



Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sean Stanart Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7:03 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE – STAFF: Jim Lenner-Village Manager, Jack Liggett-Service Director, Don Corbin-Chief of Police, Josh Beaudinot-Police Lieutenant, Jim Blair-Zoning Inspector, Newt Long- Service Dept., Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Commander Rick L. Petersen and Charlie Sullivan-American Legion Post 254, Jennifer Croghan and Yazan Ashrawi -Frost Brown Todd, LLC, Jerry Pulley

INVOCATION: Given by Councilman William Van Gundy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACTION ON MINUTES: October 7, 2014 Regular Council

David Keck moved to approve the minutes as written. Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows: Cheryl Robertson; yes, Bill Van Gundy; yes, Bob Orsini; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Stanart; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes. **Motion passed 7-0**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Stanart opened the floor for Public Comment.

1. Police Chief Don Corbin provided Council with a 2014 end of year comparison of Johnstown Police Department activity to other departments of our size. Included was statistical comparison on population, budget, number of officers, and number of arrests.

There were no further comments from the public and Mayor Stanart closed the floor.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL: January 2, 2015

Council Committee and Commissions

The Planning & Zoning Commission did not meet in December. The next scheduled meeting is January 7th.

*Currently noted this meeting has been cancelled

Economic Development Policy Commission – The JEDC postponed the meeting scheduled in December 2014. We will be meeting again in January 2015 to review the SWOT analysis and start on the action plan.

Zoning Task Force – the ZTF has met twice. The first meeting was a “kick-off” meeting that familiarized the group with zoning terms, ideas, and processes. The second meeting discussed the first three parts of the zoning ordinance; general provisions, purpose and authority, and administration and enforcement. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 7, at 5:00 p.m.

Economic Development

Future Business Park – Nothing new to report.

Private Development

The base of the road has been paved, storm water systems and lighting has been installed in **Leafy Dell Phase 6**. Final pavement will not happen until spring 2015.

The **ponding** along the bike path has been reduced thanks to 80 loads of dirt placed by two developers. The dirt piles have been leveled. We will continue to monitor the progress of the fill.

*Mr. Blair noted that now the total loads of dirt total 120.

Capital Improvement Projects

SR-37 Repaving – We have sent a request to bring the manholes up to grade along Main Street. ODOT has investigated and we are in conversations on a fix.

Raccoon Creek Pedestrian Bridge – Final design is complete. The right of way acquisition process has started and will finish this by January 17th. Construction is scheduled for summer.

US 62 Two Way Left Turn Lane – We had our kickoff meeting on December 9th with the consultant. The first part of the design will be completed in September 2015. We will have two design proposals to choose from.

Administration

The New Year will provide two opportunities to work on planning projects with zero cost. The first is a partnership with Miami University's (Ohio) Public Leaders Fellow program. Although final details will be worked out on Jan 5, we will receive a building inventory of our downtown

area. The project will take little time from our staff but provide valuable information and mapping for the downtown area. Newark did a similar program last year. This will occur this month and next. The second is an opportunity to work with Ohio State on a larger planning study. I received an email from a colleague that teaches at OSU. Her team of 15 graduate-level planners are looking for a large project...with no cost to the Village! I need ideas on what you'd like to see. Please send me any planning study or plan ideas. An example would be a commercial corridor plan for W. Coshocton Street that addresses traffic flow, design of structures, etc. Or another is a park master plan. I will need to go over the idea with the instructor to make sure it is something they can produce. There are 15 students and 15 weeks to complete the project. It is scheduled for the fall of 2015.

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on January 20th at 6:00pm. We will review the final financials for 2014 and plan our course for 2015 and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jim Lenner

LEGISLATION

A. RESOLUTION 2015-01 – A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A VILLAGE LAW DIRECTOR, VILLAGE PROSECUTOR, VILLAGE ENGINEER, AND VILLAGE AUDITOR TO SERVE THE VILLAGE AND ITS' EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2015. *Introduction /Public Comment/Vote*

Mayor Stanart introduced the legislation and asked that representatives from Frost Brown Todd, LLC introduce themselves to Council. Jennifer Croghan said that she has been working in Municipal law for ten years. She grew up in Licking County and is looking forward to working with the Village of Johnstown if approved for the position of Law Director.

Jim Lenner noted also there will be no increase in fees this year from the Village Engineer.

Mayor Stanart opened the floor for public comment. Hearing no comments for or against the resolution, Mayor Stanart closed public comment.

Bill Van Gundy moved to approve Resolution 2015-01 as written. Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows: Bill Van Gundy; yes, Bob Orsini; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Stanart; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes, Cheryl Robertson; yes.

Motion passed 7-0

B. RESOLUTION 2015-02 – A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER OF VILLAGE COUNCIL TO THE PERSONNEL BOARD OF REVIEW. *Introduction /Public Comment/Vote*

Sharon Hendren's term on this board is up. She said that she would be willing to retain her spot on the board unless someone else would like it. No one else expressed interest.

Mayor Stanearth moved that Sharon Hendren be re-appointed to the Personnel Board of Review. Carol Van Deest seconded and the vote was as follows: Bob Orsini; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Stanearth; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes, Cheryl Robertson; yes, Bill Van Gundy; yes. **Motion passed 7-0**

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Rick Petersen introduced himself to Council; he is the new Commander of American Legion Post 254 replacing Gordon Cromwell. Mr. Petersen brought a drawing showing a rearrangement of the grounds around the Post building. The plan showed a new location for the Wall of Honor (Veterans monument discussed at previous meetings). The previous monument location (against the cemetery fence) had been deemed unsuitable. As the lease of the Post 254 building states, the plan needs approval from Council. The plan shows the monument standing where the current volleyball court is, and a new volleyball court plus pavilion would replace the old playground to the rear of the building. The horseshoe pit would remain and the basketball court would remain but be reduced to half court allowing for green space. The Legion wishes to start on the wall in April 2015. The veteran bricks will sell for \$75.00

Carol Van Deest moved to approve the plan presented by American Legion Post 254. Mayor Sean Stanearth seconded and the vote was as follows: Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Stanearth; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes, Cheryl Robertson; yes, Bill Van Gundy; yes, Bob Orsini; yes. **Motion passed 7-0**

2. Bill Van Gundy said that due to conflicts in his schedule he is unable to fulfill his commitment to the Zoning Task Force (ZTF). Mr. Van Gundy asks to be replaced by another council member.

MOTION

Bob Orsini moved to allow Bill Van Gundy to step down as a Council representative on the ZTF. Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows: Mayor Sean Stanearth; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes, Cheryl Robertson; yes, Bill Van Gundy; abstain, Bob Orsini; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, **Motion passed 6-0 with one abstention**

MOTION

Bill Van Gundy moved to appoint Carol Van Deest as a Council representative on the ZTF. Sean Stanearth seconded and the vote was as follows: David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; abstain, Cheryl Robertson; yes, Bill Van Gundy; yes, Bob Orsini; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Stanearth; yes. **Motion passed 6-0 with one abstention**

3. Mayor Stanearth said resident Mr. Clark on East Jersey Street reported a street light out near his house. Jack Liggett said those are AEP lights but they can report it for him.

4. Mayor Stanearth commented on two houses that were torn down saying the empty lots are a vast improvement to the village compared to what was there.

5. Bill Van Gundy asked if it would be possible to draft a letter to residents addressing their concern of the condition of Douglas Street from Kasson on back. Mr. Lenner said that he would draft the letter of explanation.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, Bob Orsini moved to adjourn. Carol Van Deest seconded and the vote was as follows: Carol Van Deest; yes, Cheryl Robertson; yes, Bill Van Gundy; yes, Bob Orsini; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Stanearth; yes, David Keck; yes. **Motion passed 7-0**

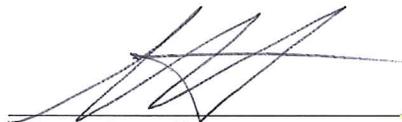
Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

APPROVED AS PRESENTED



Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council



Mayor Sean Stanearth

