



**Village of Johnstown
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 7, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sean Stanearth Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 7:00 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, Jack Liggett-Service Director, Don Corbin-Chief of Police, Jim Blair-Zoning Inspector, Josh Boudinot-Police Department, Rusty Smart-Police Department, Brian Sherrod-Police Department, Justin Anthony-Police Department, Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Jerry Pulley, Lewis Main, Alexander Nuttle and family, Debbie Gillum-This Week News

INVOCATION: Given by Councilman Bob Orsini

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACTION ON MINUTES:

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Moved to approve as written: David Keck

Second: Cheryl Robertson

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

Pass 7-0

CORRESPONDENCE: Public Notice – Ohio EPA Division of Surface water; received request to consider a Level 2 Isolated Wetland Permit Modification submitted by the New Albany Co.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Stanearth opened the floor for Public Comment. There were no comments and Mayor Stanearth closed the floor.

SWEARING IN: Alex Nuttle was sworn in by Mayor Sean Stanearth as a part-time Police Officer for the Village of Johnstown; present with him was his mom, dad, and fiancé. Alex is a graduate of Westerville High school and the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy and also holds a commission as an auxiliary police officer for Utica.

ORDINANCE 12-2015 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING WAGE AND SALARY STRUCTURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN
Introduction/First Reading June 2, 2015 ~ Public Hearing/vote

Jim Lenner said this ordinance is to clean up legislation that was passed by Resolution (15-04); the Law Director has recommended this change along with the policy of wage increases based on performance being conducted by the Department directors and finalized by the Village Manager; as long as it is within budget.

Public Hearing: Mayor Stanearth opened the floor for Public Hearing.

Lewie Main-132 North Main Street, Johnstown:

1. Has concerns that Section Two of the ordinance gives the power of wage changes to the Village Manager alone and takes decision away from Council in this process; he believes the ordinance should state wage changes should be given "with council approval".

Mr. Lenner said that the Law Director drafted this ordinance to be in line with the Village Charter; he said she explained that Village Council has the power and duty to establish the policy of the budget, and the Village Manager has the power and authority through this legislation to adjust those wages as long as it is inside the approved budget.

Council discussion resulted in asking Mr. Lenner to confer again with the Law Director to confirm the wording of the Charter in this matter.

MOTION: To table Ordinance 12-2015

Moved: David Keck

Second: Cheryl Robertson

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

Pass 6-1

2. Mr. Main also asked about department positions listed in the ordinance that we do not currently have and why contracted positions such as Prosecutor, Engineer, Law Director, etc. are not listed but Village Manager is.

The Charter says that Council has power to establish the number of positions in various departments and to adopt a wage, salary and benefit structure for all positions. Some of the positions are being created in preparation for city status- though they are not currently filled positions. The manager is included in the table because he is a full time village employee whereas Prosecutor, Engineer, Law Director, etc. are not. It was asked where the former street department employees fit into the wage table; finding was that Utility Laborer should be added as this would be different than a licensed class I, II or III employee.

Mr. Lenner said that he would ask the Law Director if the other contracted positions should be on the table as well.

The needed questions on this Ordinance 12-2015 will be asked to the Law Director and reported to Council.

There were no further comments from the public and Mayor Staneart closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION 15-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LAYTON, INC. FOR THE CONCORD ROAD PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENTS *Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote*

Jim Lenner introduced the resolution saying that we received the Ohio Public Works Commission paperwork on July 2nd, 2015; executed it, went over it with the engineer and we have received the approval letter to proceed. The lowest and best bid was given by Layton Inc. therefore he asks that Council approve so that he can sign the contract for construction.

Mayor Staneart opened the floor for Public Hearing.

No one spoke for or against the resolution and Mayor Staneart closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 15-14

Moved: Bill Van Gundy

Second: Sharon Hendren

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

Pass 7-0

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Village Manager Jim Lenner provided Council with an update on the Concord road construction:
 - o As feared, when the base was stripped back some very soft spots were found and 2 change orders (\$8000 and \$1500) are being entertained for a more in depth repair of the base in some locations.
 - o At a meeting in February the project start date was an agreed upon date by all utilities concerned however Centurylink has yet to move their utilities and are impeding the progress of the construction. Council has asked to apply pressure by getting the Law Director involved.
2. Councilman Bill Van Gundy thanked Zoning Inspector Jim Blair for having a resident trim overgrown bushes that were blocking street views at a house on the corner of Jersey Street and Williams.
3. Councilman Van Gundy said that he would like the Safety and Service committee meet again to continue discussions on a plan for Businessmen's parking lot. Jim Lenner said he would send out an email requesting availability.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Bob Orsini
Second: David Keck

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

Pass 7-0

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS PRESENTED



Mayor Sean Stanart