

**Village of Johnstown  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

Carol Van Deest was sworn in before call to order and becomes the Acting President as the Senior Council member.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Council President Carol Van Deest called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:31 p.m.

**SWEARING IN:** Council Members Elect Carol Van Deest, William (Bill) Van Gundy and Charles (Chip) Dutcher took the Council member Oath of Office and were sworn in by Village Law Director Yazan Ashrawi. Council Member Elect Marvin Block was not present due to a flight delay and will be sworn in upon his return.

**COUNCIL ROLL CALL:** Marvin Block; absent, Chip Dutcher; present, Lewie Main; present, Ben Lee; present, Cheryl Robertson; present, Bill Van Gundy; present, Carol Van Deest; present.

**IN ATTENDANCE – STAFF:** Jim Lenner – Village Manager, Yazan Ashrawi – Law Director, Jack Liggett – Assistant Village Manager, Dana Steffan – Finance Director, Jim Blair – Zoning Inspector, Newt Long – Service Dept., Teresa Monroe – Clerk of Council

**IN ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC:** Planning and Zoning Candidates; Ryan Green, Dana Penrod, Bill Dyer, Pat Schlagheck, Matt Lyons and Sharon Hendren. Others from sign-in; Barbara Derenberger, Karen Beach, Doug Shull, Chuck & Ruth Ann Booher, Terry Priest, Sean Stanearth, Allan Shaub, Joey Robertson.

**INVOCATION:** Given by Councilman Van Gundy

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ELECTIONS:** Mayor and Council President

**Motion:** Mr. Main moved to appoint Ben Lee as Mayor. Ms. Robertson seconded and the vote was as follows:

Chip Dutcher;	Y
Lewie Main;	Y
Ben Lee	Y
Cheryl Robertson;	Y
Bill Van Gundy;	Y
Carol Van Deest;	Y

Pass 6-0

**Motion:** Ms. Robertson moved to appoint Bill Van Gundy as Council President. Mr. Main seconded and the vote was as follows:

Lewie Main;	Y
Ben Lee	Y
Cheryl Robertson;	Y
Bill Van Gundy;	Y

Carol Van Deest; Y  
Chip Dutcher; Y

Pass 6-0

**RESOLUTION 2018-01** A RESOLUTION SETTING APPOINTMENTS FOR MAYOR, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND ACTING PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL. *Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote*

Resolution 2018-01 was completed, introduced and read with Ben Lee as Mayor, Bill Van Gundy as Council President and Carol Van Deest as Acting President.

**Public Hearing:** There were no comments for or against the Resolution.

**Motion:** To approve as read

Ben Lee Y  
Cheryl Robertson; Y  
Bill Van Gundy; Y  
Carol Van Deest; Y  
Chip Dutcher; Y  
Lewie Main; Y

Pass 6-0

A brief recess was called as Ms. Robertson and Mayor Lee switched seats.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:** Mr. Main moved to approve the **December 5, 2017 Regular Council** minutes as written. Ms. Van Deest seconded and the vote was as follows:

Cheryl Robertson; Y  
Bill Van Gundy; Y  
Carol Van Deest; Y  
Chip Dutcher; A  
Lewie Main; Y  
Ben Lee Y

Pass 5-0 with one abstention as Mr. Dutcher was not a Council member at that time.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. Teri Priest with the Johnstown Historical Society came to update Council on the Mastodon site; Contractor is ready to start the path and the Babcock Foundation has given the ok for beginning funding, no final costs are known at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To consider the appointment of a public official - Planning & Zoning Commission Candidate interviews.

**Motion:** Mr. Van Gundy moved to enter into Executive Session with members of Council and the Village Law Director. Ms. Robertson seconded and the vote was as follows:

Bill Van Gundy; Y  
Carol Van Deest; Y  
Chip Dutcher; Y  
Lewie Main; Y

Ben Lee Y  
Cheryl Robertson; Y

Pass 6-0; Executive Session began at 6:50 p.m.; returned to regular session at 9:00 p.m.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

**Motion:** Mr. Main moved to appoint Sharon Hendren to the Planning and Zoning Commission; term commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2021. Ms. Van Deest seconded and the vote was as follows:

Carol Van Deest; Y  
Chip Dutcher; Y  
Lewie Main; Y  
Ben Lee Y  
Cheryl Robertson; Y  
Bill Van Gundy; Y

Pass 6-0

**Motion:** Mayor Lee moved to appoint Pat Schlagheck to the Planning and Zoning Commission; term commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2021. Mr. Van Gundy seconded and the vote was as follows:

Chip Dutcher; Y  
Lewie Main; Y  
Ben Lee Y  
Cheryl Robertson; Y  
Bill Van Gundy; Y  
Carol Van Deest; Y

Pass 6-0

**Motion:** Mr. Van Gundy moved to appoint Matt Lyons to the Planning and Zoning Commission; term commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2021. Mr. Main seconded and the vote was as follows:

Lewie Main; Y  
Ben Lee Y  
Cheryl Robertson; Y  
Bill Van Gundy; Y  
Carol Van Deest; Y  
Chip Dutcher; Y

Pass 6-0

**Motion:** Ms. Van Deest moved to appoint Ben Lee to the unexpired term on Planning and Zoning Commission (vacated by Marvin Block) term ending December 31, 2019. Mr. Dutcher seconded and the vote was as follows:

Ben Lee Y  
Cheryl Robertson; Y  
Bill Van Gundy; Y  
Carol Van Deest; Y  
Chip Dutcher; Y

Lewie Main; Y

Pass 6-0

Congratulations and appreciation were offered by Council; the Planning and Zoning Commission members are: Mayor Benjamin Lee, Joe Ethier, Sharon Hendren, Matt Lyons and Pat Schlagheck.

**LEGISLATION**

**A. RESOLUTION 2018-02** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A VILLAGE LAW DIRECTOR, VILLAGE PROSECUTOR, VILLAGE ENGINEER, AND VILLAGE AUDITOR TO SERVE THE VILLAGE AND ITS' EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2018. *Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote*

Village Manager Jim Lenner said there are no proposed changes in these appointments for the New Year.

**Public Hearing:** There were no comments for or against the Resolution.

**Motion:** Mr. Van Gundy moved to approve as written. Mr. Main seconded and the vote was as follows:

Cheryl Robertson;	Y
Bill Van Gundy;	Y
Carol Van Deest;	Y
Chip Dutcher;	Y
Lewie Main;	Y
Ben Lee	Y

Pass 6-0

**B. RESOLUTION 2018-03** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ESTABLISH MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2018. *Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote*

Mayor Lee proposes to wait on committee appointments until all members are present.

**Motion:** Mayor Lee moved to table the resolution until the second meeting of the year. Mr. Main seconded and the vote was as follows:

Bill Van Gundy;	Y
Carol Van Deest;	Y
Chip Dutcher;	Y
Lewie Main;	Y
Ben Lee	Y
Cheryl Robertson;	Y

Pass 6-0 **Resolution Tabled**

**C. RESOLUTION 2018-04** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE LICKING COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (TIRC) ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN. *Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote*

Finance Director Dana Steffan has been the appointee for Johnstown and said the TIRC is a County wide Council that meets, discusses and votes annually on current property tax abatements. As Village Manager Jim Lenner has moved out of the village, there needs to be a second resident appointee to the Council. Mr. Lenner said at this time the only tax abatement in the municipality is APEKS.

**Public Hearing:** There were no comments for or against the Resolution.

**Motion:** Mr. Van Gundy moved to appoint Mr. Main to the position; Mr. Main said he would respectfully decline due to conflict of interest. Mr. Van Gundy withdrew his motion.

**Motion:** Ms. Robertson moved to appoint Mr. Dutcher as the second representative; Mayor Lee seconded and the vote was as follows:

Carol Van Deest;	Y
Chip Dutcher;	Y
Lewie Main;	Y
Ben Lee	Y
Cheryl Robertson;	Y
Bill Van Gundy;	Y

Pass 6-0

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Discussion on a goal to have a consolidated book of village policies. Mr. Lenner said he would add this to the 2018 work plan.
2. Mr. Main said he would like to have a review of Storm Water procedures with all the new development. Mr. Lenner said he would add discussion to the Strategic Planning Session to be held with Council.
3. Mayor Lee passed on appreciation to the Police Department for the ride-along he was able to take.
4. No Council committee meetings schedule at this time.

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

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS PRESENTED



Mayor Benjamin Lee