



**Village of Johnstown
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sean Stanart Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Special Council Meeting for Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Monroe Township Complex 7621 Johnstown-Alexandria Road.

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, Newt Long-Service Department, Jim Blair-Zoning Inspector, Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Staff from Johnstown Monroe Schools included the following: Dale Dickson, Ruth Ann Booher, Debbie Seibel, Jim Dodderer, Alan Benton, and Kris Almendinger. Other public in attendance: Steve Snyder, Ben Lee, Marvin Block, Yvonne Rose, Michael Foor, Chuck Booher, Jerry Pulley, Lewie Main, Debbie Gillum-This Week News, and Mike Derenburger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION: Given by Councilman Bob Orsini

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

1. Charles Booher – 3555 Beech Rd; said that he wanted to commend all for coming together and working on this solution.
2. Marvin Block – Village resident; said that he is thrilled that everybody has come together and is moving forward as a community.
3. Mike Foor – 275 Upham Dr; said that he understands Council wants to reduce the fees to the Johnstown school district but disagrees with residents in town having to make up the difference.

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

LEGISLATION

A. ORDINANCE 18-2015 AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE VILLAGE OF JOHSTOWN WATER AND SEWER TAP/CAPACITY FEES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF REPLACEMENT SCHOOL FACILITIES BY THE JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *First reading/Public hearing/Vote*

Jim Lenner said that in discussing the project and reviewing the issues at hand, it is now believed that the High School and Performing Arts Center actually have more capacity than needed and is sufficient to service the new High School. Fee totals would include tap fees for fire suppression at the High School and the Elementary and tap and capacity fees at the Elementary and were calculated at \$283,245.00; after committee review, an agreed upon 60% reduction would bring the fees for the new High School and Elementary down to \$113,298.00.

Councilman Orsini questioned if this fee is based as a percentage or a flat fee no matter what changes; Mr. Lenner said fees were calculated at a percentage of what is currently proposed, so if changes were made in building, engineering, or line size etc. another look would be taken at the charges.

Public Hearing: There were no comments for or against the ordinance

Moved for approval: Bill Van Gundy

Second: Sharon Hendren

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

Pass 6-1

MOTION: Councilman Keck moved to amend Ordinance 18-2015 and insert as the second to last whereas: At present fees and rates for water service at 60% reduction, the total figure to be paid by the Johnstown Monroe School Board to the Village of Johnstown for this project will be at \$113,298.00 as the final amount paid. Should there be any increase in request for services or changes in plans that would require increases; those would be considered at that time.

Second: Bill Van Gundy

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

Pass 7-0

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mayor Staneart said that the staff of both the school and the village put a lot of hours into this and worked really hard to come together. Mayor Staneart noted that the school is our third largest employer and that was a consideration just as it would be with any company in an effort to retain our work force.

2. Councilman Van Gundy said that he would like to see a letter drafted by the Village to AEP and Columbia Gas and any other utility the school may encounter in the building process, in support of the schools receiving a reduction in fees.

3. Councilwoman Hendren asked about open enrollment. Mrs. Booher and Mr. Dickson both spoke on the issue and said at this point there just isn't room, this is looked at every year and this is the first year the School Board voted to close open enrollment in grades 1-5. It was expressed that the district would love to take every child; the resources and the space just aren't there.

4. Councilman Orsini said that the past work, the current work, and the work to come is to be commended. Mr. Orsini said the school here is tremendous performance-wise and in recent times have lacked in facilities; he said he is encouraged and excited to see these new buildings go up and our community to continue to grow – this will benefit the district as a whole, the kids and families in it, and the Village of Johnstown as they take the beef of that growth moving forward.

5. Councilman Keck said that he would like to schedule the next School Liaison Committee. Mayor Stanearth said Jim has already coordinated with the school and it is agreed that the committee will meet monthly before the first Council meeting of the month at 5:30 pm. The first School Liaison Committee meeting will be held October 6, 2015 at 5:30 in Council chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Bill Van Gundy

Second: David Keck

Roll Call:

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

Pass 7-0

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

APPROVED AS PRESENTED


Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council


Mayor Sean Stanearth