



**Village of Johnstown
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sean Staneart Called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:34 p.m.

COUNCIL ROLL CALL: Lewie Main; present, Ben Lee; present, Cheryl Robertson; present, Sharon Hendren; present, Mayor Sean Staneart; present, Bill Van Gundy; absent, Carol Van Deest; present.

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

IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC: Bob Williams - Director; Licking Park District, Steve Holloway - Board Chair; Licking Park District, Christopher Cella, Jerry Pulley, Alex Fala, Tammy Basso, Brent Fetters, Debbie and Scott Swick.

INVOCATION: Invocation given by Mayor Sean Staneart.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVITED GUEST COMMENTS: Licking Park District Board Chair Steve Holloway came to introduce himself and to thank Council and staff for their efforts on the recent bike trail agreement and working to make the trail better for Johnstown and all of Licking County. Director Bob Williams spoke and said he is excited for the direction of the park development at the trail head and that the park district is here to help.

ACTION ON MINUTES: August 16, 2016

MOTION: To approve as written

Moved: Lewie Main

Second: Ben Lee

Ben Lee;	Y
Cheryl Robertson	Y
Sharon Hendren	Y
Sean Staneart;	Y
Carol Van Deest;	Y
Lewie Main;	Y

Pass 6-0

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Chris Cella; resident – 87 E. Jersey St. Mr. Cella inquired on the noise ordinance for Johnstown; he reports that the family renting the house across the street from him has boys that ride very loud motorcycles and ATV's around the house at all hours; accompanying that, there is loud yelling and arguing with foul language at all hours of the day and night. Mr. Cella said that the house is owned by Harold Meeker and he has discussed this with him numerous times. He asks for clarification on the rules for riding recreational vehicles within the city and is there anything he can do about it. Chief Corbin said the owner of the property has the authority to restrict or allow the riding on his private property. Zoning Inspector Blair said that he would write a letter to the property owner.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **School District Liaison** – 9/6/16 Mr. Lenner reports it was a very productive and informative meeting with good conversations that lasted over two hours. Among topics discussed were School resource officers, the school building projects, relocation of the tornado siren and pole which was resolved; the understanding is the village will pay the \$5000 relocation costs out of the FEMA fund and the school district agrees to pay the power to it indefinitely.
- b. **Planning & Zoning Commission** – Mayor Stanearth reported from the 9/7/16 meeting; there was a Variance granted based on all requirements met.
- c. **Finance** – Ben Lee reported on the 9/20/16 meeting; topics discussed were revenue and expenditures, the audit as it stands currently, an initial look at the 2017 budget, the upcoming US Route 62 project and financial obligations associated with it, and the income tax measure coming up November 8, 2016. Further discussed were the Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) for the Jersey Street project; members of Finance Committee called for a Special Finance Committee meeting on 9/27/16 from 5-6:30 pm and also for a Special Council meeting to follow at 6:30 pm specifically to address what comes out of the discussion on the BAN's and options for renewal.
- d. **Parks and Recreation** – Meets next on 9/22/16
- e. **Economic Development** – 10/7/16 webinar on medical marijuana and surrounding laws
- f. **Safety and Service** – Meets 9/21/16
- g. **Rules** – nothing scheduled
- h. **Personnel Board of Review** – nothing scheduled

DIRECTOR REPORTS

a. **Police**; Chief Corbin reviewed his report with Council and in addition said the department has established Apartment Complex Liaison Officers; where each officer is assigned a specific apartment complex and will meet with the managers at least once a month where they will hope to gain current information on any problem activity at the complex. Officers in this position will provide a monthly report. Director report attached to these minutes

b. **Finance**; Director Dana Steffan reviewed her report with Council and provided a current update on the audit saying we are currently within the Auditor of State's 90 day window of becoming compliant which just means having reconciled all accounts for the audit period. Ms. Steffan said that she has reviewed all bank statements within the period and does not feel there was any wrong doing or misappropriation during that time; it is just a matter of getting it down on paper. First reading of the 2017 budget to General Council scheduled for November 15, 2016. A reminder given that Johnstown does participate on Ohio Checkbook and any resident can visit www.johnstown.ohiocheckbook.org to view past transactions and see transparency on our spending. Report is attached to these minutes

c. **Service (from cancelled 9/6/16 meeting)**; Service Director Newt Long reviewed his report with Council. Report is attached to these minutes.

Councilman Main said he was asked about the use of our street sweeper in Alexandria. Mr. Lenner said that he has sent it down once per year the last two years before their firemen's parade to sweep their gutters just along Main Street. Mr. Liggett and Mr. Long commented that we have borrowed equipment from Alexandria as well; many Municipal water and sewer service groups work together and share equipment and technology as mutual aid when possible. Council members Hendren and Lee said it is a good opportunity to be a good neighbor; Councilwoman Van Deest said it is good that Council is aware if anyone asks and she is fine with working together; Mayor Staneart said that he was on board with continuing the relationship and was fully supportive, he asked that Council be notified in the future on actions that would be noticeable to the public allowing Council to answer any questions that may arise. Councilwoman Robertson said she was supportive as well.

d. Manager (from cancelled 9/6/16 meeting); Village Manager Jim Lenner reviewed his report with Council. Report is attached to these minutes.

LEGISLATION

A. RESOLUTION 2016-31 A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL AND SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE AND US BICYCLE ROUTES IN COOPERATION WITH AASHTO AND ODOT. *Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote*

This is a resolution of support for the proposed national and statewide bicycle route network as a recommended by ODOT. Johnstown will be an alternate on bike route 50.

Public Hearing: No one spoke for or against

MOTION: To approve as read

Moved: Carol Van Deest

Second: Sharon Hendren

Ben Lee;	Y
Cheryl Robertson	Y
Sharon Hendren	Y
Sean Staneart;	Y
Carol Van Deest;	Y
Lewie Main;	Y

Pass 6-0

B. RESOLUTION 2016-32 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED *Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote*

Jack Liggett said in the area of Oregon and Edwards there has been constant flooding for some time; a few years ago the village tried to work on make some repairs but were not able to get the proper easements to go onto private property. Mr. Liggett said his plan is to take the storm sewer routing out of private property and keep it on Oregon and Edwards roads. The project has already been designed and is estimated at approximately \$110,000. This resolution gives approval to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding. Mr. Liggett said that he is asking for a 40% grant and a 60% no interest loan; payments will be approximately \$3600 per year for twenty years.

Public Hearing: No one spoke for or against

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2016-32 as read

Moved: Lewie Main

Second: Sharon Hendren

Cheryl Robertson	Y
Sharon Hendren	Y
Sean Stanart;	Y
Carol Van Deest;	Y
Lewie Main;	Y
Ben Lee;	Y

Pass 6-0

C. ORDINANCE NO. 37-2016 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OR OCCUPATION OF ALL PUBLIC RIGHT-OF WAYS IN THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN, THE ISSUANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS TO PERSONS FOR SUCH USE OR OCCUPANCY AND TO SET FORTH THE POLICIES OF THE VILLAGE RELATED TO ITS PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS (ROW)

Introduction, First reading

This Ordinance would adopt the Right of Way program for the village. The Public Hearing and vote will be October 4, 2016

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Stanart reopened Public Comment

1. Brent Fetters; Owner of Johnstown Feed Mill located on Track Street; thanked Council for the curb installed on College and Track Street. Mr. Fetters came tonight to inform Council of a concern at the old feed mill; he said kids are hanging out back at his property and at the trail head. He has had missing tools, they leave trash and has had neighbors tell him they climb on the roofs; he has removed some ladders to keep them off the mill but said it is a safety concern and has asked the Police Department to keep an eye out.

MOTION: To enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Confidential Business Information of an Applicant for Economic Development Assistance; with members of Council, Village Manager Jim Lenner, and Assistant Manager Jack Liggett.

Moved: Cheryl Robertson

Second: Sharon Hendren

Sharon Hendren	Y
Sean Stanart;	Y
Carol Van Deest;	Y
Lewie Main;	Y
Ben Lee;	Y
Cheryl Robertson	Y

Pass 6-0 Executive Session 8:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Stanart moved to adjourn, Ms. Van Deest seconded and all were in favor; motion passed 6-0.

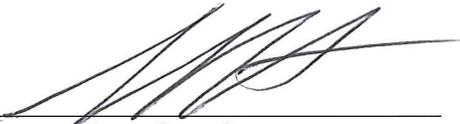
Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council

Handwritten signature of Mayor Sean Stanart in cursive script.

Mayor Sean Stanart