



**Village of Johnstown
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sean Stanart Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7:02 p.m.

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, Dana Steffan-Finance Director, Newt Long-Service Department, Jim Blair-Zoning Inspector, Josh Boudinot- Lt. Police Department, Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Sherman Ryan, Susan Ryan, Carrie Ryan, Elizabeth Schwartz, Ryan Green, Lewis Main, Debbie Gillum-This Week News, Yvonne Rose, Brian Rose, Alex Fala

INVOCATION: Given by Mayor Sean Stanart

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACTION ON MINUTES:

September 10, 2015 Special Council

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 10, 2015 as written

Moved: David Keck

Second: Carol Van Deest

Roll Call:

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

Pass 7-0

September 15, 2015 Regular Council

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 15, 2015 as written

Moved: David Keck

Second: Sean Staneart

Roll Call:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

Sherman Ryan and Carrie Ryan were present to express concern regarding suspected drug activity in Rolling Meadows subdivision. Mayor Staneart and Mr. Lenner said that they would follow up with the Police Department.

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

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 21-2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 921.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO IN ORDER TO SET WATER TAP AND CAPACITY FEES CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN

Public Hearing/ Vote

Mr. Lenner noted that per Council direction at introduction, in section 1 of both Ordinances 21-2015 and 22-2015 the two fifths charge was changed from “government agency” to “locally bonded government projects only”. Also noted was that the rates in both ordinances would only affect new builds after the first of the year.

Introduction at last meeting on October 6, 2015

Second reading and Public Hearing: No one spoke for or against the Ordinance

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 21-2015

Moved: Bill Van Gundy

Second: Sharon Hendren

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

ORDINANCE 22-2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.035 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO IN ORDER TO SET SEWER TAP AND CAPACITY FEES CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN *Public Hearing/ Vote*

Introduction at last meeting on October 6, 2015

Second reading and Public Hearing: No one spoke for or against the Ordinance

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 22-2015

Moved: Sharon Hendren

Second: Cheryl Robertson

Roll Call:

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

Pass 7-0

ORDINANCE 24-2015 -AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 11-14, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS

Introduction/ Public Hearing/ Vote

Finance Director Dana Steffan said this is simply to raise the needed funds we have for medical and dental obligations for the rest of the year.

MOTION: To waive the second reading of Ordinance 24-2015

Moved: Bill Van Gundy

Second: Sharon Hendren

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

Public Hearing: No one spoke for or against the Ordinance

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 24-2015

Moved: Bill Van Gundy
 Second: Carol Van Deest

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTION 15-22 - A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE VILLAGE MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SERVE ON THE LICKING COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (TIRC) ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN
Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote

Mr. Lenner said this is a bi-annual recommendation; the Tax Incentive Revue Council (TIRC) is county wide and evaluates any community reinvestment area (CRA) benefits that we have given to local businesses. TIRC is the oversight panel that ensures that if abatements are given, the companies are meeting their qualifying factors.

Public Hearing: No one spoke for or against the Resolution

MOTION: To approve Resolution 15-22

Moved: Carol Van Deest
 Second: Sean Stanearth

Roll Call:

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

Pass 7-0

RESOLUTION 15-23 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS FOR THE JERSEY STREET PROJECT

Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote

Mr. Lenner said that fair market value has been determined for properties and letters have been sent out. The Village is asking that easements are donated for sidewalks; money is being offered for right of ways, the most is around \$350.00, they are small slivers of property. There are fifty four total easements and right of ways.

Public Hearing: No one spoke for or against the Resolution

MOTION: To approve Resolution 15-23 as written

Moved: Bob Orsini

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

ORDINANCE 23-2015 - AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 191.02(f) (1) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN REGARDING TAXATION OF PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE. *Introduction/First reading*

Mr. Lenner said this evaluation goes hand in hand with the evaluation of our new tax code. It was recommended by the Finance committee. The Public Hearing will be held on October 20, 2015.

ORDINANCE 20-2015 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 191 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX *Introduction/First reading*

Dana Steffan said that the State Senate passed House Bill 5 and along with that came sweeping changes to the income tax code required by municipalities; this ordinance gets us in line with the requirements of House Bill 5; there are no major changes and it does have to be in place by January 1, 2016 or we will lose the right to collect income tax. The only change that is really going to come through would be if council passes the repeal of minors being excluded from tax.

Exhibit A is the actual tax code and is available for reading in the village office. The public hearing will be held October 20, 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Western Licking County Accord; Steering Committee appointments

The scope was printed in error on the number of appointments to be made to the steering committee; originally the scope stated that there were to be 9-12 community members then was corrected to be 3-4 for each municipality. Mr. Lenner has been in contact with New Albany and they would like to keep four of the originally appointed on the steering committee and use the balance in a focus group for specific items when larger input is needed. Mayor Stanearth and Carol Van Deest have been appointed to the group as the elected officials.

MOTION: To appoint Bill Van Gundy, Bob Orsini, Jay Hazelbaker and Elizabeth Schwartz to the Western Licking County Accord Steering Committee.

Moved: Sean Stanearth

Second: Cheryl Robertson

Roll Call:

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

Pass 4-1 with two abstentions

Mr. Lenner said that by default, the rest would be asked to stay on with the focus group.

B. Businessmen's Parking Lot; a meeting was set for the Safety and Service committee on October 27, 2015 at 10:00 am

C. Bigelow Park Ordinance; will discuss a possible agreement with Monroe Township regarding park hours and enforcement with our current park ordinance.

D. Traffic signals on State Routes 62/37; Mr. Lenner said that he has received complaints regarding the timing of the traffic signal; he said that the left hand turn signals were previously turned off during rush hours because the cycles take so long and it gridlocked the downtown

area; he said he plans to leave them the way they are now unless Council believes something else should be done. Every time the traffic company comes out to change something, they charge \$300-400. Council recommendation is to wait until the Mink street Bridge and Concord road projects are complete; traffic through downtown may be exacerbated right now because of the road closings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss the purchase of real property

MOTION: To enter Executive Session with Village Manager and members of Council

Moved: Bill Van Gundy

Second: Cheryl Robertson

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

Start time: 7:50 pm

End time: 7:58 pm

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council Mr. Van Gundy moved to adjourn, Sharon Hendren seconded and all were in favor.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

APPROVED AS PRESENTED



Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council



Mayor Sean Staneart