

**Village of Johnstown  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Sean Staneart called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 6:35 p.m.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE – STAFF:** Jim Lenner – Village Manager, Jack Liggett – Assistant Village Manager, Dana Steffan – Finance Director, Jim Blair – Zoning Inspector, Don Corbin – Police Chief, Teresa Monroe – Clerk of Council, Yazan Ashrawi – Law Director

**IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC:** Marvin Block, Chip Dutcher, Joe Eithier, Bruce Tolle, Yvonne Rose

**INVOCATION:** Given by Councilman Lee

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOTION:** Mr. Main moved to make a change to the agenda moving Executive Session item eleven up to item six. Mayor Staneart seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

Pass 7-0

**ACTION ON MINUTES:** Mr. Van Gundy moved to approve the **October 17, 2017 Regular Council** minutes as written. Mr. Lee seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

Pass 7-0

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. Bruce Tolle, resident at 258 N. Oregon St. said when he built his home thirteen years ago he was told he had to install a sidewalk. Mr. Tolle said he now sees there are two new houses down the road across from Oregon Elementary that have been built and asks why they do not have sidewalks. Mr. Lenner responded that at the time those homes were built the village was planning reconstruction of Oregon Street and the thought was instead of requiring them to put in the sidewalk only to have it taken right out,

we would hold off. Since that time the project has shrunk and will only include work up to Maple Street; now those properties will either need to go through a variance process or they will need to install the sidewalks. Further review will be given to this by zoning and any updates will be provided to Mr. Tolle.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Staneart asked for a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Imminent Court Action with the Village Attorney, members of Council, Village Manager, Assistant Manager, Zoning Inspector and Finance Director. Mr. Van Gundy moved, Mr. Staneart seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed 7-0

Executive Session began at 6:48 pm and ended at 7:21 pm

### **WESTERN LICKING COUNTY ACCORD**

Mr. Lenner said the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed and recommended the WLCA for introduction to Council. Council will read and review the document, forward questions to Mr. Lenner and plan a work session for the November 21, 2017 Council meeting.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **Planning & Zoning Commission:** Met 10/24/17; some discussion on large commercial vehicle parking in residential, WLCA was reviewed and recommendations for an "in person" panel is preferred over an email chain. Medical Cannabis dispensaries were reviewed and recommended by P&Z to Council.
- b. **Finance:** Met 10/17/17; continued work toward 2018 Budget, committee feels very good with the budget version shown in the packet tonight for the second reading.
- c. **Safety & Service:** 11/7/17 Combo with Finance was cancelled; Next 12/5/17 @ 5:00 pm
- d. **Economic Development:** Met 11/2/17; Medical Cannabis updates: Ohio Department of Commerce has given eleven companies level two licenses for cultivation up to 3,000 square feet, none of the companies were in Licking County.
- e. **Parks and Recreation:** Next 11/9/17 @ 10:00 am

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

a. **Service:** Jack Liggett reviewed the Service Director report; it is attached to these minutes. Jack added that he will be attending a seminar on how smaller communities and villages can attract licensed water and sewer plant operators. Reminders to not rake leaves into the street as the street sweeper is not equipped to suck leaves. The flashing lights came in for the SR37 crossing at Edwards Road, Service has asked the contractor to schedule installation; also waiting for a dry stretch of weather to have the thermoplastic striping done on the pavement. AEP has electricians working at the Rolling Meadows Park hooking up electric for the shelter house, the picnic tables are ordered and if no rain, the sidewalk up to the shelter house will go in tomorrow.

b. **Manager:** Jim Lenner updated Council; Engineer report for SR 37 at Leafy Dell conclusion that a traffic signal is warranted, on another note the number of children crossing between 8:00 am and 9:00 am is nine. The twenty seven acre land donation from Pulte should finalize this month. Negotiations should

be nearing a final agreement on the business park. Mr. Lenner has been invited to present Village Economic Development efforts with Medical Cannabis at the International Economic Development Council Executive Leadership Conference in Las Vegas; this trip will be in place of the Manager's conference in 2018.

**LEGISLATION**

**A. ORDINANCE 50-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1121 OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO DEFINE MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY.

***Introduction***

Defines Medical Cannabis Dispensary within the zoning code.

**B. ORDINANCE 51-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1157 OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY AS A CONDITIONAL USE. ***Introduction***

Would allow a Medical Cannabis Dispensary in the GCC-2 zoning district as a conditional use.

**C. ORDINANCE 54-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 42-16, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ***Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote***

Finance Director reviewed items associated with the reorganization of the 2017 budget.

**Motion:** Mayor Stanart asked for a motion to wave the second reading and pass as emergency. No one moved therefore it will not pass by emergency; second reading will take place in two weeks.

**D. ORDINANCE 55-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 42-16, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. ***Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote***

Finance Director said this is for the Troyer's building, to cover budget overages on their contributions for engineering, the emergency is necessary at this time because the money is already being spent.

**Motion:** To waive the second reading by Mr. Van Gundy; second by Ms. Van Deest

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

Motion passed 5-2

**Public Hearing:** There were no comments from the public for or against the Ordinance.

**Motion:** To approve as written by Mr. Van Gundy; second by Ms. Van Deest

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

Pass 7-0

**E. ORDINANCE 56-2017** AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO JOIN A COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES RETAINING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR PURPOSES OF INITIATING LITIGATION TO CHALLENGE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 718 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE RELATION TO MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote*

This is the one thousand dollars necessary to retain Special Counsel as the village joins other communities in the fight against the State to take over income tax collection. Jim Lenner will forward a copy of the engagement letter to Council members. Mr. Lenner said if Council does not choose to pass tonight as emergency then he would ask for the emergency in two weeks to avoid the thirty day delay. Mayor Stanart said that this will be the introduction and first reading only. Public Hearing and vote in two weeks.

**F. ORDINANCE 57-2017** 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, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018. *Introduction*

This is the introduction and first reading of the 2018 Budget. Second reading will be at the November 21, 2017 Council meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Van Gundy inquired on the list of street light outages; Mr. Liggett said they have determined that all the lights that belong to Johnstown are fixed with the exception of Bigelow Drive which they are troubleshooting and everything else has been turned in to AEP.

2. State Route 62 turn lane project preliminary work is going very well.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Van Gundy moved to adjourn, Ms. Hendren seconded and all were in favor; Motion passed 7-0

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

APPROVED AS PRESENTED



Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council



Mayor Sean Stanart

*Jim Lenner  
Village Manager*

*Jack Liggett  
Assistant Manager*

*Dana Steffan  
Finance Director*



*Sean Staneart  
Mayor*

*Council Members  
Ben Lee  
Sharon Hendren  
William Van  
Gundy  
Lewis Main  
Cheryl Robertson  
Carol Van Deest*

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## October Council Report

### Water

- 1) Over 40 turn offs for non-payment.
- 2) Replaced a section of water line Oregon St. with the Oregon/Edwards project.
- 3) Repaired 2 fire hydrants 1 on Oregon & Pratt 1 on Eagles Nest & Croton Rd.
- 4) Completed valve turning.
- 5) Jeremy Homstad attended training for his continuing education requirements.

### Wastewater

- 1) Hauled biosolids to farmer's field
- 2) Replaced valve that controlled decant flow in #2 SBR.

### Street

- 1) Street sweeping is on schedule.
- 2) Cold patch is being applied all across town.
- 3) Work will be completed on the Edwards / Oregon storm sewer by Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 4) The ditch on W. Coshocton St. was repaired.