



Regular Council
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for January 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Donald Barnard, Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini

Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Dave Delande - Finance Director, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Officer Pache, Officer Hargraves, fellow officers, Dave Riepenhoff - City Labor Attorney/Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff, Chris Hermann – City Planner/MKSK, Steve Samuels – City Attorney/Frost Brown Todd, Mike Keller & Justin Holder – City Engineer/EMH&T, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Alicia Fisher, John & Marcia Fisher, many family and friends of officers, Joseph Robertson, Troy Hendren, Scott Hendren, Woodrow Fox, Dr. Phillip Wagner, Jeff Szabo, Shane Langley, Elizabeth Langley, Claudia DeWitt

3. Invocation

Offered by Mr. Barnard

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

Request to swap agenda items eight and nine so that citizen comments could be heard prior to the presentation.

ACTION: Mayor Barnard moved to approve the agenda moving item nine to eight and eight to nine; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

6. Action on Minutes

a. January 7, 2025

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to approve as written; Wesley Kobel seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 – 0

7. Police Department Awards

Mayor Barnard said that Officer Jeremy Pache is a seven-year employee with the department, with fifteen years of law enforcement experience, is a Field Training Officer, an all weapons firearms instructor, one of our drone pilots, has a bachelor's degree from Franklin University and is a proud father of three children. Chief Smart said that every year the department votes for an Officer of the Year, Officer Pache was awarded this in 2022 and 2024 and was presented with 2025 Officer of the Year.

Mayor Barnard said that Officer Gary Hargraves is a four-year employee with the department, with over twenty-four years of law enforcement experience, one of our Field Training Officers, is a firearms instructor, a former SWAT Officer and a Marine Corps Veteran. Chief Smart said on the morning of August 30th the Licking County Sheriff's office requested mutual aid assistance at a residence just outside the city, a male was threatening to kill a female relative who had barricaded herself in a bedroom. Entry was made to a covered porch where Officer Hargraves saw the male setting fire to the home, commands made to the male were not successful, the male picked up two large knives and ran to the back of the residence, officers followed the male into the room where the female had barricaded herself, upon entry to the room, the male had the female in a headlock and attempted to stab her at which time officers were forced to eliminate the male suspect; the female only sustained minor scratches. Chief Smart said that day, a life was taken but a life was also saved, the actions of Officer Hargraves were exactly by the book and were an act of valor. Chief Smart said he is proud to have Officer Hargraves at this department and awarded him the Law Enforcement Medal of Valor.

8. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

1. Woodrow Fox, Joseph Robertson, Scott Hendren, Troy Hendren

- City Administrator and Monroe Township Trustees provided Councilmembers with two documents, a Monroe Township Complex building lease proposal and a Monroe Township Complex Building Lease Agreement (both on file, clerk's office).
- Mr. Fox reviewed bullet points of the proposal with council and highlighted that part of planning for the future is protecting their current assets that may lower the cost burden on taxpayers, and that the township complex located at South Oregon Street is one of those assets.
- Mr. Fox said the lease as written and presented tonight, will enable the township to share the use of its complex at South Oregon Street with the City of Johnstown, giving the township the opportunity to help the City of Johnstown and the Johnstown-Monroe School District meet their needs for growth.
- Mr. Fox said that the township recognizes that the City of Johnstown is considering plans to enter into a purchase agreement with the Johnstown-Monroe School District for the city's facility here at South Main Street and they felt it was necessary to communicate to the city what the township was able to provide in regard to the complex at South Oregon Street.
- Mr. Fox said they ask the city to review the lease agreement that is being presented tonight and consider this before entering into any agreement for the sale of their building. Mr. Fox reviewed lease highlights listed in the proposal presented, which included shared space for the township, not providing the whole building for use by the city.

Mayor Barnard asked why only the one and two year terms, that the lease with the YMCA was a five and ten year lease.

Mr. Orsini asked Mr. Staneart if he has communicated the conversations council has had to the Township Trustees, as far as what their ideas and requirements would be in order for the township building to be a viable option for the city. Mr. Staneart said they were presented with the lease that was approved as well as the diagrams associated with the proposed use of the building. Mr. Robertson said they never got a diagram; and that as far as the term of the lease, it was

unfortunate that the YMCA went away but it gave them an opportunity to actually sit with the fire department to see what was needed in the next two to five years, and at a minimum they need 3,250 feet of it, so really the lease is only meant to be a short term option while the city pursues other viable options, he said they were told the city was considering the American Legion building as a second option; Mayor Barnard said that is totally false. Mr. Selan asked if there were any opportunity for a lease beyond two years, Mr. Fox said this was a firm two year maximum, in two years, they will need full access to the building, for fire and EMS services. Mr. Robertson said they have already approved and signed the lease presented. There were some further questions and discussion on the lease.

Sean Staneart said if it pleases council, he is more than willing to meet with the township and schools to better understand the future needs for the building as well as future needs of the fire department, he thinks there is an opportunity for all entities to be collaborative so they can identify potential needs for a facility as well as land that could work to benefit the township in a different location, he sees this as an opportunity to collaborate and get creative with city, school and township facilities. Joseph Robertson said they want to do that but they need an answer on this before March 1st, the lease starts on March 1st and the purpose of tonight was that they know council is considering a contract, if they can't make that building work for two years, he recommends not signing. Bob Orsini said to look at the positive side, as unorthodox as it may have come about, the end result is that potentially there was a ten-year lease (with the YMCA) that would have been bad for the township and the community, and that was avoided by this collaboration. Mr. Robertson thanked the city and school for getting in the way of the YMCA lease, that it helped them realize the importance of their building to them, they have approved the lease presented, they held a special meeting tonight. Mr. Robertson restated the townships need as 3,250 square feet now and 6,500 square feet in the next two years.

There were no further comments and Mayor Barnard closed public comment and asked for a five-minute recess.

9. Presentation; Update on Water & Sewer collaboration

Representatives from EMH&T (engineering), MKSK (planning) and Frost Brown Todd (legal) were present for the Coalition update. Sean Staneart opened by saying that tonight's presentation is in response to a request for an update by the Finance Committee. Mr. Staneart said tonight they will go over, at a very high level, some of the things they have been working on since 2023 with water and sewer, specifically the water initiative. Mr. Staneart said that this initiative was born out of a vote by the County Commissioners, they made an agreement with Southwest Licking in 2023, the agreement expanded Southwest Licking's sewer service area, essentially designating them as the exclusive provider for all sewer in Monroe Township, St. Albans Township, Jersey Township and a very small section of Liberty Township (which is contested by the Liberty Township Trustees), except for the incorporated municipal boundaries. Shortly after this contract was executed, the Ohio EPA initiated a review and update of the state sewer plan called the 208 plan, which could completely rewrite service area rights and responsibilities. Mr. Staneart said the outcome of this decision will effectively forever reshape Western Licking County and no doubt have an impact negatively or positively for all Johnstown residents. The importance of water and sewer is really simplified down to school district preservation, economic development, quality of comprehensive and fiscal, sustainable development. Mr. Staneart said tonight will be a fifty-thousand-foot view, and then if council desires, he can have any or all of tonight's presenters come back for a more in-depth discussion at a subsequent council meeting. Mr. Staneart said last year, council made the decision to invest in this endeavor which puts us where we are today, they chose to join with their neighboring school districts and municipalities and stand united against the threat of uncontrolled development. Knowing that the stakes were incredibly high, and we needed additional support to traverse the legal, the planning, the financial and the engineering requirements, we sought out the experts in the respective fields as well as partnerships with neighboring communities to drive this initiative forward. Mr. Staneart said he would give a quick glance at the financials, he complemented council on a tremendous job with the financials since starting this initiative. Really emphasizing collaboration and shared cost, they have been able to share some of the costs with

Granville as well as Alexandria in these efforts. Mr. Staneart reviewed some of the large scale improvements the city is doing:

- Water Treatment Plant maintenance & expansion; estimated cost is \$32,000,000; engineering cost estimated at \$2,000,000
- Waste Water Treatment Plant expansion; estimated cost is \$50,000,000; engineering cost estimated at \$4,000,000
- OEPA 208 update cost \$500,000

Sean Staneart said over the next couple of years, the city is looking to spend \$88,500,000 on expanding and getting our current facilities up to snuff. That expansion is looking at the Comprehensive Plan, viewing economic development as a key driver, we want to be in the driver's seat when it comes to economic development and some of the land uses are outside of our current municipal boundaries. We realize we are going to need additional water and sewer capacity to do that, this investment is for that reason. The way they have structured a lot of these investments are going to be on the back of development, not taxpayers, however there is some cost associated with the maintenance of our current plant, all of the residents will share in that.

Mr. Staneart provided a recap of last year's spending for the 208 planning initiative and budget appropriations for 2025:

Jan 2024- Dec 2024

- Lobbyist cost: 3 Months; \$12,000
- EMH&T, JAG, Water and Sanitary Master Plan: \$56,325 (our portion); this is the joint effort being shared with Granville and Alexandria, (work associated with this study will be taking place in 2024 & 2025)
- Attorney fees related to Municipal Utility Coalition: \$129,494

Total estimate for 2024: \$216,325

2025

- Professional and Legal \$60,000 Sewer enterprise fund
- Professional and Legal \$60,000 Water enterprise fund
- Professional Services \$8,000 Sewer operation fund
- Professional Services \$8,000 Water operations
- Legislative activities \$25,000 Water and Sewer legal and lobbyist

Total estimated appropriations for 2025 : \$161,000

2024 & 2025 estimated total: \$378,000

Mr. Staneart introduced Steve Samuels and said he is the city environmental attorney helping us navigate the requirements for submittal for the 208 Plan, he has extensive years of experience. Mr. Samuels said there are two major projects that the state is working on that will greatly influence development in Johnstown, Monroe Township and Western Licking County: the 208 Plan and the 15 County Water Study. He said the far more time sensitive and most important of these is the 208 Plan, that is the one that has consumed most of his time over the past year or so working on behalf of Johnstown. Mr. Samuels said the most important part of the 208 Plan is when the state designates a particular entity (Designated Management Agency or DMA) to be the wastewater provider for an area, that means that entity and only that entity has the right to put in sewer and wastewater treatment plants to provide service to the area. He said if you want to have

the ability to control your destiny, it is important to be the DMA for the area over which you hope to have management. In Western Licking County, Johnstown was given the City of Johnstown as DMA, City of Granville was DMA for Granville, Alexandria had Alexandria and Southwest Licking had a small portion and everything else in the county. He said what happened was that Southwest Licking went to the county and asked to be the DMA for sewer district number nine, and the county without consulting anybody, went ahead and did that and so now Licking Water and Sewer District, pursuant to a contract with the county, is now the DMA for all of Monroe Township, all of St. Albans Township and all of Jersey Township, that is the existing status. He said what is going on right now, is the Ohio EPA is going to take a fresh look at the 208 Plan for the entirety of Licking County. So, what is in place right now does not necessarily have to continue, the state can completely rewrite it and is likely to do at least a substantial rewrite of it. What they have been working so hard on this past year is in response to Ohio EPA's request, to provide input and make the pitch that the various cities are a better option to manage and control growth within their respective jurisdictions. Mr. Samuels said ultimately it will be the Governor who will make the decision about what the revised 208 Plan looks like and will send it to the USEPA for approval, he will rely very heavily on the Ohio EPA which does all the detail work, Jobs Ohio, Department of Development and various others and they and the lobbyist have been working with them and other office holders and stakeholders to make the case that Western Licking County would be best served by having the Coalition take over responsibility for planning and land use development. That power derives in major part, to the ability to control water and wastewater services.

Christopher Hermann with MKSK said the start of the Comprehensive Plan was a big part of this conversation, that growth was suddenly really pushed in front of Johnstown and this region, and needed to be addressed quickly. He said the reason we are talking about water and particularly sewer and why it is kind of urgent is because really this is now talking about who is going to control the pace of development and what development occurs in this area. So, the question to council is how much control does Johnstown want, over the pace and type of development and all the related impacts that come with development, both positive and negative. He said the reason he puts the question to them that way is because the reality is, water and sewer, particularly centralized sewer, really is what determines growth and development. The way annexation works in Ohio, generally land owners request annexation into cities to get services, police etc., but the big one is to get central water and sewer, and when you take the water and sewer carrot away because it is already being provided in some other way, it substantially reduces the interest of land owners to annex into cities and that would probably be true in Johnstown. If water and sewer is provided by an independent agency, development decisions and water and sewer provision get detached. If water and sewer is provided by Johnstown, it controls decisions about where that goes, when that goes and what kind of development happens along it. Some examples were shared, Delaware and Delco, Southern Delaware County, he said one hundred and sixty thousand people have been added in the Delco service area since 1990. So how big does Johnstown want to be? Mr. Hermann said if the answer is that you are happy with the size right now, then as water and sewer gets run by the Southwest Licking District, development will happen around you, but it won't be in Johnstown. If you feel like you want to grow a little bit and balance land uses in Johnstown a little bit and want to have that possibility, Johnstown will need to be able to provide water and sewer to be able to focus that growth and think about how big it wants to be and work with its partners.

Mike Keller and Justin Holder with EMH&T engineering were present. Mr. Keller said they are working on a water and sanitary master plan, taking the concept from the Comprehensive Plan and making it into a tool that we can apply and work regionally, with the EPA, with Licking Regional, with the different communities on what areas should be serviced how, and what is the most cost-effective, the most responsible and the most sustainable options for those. They are working to demonstrate to the EPA and to the other stakeholders that the master plan is feasible, it's viable, affordable, and it functions. They are three months into a study that is a nine to twelve month effort. Right now with the coalition, they are looking at land use, the service areas and where the capacity is going to be used.

Steve Samuels provided a summary on what the lobbyist has been doing. He said he has been communicating with the media and stakeholders, as well as many entities, to educate and communicate the coalition's message, its end goal, which is to provide for planned growth, to ensure its community and schools flourish with the growth it is experiencing. Mr. Samuels opened the presentation to council member questions, which he answered. Regarding timing, the EPA is waiting for the city's Facility Plan, which is what MKSK and EMH&T have been working on, before making their decision on the 208 line. A Facility Plan says, here is where we expect development and growth over the next five, ten and twenty years, and here is how we intend to meet the expected demand, plant expansion etc. and, a high level plan to finance and pay for it. This plan is the document we need to submit to the Ohio EPA to demonstrate that we can and will be able to serve the area that we want to serve, they have been giving us additional time to get the necessary documents to them before they make the decision. Mayor Barnard asked what the desired 208 line change was, Mike Keller said for the Johnstown area, aligning with the school district, so a little of northern Jersey Township, Monroe Township and a little bit of Liberty Township; engineering feasibility is what they are working on now. Presenters answered questions from council.

10. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** 1/14/25 canceled; Next 1/28/25 @ 6:30 pm Council Chambers
- b. **Design Review Board:** Met 1/14/25; Next 1/28/25 @ 5:00 pm Council Chambers
Consideration of one sign application which was tabled for further review.
- c. **Design Guidelines Steering Committee (Ad Hoc):** Next 2/5/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
- d. **Finance:** 1/21/25; Next 2/18/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
- e. **Safety & Service:** Next 2/4/25 @ 5:00 pm Admin conference room

11. Director Reports

- a. Police Chief
Report included with the packet distributed.
- b. City Manager
Report included with the packet distributed.

12. Tabled Legislation - None

13. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **RESOLUTION 2025-02** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO, SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250-OH)
Tiffany Hollis said she has submitted an application for the City of Johnstown to officially be declared an America 250 Ohio community and once the resolution passes we will have further direction on forming a committee. This celebrates the two hundred fiftieth birthday of America. Each month there are themed celebrations throughout the state and they are hoping to get representation from all eighty-eight counties and municipalities. She said she will also be applying for a grant through this organization that will help facilitate some of the celebrations. She added that the 250th birthday also falls on the 100th anniversary of the mastodon being found in Johnstown. Mayor Barnard said that he has contacted the Cleveland Natural History Museum about getting the Mastodon returned to us for the 100th year, he has not gotten a return call yet.

Bob Orsini asked if the Finance Committee needed to look at any appropriation to support this, Ms. Hollis said no, that it would be self-sustaining, she thinks the only city involvement would be coordinating different events.

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

ACTION: Tiffany Hollis moved to pass resolution 2025-02; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

b. **RESOLUTION 2025-03** RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE JOHNSTOWN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Mayor Barnard said this is the position that Andrew Hale has held, he would like to be reappointed.

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

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to reappoint Andrew Hale to the Design Review Board; Ryan Green seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

c. **RESOLUTION 2025-04** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AND PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mayor Barnard said given the news of tonight, how would council like to proceed with this. Bob Orsini said the only reference to the lease is that there is a contingency that a suitable facility building is found for the Police Department. Discussion on who would confirm the suitability of the facility. Sean Staneart said it would fall to the Police Department and himself, and he would include council members in that decision, he would not act outside of their acceptance of a suitable facility. Discussion on options for the legislation, passing, tabling etc. Mr. Staneart said there are a lot of variables with this, but he will go back to what the township trustees said tonight, March 1st seems to be their deadline so they have until March 1st to maneuver and explore other options that could exist. Mr. Staneart said he would love to have the opportunity to understand better what their short and long term needs are, getting with the school district and the city to see how we can be creative to find solutions. Discussion on procedure for talking further in Executive Session.

Public Hearing:

1. Dr. Philip Wagner - Johnstown-Monroe School Superintendent

- From a timing standpoint, they have been engaged in this for a while and the school district is going to be at a "go, no go" here pretty soon. They want to build this multipurpose facility that will serve many athletic needs in the community, they keep pushing the deadline back, but next month is really at the end of what they have. He is here to work with council and

will do whatever he can, whether council votes on this or not tonight, as far as procedure, if they did vote on it tonight, he is going to be under the same provisions as Sean, the school board doesn't know all this happened tonight, but he has some ideas for options. He said what they are looking at for this property, is trying to plan, at some point they see expanding the student population, almost tripling what they have now which would take them up to about 4,600 students and if that is the case, this property becomes very important because they will have to build another high school, this land would become critical.

2. Jeff Szabo - American Legion Post 254 Commander

- Said if council is going to have this discussion, he would like to be a part of it, he said he knows the American Legion was a consideration for the building. If their lease is terminated, it is an impact to the community and a devastating impact to the American Legion. So, if this is a possibility, he would like to be involved in the Executive Session discussion with council and Dr. Wagner so maybe they can find something that will work for all and not turn their back on the Veterans.

Jeff Barr said he does not think any of them want to have a detrimental impact to the American Legion, if he is willing to stick around, and if appropriate and needed in Executive Session, they certainly could do that, but initially he thinks it might just be council, the City Manager and Dr. Wagner, and then if things go in that direction, they could call him in.

Tiffany Hollis said if in the contract it states they have to find suitable accommodations for the Police Department, we know that is going to have to take place, is that going to change anyone's decision on moving forward with the contract for purchase. Because if not, she does not think they should prolong it, personally she thinks they should move forward with a vote, knowing they still have to work out the details of finding accommodations for the Police Department. By not voting she said she feels like we are just continuing this long conversation that they have had for months and months.

Jeff Barr said he willing to go into Executive Session and talk a few points through then come back and resume the meeting and vote. Mayor Barnard said there could be some ideas that the school wants to change.

ACTION:	Bob Orsini moved to table Resolution 2025-04; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES:	Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr
NOES:	Tiffany Hollis
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 6 - 1 TABLED

14. Introduction of Legislation - None

15. Other Business

1. Mayor Barnard asked if council could get a map of all the school districts in Licking County. Sean Stanearth said he would get them a copy.
2. Jeff Barr said that JYAA spring sports registration is under way; T-ball, softball, baseball, rec and travel, lacrosse, soccer, golf and track and field.
3. Wes Kobel asked Jack Liggett when the street department would begin filling some potholes that are popping up. Mr. Liggett said right now it is just so cold, the cold patch is not pliable or flexible, when they get a little rise in temperature that will be job number one.

4. Tiffany Hollis recognized local business owners in the audience and thanked them for coming and sticking through this, she appreciates their effort to sit here and learn.
5. Ryan Green said the city sign on US 62 out by Sportsmans Club road got hit by something and he has a list of street lights out. Mr. Liggett said when residents call in to the office, they have a work order system that staff uses to report these issues to the appropriate department. Mr. Stanearth said that council members should report issues to him or the Clerk of Council.
6. Dave Selan said he wanted to echo a comment from a few meetings ago by Tim Swauger, about violating Executive Session. He asks that they don't do that, there was an insinuation that a conversation he had tickled those lines, he said that did not happen. Again, he asks that they follow what Mr. Swauger said, with the amount of business and negotiations that are going on with what they are dealing with from water, to schools, and to understand the weight of that and that leaks should not happen.
7. Mayor Barnard asked Mr. Delande for an update on the audits. Mr. Delande said he spoke with the State Auditors today. For 2021, they have a list of three items that they need and are almost in final review for that audit. Once that is complete, we have an extension until February 28th for the 2021-2022 audit.
8. Ms. Monroe asked how long council wanted to leave the positions for Design Review Board and Personnel Review Board open or would they like to close and begin interviews. Mayor Barnard said to set interviews for next session.

ACTION: Mayor Barnard moved to amend the agenda to include an additional Executive Session to consider the purchase or sale of property, move to agenda item 18 and move 18 to 19; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green
NOES: Tiffany Hollis
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 1

16. Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, or review a collective bargaining strategy
17. Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to go into Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, or review a collective bargaining strategy, to include all of city council, the city manager, city employment lawyer, Dave Delande and Jack Liggett. Also to consider the employment of a public employee, to include all of council, city manager and employment lawyer; Bob Orsini seconded, and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to waive the 24-hour notice rule for Executive Session; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Donald Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini
NOES: Tiffany Hollis
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 1

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to consider the purchase or sale of property to include all of City Council, the City Manager, the School Superintendent and Mr. Szabo if needed; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green
NOES: Tiffany Hollis
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 1

Council entered Executive Session at 9:32 pm and returned to Regular Session at 11:06 pm.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to take Resolution 2025-04 from the table; Bob Orsini seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to approve Resolution 2025-04 as written authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease and purchase contract with Johnstown-Monroe Local School District. Mr. Selan said out of an abundance of caution, he would abstain from this vote because he is an employee of the school district. Wes Kobel seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini, Tiffany Hollis
NOES: Ryan Green
ABSTAIN: Dave Selan, conflict of interest (employee of the school)

Passed 7 - 0

Ms. Hollis prefaced her vote saying she has always been in support of the school, it makes sense for future planning for them to own this property, it is congruent to school property so she believes that is appropriate for future planning. Her issue with it was the contingency of the township building because she does not believe that was in the best interest of the city and best use of our means. She said she will vote yes to selling this property to the school because she does think that is in the best interest of this community and its future.

18. Adjourn

ACTION: Mayor Barnard moved to adjourn; Bob Orsini seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Jeff Barr, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Donald Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

The meeting ended at 11:10 pm.

Next Council Meeting February 4, 2025