



Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE – STAFF: Jim Lenner-Village Manager, Dana Steffan-Finance Director, Jack Liggett-Service Director, Jim Blair-Zoning Inspector, William (Newt) Long – Service Department, Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Jerry Pulley, Debbie Gillum-This Week News, Rod Bemiller, Sam Dorff, Rosemary Dorff

INVOCATION: Given by Councilman Bob Orsini

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Thank you note from The Mary E. Babcock Library Board of Trustees. A contribution was made from the Village of Johnstown in the name of Shirley Beam.
2. Thank you note from Karen Norman and Open Door Clothes Closet for allowing the use of Council chambers.

ACTION ON MINUTES: None

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

1. Sam Dorff, resident at 159 North Main Street: Informed Council of piling trash and unsightly landscaping at the apartments on Oregon behind his house. Zoning Inspector Jim Blair informed Mr. Dorff and Council that the apartments have recently come under new ownership and that he is in contact with them regarding clean up.

2. Rod Bemiller, Johnstown Fire Association: Asked Village Council for use of Businessmen's parking lot, Phalen, Pratt Street, and Bigelow Park for the Firemen's Festival. Festival set up will be June 21, 2015 and tear down will be June 28, 2015. The parade will be at noon on Saturday June 27, 2015.

MOTION: To accept Johnstown Fire Association's request for use with the condition that all proper paperwork and permits are filed with Village Admin.

Moved: David Keck
Second: Bob Orsini

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

Pass 6-0

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

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 15-11 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CONCORD ROAD PHASE I

Moved: Carol Van Deest
Second: Cheryl Robertson

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

Pass 6-0

RESOLUTION 15-12 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CONCORD ROAD PHASE II

Moved: David Keck
Second: Carol Van Deest

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

Pass 6-0

ORDINANCE NO. 02-15 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 955 PARKS
(Public hearing)

Jim Lenner said he has taken this to Joe Robertson; it was discussed at the last Monroe Township Trustees meeting and they have some concerns; Mr. Lenner said that if they do not agree he may ask to table at next Council meeting.

Mayor Stanart opened the floor for Public Hearing. There were no comments from the public either for or against the ordinance and Mayor Stanart closed the Public Hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-15 - AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 191.12 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN REGARDING INCOME
TAX CREDITS (Public hearing)

This is the second reading of Ordinance 04-15. This ordinance would eliminate the half percent credit given by Johnstown to residents who work outside of the village.

Mayor Stanart opened the floor for Public Hearing. There were no comments from the public either for or against the ordinance and Mayor Stanart closed the Public Hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-15 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO IN ORDER TO SET WATER
SERVICE RATES, WATER DEBT SERVICE RATES, SEWER SERVICE RATES, AND
SEWER DEBT SERVICE RATES CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN
(Public hearing)

This is the second reading of Ordinance 05-15. This ordinance will increase water and sewer rates in 2016.

The Finance Committee met and was provided five scenario options for increasing water rates at different percentages over different periods of time. Consensus was for a five percent increase in year 2016. Five percent would increase the minimum water bill from \$29.50 to \$30.98. The last time water and sewer rates were increased was two percent in 2010.

Mayor Stanart opened the floor for Public Hearing. There were no comments from the public either for or against the ordinance and Mayor Stanart closed the Public Hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councilman David Keck commended the Johnstown Police Department for their response to complaints of vehicles speeding and not stopping at the stop signs through Leafy Dell subdivision. Mr. Keck said that he was glad to see that they have been attentive to it.

2. Mayor Stanearth said that other discussions by Finance Committee were the potential for Police dispatch to be serviced through the County; other communities are starting to look at shared resourcing and Johnstown will be looking into potential cost savings with this as well. Staff hopes to have more feedback for Council by May 19th. Also for May, the salary and wage package has been in review and hope to have a modified package for Council vote.

3. Councilman Bob Orsini asked again what is being done about the Lash Chevrolet signs. The large pole signs are in violation of our zoning ordinances. Mr. Lenner and Mr. Blair will continue to review the history and consult with the Law Director.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Bob Orsini

Second: Cheryl Robertson

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

Pass 6-0

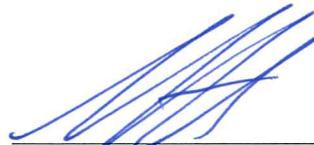
Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

APPROVED AS PRESENTED



Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council



Mayor Sean Stanearth

