor Staneart said as discussed it has been possible to hold off a water and sewer rate increase at this time. Mr. Lenner said that rates will be part of the evaluation in first quarter because there will be a shortfall in water and sewer next year.

Council members continued to review budget line items.

Finance Committee will meet again January 20, 2015

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 11-2014 with the amendment of the Estate Tax fund expenditure being changed to zero.

Moved: Cheryl Robertson
Second: Sharon Hendren

Cheryl Robertson;	Y	Sean Stanearth;	Y
Bill Van Gundy;	Y	David Keck;	N
Bob Orsini;	N	Carol Van Deest;	Y
Sharon Hendren;	Y		

Pass 5-2

A. RESOLUTION 2014-55 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE *Introduction /Public Comment/Vote*

Mr. Lenner said that Jean Moyer resigned and this is procedure for acceptance.

Moved: Bill Van Gundy
Second: Sharon Hendren

Cheryl Robertson;	Y	Sean Stanearth;	Y
Bill Van Gundy;	Y	David Keck;	Y
Bob Orsini;	Y	Carol Van Deest;	A
Sharon Hendren;	Y		

Pass 6-0 with one abstention

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: David Keck
Second: Bob Orsini

Cheryl Robertson;	Y	Sean Stanearth;	Y
Bill Van Gundy;	Y	David Keck;	Y
Bob Orsini;	Y	Carol Van Deest;	Y
Sharon Hendren;	Y		

Pass 7-0

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

APPROVED AS PRESENTED


Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council


Mayor Sean Stanearth