



**Village of Johnstown
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 15, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sean Staneart Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:01 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE – STAFF: Jim Lenner-Village Manager, Jack Liggett-Service Director, Dana Steffan-Finance Director, Newt Long-Service Department, Jim Blair-Zoning Inspector, Don Corbin-Police Chief, Josh Boudinot- Lt. Police Department, Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Ben Lee, Lewis Main, Jerry Pulley, Marla Kuhlman-This Week News, Ryan and Heather Green, Joseph Ethier, Marvin Block, Robert Roberts

INVOCATION: Invocation given by Mayor Sean Staneart

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Staneart announced that the Planning and Zoning Commission appointments will be made at the first council meeting in January 2016 to allow the incoming council members to participate in the selection process.

MOTION: To amend the agenda removing the Executive Session for the purpose of manager review.

Moved: Bill Van Gundy

Second: David Keck

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

Pass 7-0

ACTION ON MINUTES: December 1, 2015

Moved to approve as written: Bob Orsini

Second: Sean Staneart

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

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Mr. Lenner passed on news that the local business All'asta has gone out of business & will be closing its doors leaving their space in the business park.

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

LEGISLATION

A. ORDINANCE NO. 25-2015 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN, LICKING COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31,2016
Introduction/ November 3, 201;Tabled November 17, 2015

MOTION: To take Ordinance 25-2015 from the table

Moved: David Keck

Second: Carol Van Deest

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

Council Finance Committee and members elect met in workshop again on December 7, 2015 for continued review of the 2016 budget. The budget along with the line item appropriation detail was presented in the packet and had been available for public inspection over the past week.

Public Hearing: Mayor Stanearth opened the floor to the public for comments and the following comments were heard:

1. Lewis Main – 132 N. Main St.

a. Noted a discrepancy between the budget Exhibit A and the line item detail worksheet for street lighting. Exhibit A lists \$72,000 and the worksheet shows \$80,000. Discrepancy was also noted for Finance department; Exhibit A listed \$69,338.21 and the worksheet shows \$80,401.13. Finance Director will check the formulas from the worksheet totals. Village Manager Jim Lenner said that numbers from exhibit A are the actual budget numbers being passed tonight and the line items in the detail worksheet would have to be checked; if an adjustment to the budget were necessary, it would come before council at the first meeting in January.

b. Listed line items he would like to see pulled out of water and sewer appropriations; \$100,000 for buildings, \$38,500 machinery/equipment, \$59,500 machinery/equipment, and \$9,500 motor vehicles. He said that he is not opposed to them being in the budget but once the money is appropriated it can be spent without review. Councilman Keck said there were extensive discussions in council meetings on what these line items were for and it is the department director's job to spend the money in the way it was intended, discussed and planned and he trusts that will be done. Mayor Stanearth he is comfortable leaving it in.

2. Councilman Van Gundy

a. Asked if pay raises of five percent for hourly employees were still included in the budget. Mr. Lenner said five percent was conservatively added into the budget across the board to build in potential raises for people but that does not guarantee that all will get five percent.

b. Discussed the Police Department losing an officer to military deployment in February; they will be short an officer and asked if we will be replacing him. Mr. Lenner said that something will need to be done because this will create overtime and burnout but will also need to figure our liabilities in terms of paying this officer as he is entitled to the difference between his military pay and his village pay and then we also have to pay a new person as well. None of this is equated in this budget.

c. Discussed \$2500.00 not included in the budget for the fireworks. The money was not included so that it is not counted on, but the village will still participate in contributing to the American Legion as able. It was discussed that Council members would consider contributing their council member pay to the American Legion for the fireworks.

3. Marvin Block – Edwards Road

a. Said that he thinks the American Legion has been doing well since they have moved into their new building and are getting great support from the community, he thinks if the community knows they need another \$2500.00 it would be taken care of.

There were no further comments from the public and Mayor Stanearth closed the Public Hearing

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 25-2015

Moved: David Keck

Second: Carol Van Deest

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

B. ORDINANCE 27-2015 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 11-14, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS *Introduction/First reading December 1,2015; Public Hearing/Vote*

Mr. Lenner said this small amount of money left in the Babcock Fund this year will be appropriated and given back to the Babcock Foundation.

Public Hearing: Mayor Staneart opened the floor for public hearing. There were no comments from the public and Mayor Staneart closed the floor.

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 27-2015

Moved: Bill Van Gundy

Second: David Keck

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

Pass 7-0

C. RESOLUTION NO. 15-30 A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE “ESTATE TAX FUND” TO THE “BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND”

Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote

As the State has eliminated estate tax, there will be no new money coming to this fund and should be renamed.

Public Hearing: Mayor Stanearth opened the floor for public hearing. There were no comments from the public and Mayor Stanearth closed the floor.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 15-30

Moved: Sharon Hendren

Second: Cheryl Robertson

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

D. RESOLUTION 15-31 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE JOHNSTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN *Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote*

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

1. Lewie Main asked who the members of the Johnstown Economic Development Commission were. Jim Lenner said they are listed on the last page of the Economic Strategic Plan document; Mayor Stanearth read the member names from the list. It was noted that this commission was created approximately a year and a half ago and there will be member re-appointments in the New Year to fill vacancies of representatives from Thirty-One Gifts and All'asta. Cheryl Robertson and Carol Van Deest were commended for their work on the document.

Mr. Orsini reiterated that passing this resolution does not commit the community to anything; it is a structure and a plan, there are no funds; it is an infrastructure and a blueprint.

There were no further comments from the public and Mayor Stanearth closed the Public Hearing

MOTION: To approve Resolution 15-31

Moved: Cheryl Robertson

Second: Carol Van Deest

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

Pass 7-0

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mayor Stanearth publicly thanked Councilman David Keck and Councilman Bob Orsini for their service to the Village of Johnstown and said they will be missed. Both Councilmen addressed those in attendance and wished the incoming Council members well.

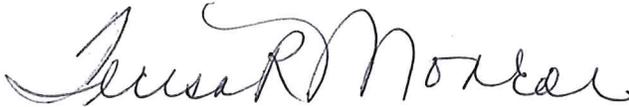
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Orsini moved to adjourn, Councilman Keck seconded and roll call was as follows:

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

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS PRESENTED



Mayor Sean Stanearth