



## Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 3, 2015

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Sean Stanearth Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:02 p.m.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE – STAFF:** Jim Lenner-Village Manager, Dana Steffan – Finance Director, Jack Liggett-Service Director, Glen Hacker-Service department, Chief Don Corbin-Chief of Police, Lieutenant Josh Beaudinot-Police Department, William Compton – Jim Blair-Zoning Inspector, Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council.

**IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC:** Melanie Ayotte, Reverend Stephen Ayotte, Amanda Compton, Debbie Gillum – This week news/Johnstown Independent.

**INVOCATION:** Given by Councilman Bill Van Gundy

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SWEARING IN:** Officer William Compton

Mayor Sean Stanearth gave the oath of office and swore in William Compton as a Johnstown Police Officer – part time. Mr. Compton's father in law, Father Stephen Ayotte gave a blessing.

Chief Corbin, Lieutenant Beaudinot, and Officer Compton excused themselves from the meeting as they were on duty.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:** January 20, 2015 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; abstain, Bob Orsini; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Stanearth; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; abstain. **Motion passed 5-0 , 2 abstain**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Stanearth opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

## LEGISLATION

### **A. RESOLUTION NO. 15-04 - A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE WAGE AND SALARY STRUCTURE FOR THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN**

Resolution 15-04 adds the part time officer position, part time utility billing clerk, part time accounts payable clerk and some items of general cleanup but no employee salaries are being adjusted at this time.

There was Council discussion on the wage and salary plan; the minimum vs maximum - how long in between steps, certification and step raises vs merit. Mr. Lenner said that he just met with the Finance committee and they will be evaluating the wages and come up with a plan and process to implement those wages if financially able. The Personnel Review Board will also meet.

Mayor Staneart moved to approve Resolution 15-04. Carol Van Deest seconded and the vote was as follows: Bill Van Gundy; no, Bob Orsini; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Staneart; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes, Cheryl Robertson; yes. **Motion passed 6-1**

### **B. RESOLUTION NO. 15-05 - A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN OUTSIDE TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

Jim Lenner said that he has been asked by Muskingum College to teach an on line class; "Introduction to Public Administration" and per his contract he needs Council approval. Mr. Lenner said there are currently only six students signed up and the time commitment would be approximately three hours per week. Council amended/added wording in section 1 and it was re-read for the clerk who will correct.

Mayor Staneart moved to approve Resolution 15-05 with the amendments as read. Bill Van Gundy seconded and the vote was as follows: Bob Orsini; yes, Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Staneart; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes, Cheryl Robertson; yes, Bill Van Gundy; yes.

**Motion passed 7-0**

### **C. RESOLUTION NO. 15-06 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO APPOINT A SERVICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

Service Director Jack Liggett said that the department has been looking to hire since Patti Barlitt resigned. A candidate has been selected and this resolution would allow Bryan Yantis to be hired to the position of Utility Laborer. His starting pay will be \$13.25 per hour. Bryan is non-licensed at this time but Jack said that he believes he is capable of moving up in the position by becoming certified as they would like. Council amended the resolution to remove the fifth "whereas" that indicated the appointed person shall become licensed after twelve months.

Bob Orsini moved to approve Resolution 15-06 as amended. David Keck seconded and the vote was as follows: Sharon Hendren; yes, Mayor Sean Staneart; yes, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes, Cheryl Robertson; yes, Bill Van Gundy; yes, Bob Orsini; yes. **Motion passed 7-0**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Lenner said he was notified that Big O Refuse has been sold to Waste Management. There will be no affect in service at this point; it is a buy not a merger and the contract will be up at the end of this year.
2. Ms. Van Deest inquired on the potential part time administrative/utility billing position. Mr. Lenner said he hopes to have the plan to Council next meeting.
3. Mr. Van Gundy inquired on money the village was thought to be receiving from Licking County. 2014 discussion was to use the money to fix businessmen's parking lot.
4. Discussion on Bob Orsini's prior request to have the Safety and Service committee meet with Chief Corbin on Police Department statistics led to Mayor Stanearth asking Mr. Lenner to draft a template for a new committee better suited for this communication between Council and the Police Department.
5. Ms. Robertson asked Mr. Lenner to set up the next Economic Development Committee meeting; he said that he would.
6. At last meeting Jack Liggett was asked to provide some further information and options for replacement of the street sweeper. Mr. Liggett provided Council members with the information requested on financing options.

Mr. Lenner was excused to leave the meeting on a personal matter.

There was extensive Council discussion on the street sweeper and service to the community, the current budget, the financing options, and the Estate tax fund.

**MOTION:** David Keck moved to approve the funds for the purchase of a new street sweeper. Carol Van Deest seconded and the vote was as follows: Mayor Sean Stanearth; no, David Keck; yes, Carol Van Deest; yes, Cheryl Robertson; no, Bill Van Gundy; no, Bob Orsini; no, Sharon Hendren; yes,  
**Motion failed 4-3**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before Council, Sharon Hendren moved to adjourn. Cheryl Robertson seconded and all were in favor **Motion passed 7-0**

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

APPROVED AS PRESENTED



Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council



Mayor Sean Stanearth

