



**Village of Johnstown
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sean Stanearth Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 7:01 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, Newt Long-Service Department, Jim Blair-Zoning Inspector, Josh Beaudinot-Police Department, Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Jerry Pulley, Lewis Main, Benjamin Lee, Russell Sparks, Debbie Gillum-This Week News

INVOCATION: Given by Mayor Sean Stanearth

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION: To amend the agenda and add Executive Session – Discussion of personnel matters before Other Business. Session will include members of Council and Village Manager.

Moved: Bill Van Gundy

Second: David Keck

Roll Call:

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

ACTION ON MINUTES:

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Moved to approve as written: David Keck

Second: Sean Stanearth

Roll Call:

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

Pass 5-0 with two abstentions

CORRESPONDENCE: Public notice from Ohio EPA; Final issuance of Isolated Wetland Permit.

PROCLAMATION: The Village of Johnstown joined with other communities proclaiming August 11, 2015 as National 8-1-1 Day to promote awareness that 811 is our state's free phone number for the public and excavators to request that underground utilities be marked before digging.

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

LEGISLATION

A. RESOLUTION 2015-16 A RESOLUTION INITIATING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1137 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN

Mayor Stanearth introduced the resolution; Carol Van Deest said that her plans have changed and she no longer wishes to proceed with the map amendment. Ms. Van Deest asked for no vote on this resolution.

No one moved to approve. **Resolution 2015-16 dies for lack of motion**

B. ORDINANCE 13-2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 11-14 THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS

This is the two thousand dollar contribution received last week for the police body cameras; they need to be paid for out of a line item, the donation was not expected and will increase the line item; the budget net effect will be zero.

Moved to approve: Bob Orsini

Second: David Keck

Roll Call:

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

C. ORDINANCE 14-2015 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS

Mayor Staneart introduced the Ordinance and noted the emergency language is so the legislation can be submitted to the Board of Elections by the deadline if Council so chooses.

Cheryl Robertson said that she has some concerns about this; she is aware that Upper Arlington used to have aggregation and they got rid of it, she said the company had negotiated a price and then when oil and gas prices dropped residents complained that they would have paid less if they were not on this program. Mayor Staneart said that he also bumped into a resident that expressed concern with making sure Council did their due diligence on this issue.

Since deregulation residents have had the ability to negotiate with energy companies on their own however the thought behind aggregation as a village would be to get a better rate as a group.

Discussion/Public Comments:

1. Can the Village or residents opt out at any time? In section 3 it says the opportunity to opt out is only allowed every three years
2. What happens to residents that have already negotiated with another company and may be under another contract?
3. If this is postponed it would give time to educate the public and answer their questions and in the next election there may be a larger turnout.

Jim Lenner said that if there are too many unanswered questions, answers could be researched and then if Council felt comfortable they could ask for passage in the next election.

Public Hearing closed.

No one moved to approve. **Ordinance 14-2015 dies for lack of motion**

D. ORDINANCE 15-2015 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

Mayor Stanearth introduced the Ordinance and opened the public hearing. Mr. Keck said the same action should apply to this this ordinance. There were no further comments and Mayor Stanearth closed the floor.

No one moved to approve. **Ordinance 15-2015 dies for lack of motion**

MOTION: To move Executive Session to after Other Business.

Moved: Bill Van Gundy

Second: Sean Stanearth

Roll Call:

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

Pass 7-0

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Bill Van Gundy shared a copy of an email he received with Councilmembers and Jim Lenner. The letter is from a resident who feels that some previous requests are falling on deaf ears. The resident has requested marked parking on Pratt Street in the vicinity of the drive through. Mr. Van Gundy assured the resident that he would see that his requests are reviewed.
2. Bill Van Gundy requested a meeting with Jim, Sean, Sharon, Jack and himself to continue the discussion of Businessmen's Parking Lot improvements.
3. Cheryl Robertson passed on concerns about the bike path needing to be trimmed back. Mr. Lenner said that the Licking County Park District has said they would trim it but did not give a timeframe; it would be when their schedule allows. Previously Monroe Township was asked but they thought that their new piece of equipment would not fit down the path; Council requests clarification on whether the township is able to assist. Jim Lenner said that he would contact Joe Robertson and request a meeting with the Service Directors to discuss.
4. Bob Orsini asked for a short update on the Concord Road project. Jack Liggett said that the boring on the underground lines is taking place. Utility poles are being moved and should be complete by the end of the week.

5. Mr. Lenner said easement paperwork is being finished up for Jersey Street and the pre-construction meeting for the pedestrian bridge is tomorrow at 10:00am.

MOTION: To enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters with members of Council and Village Manager Jim Lenner.

Moved: Bob Orsini
Second: David Keck

Roll Call:

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

Pass 7-0 Start time 7:40 p.m. End time 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: David Keck
Second: Sean Stanearth

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

Pass 7-0

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

APPROVED AS PRESENTED



Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council



Mayor Sean Stanearth