



Regular Council
Tuesday, July 7, 2020 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Chip Dutcher called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for July 7, 2020 at 6:35 PM. This meeting had an option for virtual attendance.

2. Roll Call

Present - Chip Dutcher, Benjamin Lee, Cheryl Robertson, Carol Van Deest, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner, Sharon Hendren

Absent -

Staff present - Jim Lenner - Village Manager, Jack Liggett - Assistant Village Manager, Bailey Klimchak - Village Planner, Jim Blair - Zoning Inspector, Teresa Monroe Clerk of Council, Chief Haroon - Police Chief, Officers present for swearing in: Remey, Boudinot, Hatfield, Fox, Sgt. Smart, Sgt. Cooperrider

Public present - Mike Ballistrea and family, Jesse Coppel, Lesha Farias

3. Invocation - Mayor Dutcher

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Swearing In - Police

Mike Ballistrea took the oath of office and was sworn in as a Police Officer by Mayor Chip Dutcher.

6. Action on Minutes

a. June 16, 2020

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to Approve; Doug Lehner seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Benjamin Lee, Doug Lehner, Marvin Block, Chip Dutcher, Cheryl Robertson, Carol Van Deest, Sharon Hendren

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

7. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

No comments from the public.

8. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 6/23/20; Next 7/14/20 @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers
New Zoning Commission member Jonathan Merriman was sworn in; Ryan Green elected as Chairman and Ron Danne elected as Vice-Chairman. Discussion on updated draft of the Comprehensive Plan, set a timeline for continued review and forwarding on to Council by August. Discussion on Accessory Dwelling Units and how they may fit into the village, no decisions at this time.
- b. **Safety & Service:** Met 6/2/2020 minutes attached; 7/7/20; Next 8/5/20 @ 5:00 pm Virtual
Chief Haroon reviewed a traffic sign study done at several intersections in the downtown area; discussion on removal of stop signs on Oregon and Williams Streets yielded committee direction to keep the signs, install stop bars at those intersections and cut back foliage that may be blocking them; Chief also reviewed the Mink Street speed study. Discussion on resident complaints of speed along Stone Hedge Row in the Leafy Dell subdivision and ways to deter. Committee voted 3-0 in favor of raising parking ticket fines from thirty dollars to fifty dollars. Talked about the Village Prosecutor and processes surrounding Mayor's Court, committee authorized Chief Haroon to continue looking into policies. Discussed Oregon Street project funding and the lack of movement from Columbia Gas in getting their lines moved. Chief will review the False Alarm ordinance and provide opinion to committee on whether or not to pursue. Sidewalk Replacement Program discussion moved to August.
- c. **Finance:** Met 6/16/20 minutes attached; Next 7/21/2020 @ 5:00 pm Virtual
- d. **Economic Development:** Met 6/4/2020 minutes attached; 7/2/20 Cancelled; Next 8/6/20 @ 10:00 am Virtual

Special meeting called for July 9, 2020 at 10 a.m.
- e. **Park & Rec:** Met 6/11/20 minutes attached; 7/9/2020 Cancelled
- f. **Miles Estate:** Next TBD
- g. **Joint Recreation:** Next TBD
- h. **School District Liaison:** Next TBD
- i. **Storm Water Management:** Next TBD
Jack Liggett said he has started the letter for the dry ponds and will be getting those sent out, working on finding out which ponds go to which HOA and getting addresses. Will be setting up a day with C.T. engineers to walk all of the wet ponds to make a decision on how to handle those.
- j. **Rules:** Next TBD

9. Director Reports

a. Service: Water, Sewer, Street

Service reports were included in the packet; Jack Liggett reviewed with Council. Shelley Company, contractor for US62 Turn Lane Project, has requested permission to work ahead on Saturdays with an 8:00 a.m. start time in an effort to complete sooner; there was no objection of Council.

Mayor Dutcher asked that thanks be passed along to the Service Department for getting all the new flags put up downtown before the fourth holiday. Mr. Liggett noted the nineteen new parking spots now on Phalen; feedback has been positive. Pedestrian crossing signs were replaced.

b. Manager

Jim Lenner provided a verbal update: Continues working on the mobility grant and making new partners. Had a call with Feds regarding the EDA Grant funding applied for, needs some direction from Council, will discuss further at the special meeting of Economic Development called for Thursday. The village was awarded \$5.75 million in water funds from State EPA at zero percent interest so that can supplement what is already bonded and do greater things. Enterprise Center is out for bid, bids will be opened on July 30th.

10. Tabled Legislation

a. N/A

11. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2020-18** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UNITED SURVEY, INC. FOR THE MINK STREET/WEST JERSEY STREET CIPP SANITARY SEWER LINING PROJECT.

This is phase one of the Jersey Street, sanitary sewer project to relieve back ups of the valleyview sewer; bid came in under the estimate.

Public Hearing: There were no public comments either for or against the legislation.

Mr. Lee confirmed the budgeted amount of the project, Mr. Liggett said \$101,000 budgeted and the bid was slightly over \$74,000

ACTION:	Marvin Block moved to Approve; Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES:	Doug Lehner, Marvin Block, Chip Dutcher, Cheryl Robertson, Carol Van Deest, Sharon Hendren, Benjamin Lee,
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 7 - 0

12. Introduction of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 21-2020** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 40-19, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS

This budgets the village share of CARES Act funds received in the amount of \$49,621.03. Any funds not used by October are to be sent back for reallocation one more time.

Mr. Lee said he would like to investigate how to get some of this money back into the community; there was discussion among council members and staff on ideas for the money left.

Public Hearing will take place on July 21, 2020

b. **ORDINANCE 22-2020** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 40-19, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS

This appropriates funds for a Service Vacuum Truck, Police cruiser equipment and straggling invoices on Oregon Street Phase one and South Kasson Street. Mr. Lenner said entertaining this Ordinance as an emergency could be in order (to secure the deal on the vacuum truck). Mr. Lee asked if council could make a motion to give a verbal they would move forward with the vac truck and continue to move this through the regular process; Mr. Lenner said he would be comfortable with that and would just ask for a motion for intent to purchase.

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to initiate intent to purchase the vacuum truck with the line item written in the ordinance; Cheryl Robertson seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: 7

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7-0

Public Hearing July 21, 2020.

13. Other Business

1. Sharon Hendren said she thinks the village should charge the food trucks coming in to the village. Jim Lenner said trucks on Phalen Street are being coordinated for people enjoy; if other food trucks come they would go through the regular permit process with a ten dollar fee.
2. Committee meetings to continue virtually; Council meetings to continue as hybrid.

14. Adjourn

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to adjourn; Sharon Hendren seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: 7

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Pass 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next Council Meeting July 21, 2020