



Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 - 6:30 PM
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Action on Minutes
 - a. March 18, 2025
 - b. April 1, 2025
7. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda
8. American Legion Post 254
9. Council Committee reports
 - a. **Planning & Zoning:** 4/8/25 canceled; Next 4/22/25 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
 - b. **Design Review Board:** Met 4/8/25; Next 4/22/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
 - c. **Finance:** 4/15/25; Next 5/20/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
 - d. **Safety & Service:** Next 5/7/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
10. Director Reports
 - a. Police Chief
 - b. City Manager
11. Tabled Legislation - None
12. Public Hearings of Legislation
 - a. **ORDINANCE 03-2025** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1159 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES
 - b. **ORDINANCE 04-2025** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 31-2024, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS
 - c. **RESOLUTION 2025-18** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2025
13. Introduction of Legislation - None
14. Other Business
15. Executive Session to consider the employment or compensation of a public employee
16. Adjourn

Next Council Meeting Wednesday, May 7, 2025



Regular Council
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for March 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Donald Barnard, Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Wesley Kobel, Bob Orsini, Jeff Barr, Dave Selan
Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Dave Delande - Finance Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Nick Hubbell, Lori Carlson, Jamie McNally, Beth Kisher Olds, Julie Stefanicel, Dirk Neff, Bailey Neff, Lauren Hursey, Holli Casto, Ron Casto, Scott Helmke, Amy Schnicky, Kent Mallett, Shane Langley, Todd McConnell, Matt/Amanda/Amelia Bonito, Lauren Baughman, Payton Schneider, Riley Steve Stefanick, Caylin Cox, Greg Gantt, Tristen Sanders, Mike Sileargy

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Girl Scout Troop 7700

4. Invocation

Mayor Donald Barnard offered the invocation.

5. Council Proclamations

Proclamations were presented by council to Johnstown Monroe High School students as follows:

Alexis Diehl for her 2024-2025 Indoor Track season

Cailyn Casto for her 2024-2025 Wrestling season

Johnstown-Monroe High School Girls 2024-2025 Basketball season

6. Presentation; Licking County Humane Society

Lori Carlson, Executive Director of the Licking County Humane Society, attended for presentation on their services provided. The city has partnered with the Humane Society since late 2019, they investigate animal cruelty complaints in the city. Mayor Barnard asked Ms. Carlson what they would like citizens to know that could help the Humane Society, she said they could always use help with items on their wish list posted on their website, things like kitty litter, dog toys, paper towels etc. She asked citizens to consider Veterinary Science and shelters for future careers.

7. Action on Minutes

a. March 4, 2025

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to approve as written; Bob Orsini seconded and all were in favor.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 – 0

8. Correspondence
 - a. correspondence
Mayor Barnard read the enclosed letter from the Ford family in response to a resolution passed by council at the last meeting.
9. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda
No comments.
10. Council Committee reports
 - a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 3/11/25; Next 3/25/25 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
A Lot split and combination application was approved. Jeff Barr asked if the process for roofing, siding changes etc. was set by council, the answer was yes. Sean Staneart reviewed the process and criteria for going before the Design Review Board and the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) application; he said this process is under review with the new Design Guidelines. Mr. Barr noted the \$300 fee for a siding change to a single family home seemed like a lot and said he would like to review permit fees if other council members were in agreement. Sean Staneart said there are two COA permits, the internal one is \$100, minor modification, like-for-like material, the other for major modification which requires board review is the \$300. Discussion on review, no decision made.
 - b. **Design Review Board:** Met 3/11/25; Next 3/25/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
Two sign applications; one tabled for redesign and one approved.
 - c. **Finance:** 3/18/25; Next 4/15/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
Next meeting moved to 5:30 pm. Sean Staneart provided an update on the posted City Planner position, there have been minimal qualified applicants. Committee discussion on taking the salary to the \$94,000 range. Staff to check on the wage scale, does it need to be done by Ordinance or Resolution. The yearly budget outlines salaries for everyone so in some ways council has already authorized the pay scales, but they are checking to see if there needs to be a more formalized process.
 - d. **Safety & Service:** Next 4/1/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
Next meeting moved to 5:30 pm.
11. Director Reports
 - a. Police Chief
Report included in the packet, Chief Smart answered council member questions.
 - b. City Manager
Report included in the packet. Jeff Barr referenced the union negotiation item and asked for an update in Executive Session or a privileged email from the attorney. Mr. Staneart said he would reach out, he will ask for the email update to council and will schedule the Executive Session for April meeting if still needed. Mr. Staneart answered other questions on items in his report.
12. Tabled Legislation - None
13. Public Hearings of Legislation
 - a. **RESOLUTION 2025-10** RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY O.R.C. 709.023(C) SETTING FORTH MUNICIPAL SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO __192.5__ +/- ACRES OF LAND IN MONROE TOWNSHIP (LICKING COUNTY), OHIO IF ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO

Mayor Barnard said this resolution and the next three deal with annexation. Bob Orsini stated that annexation happens by request of the land owner, the city does not go out and annex property.

Jamie McNally was present for the legislation and said that agenda items a, b, c, and d under public hearings are all related. He said items b, c, and d are the "missing teeth" or infill parcels for the planned development. Item a is Kyber Run Golf Course, he said they do not own it yet, but the current property owners agreed to submit for the annexation. The service resolution says that if the annexation goes through and the zoning is approved, the city agrees it will provide water, sanitary and services to Kyber Run. Mr. McNally said the services resolution is not committing the city to annexing or zoning today, and candidly, they are studying if and how they can potentially add Kyber Run into the planned development. There are already entitlements on Sub areas three and four for residential and commercial, could some of those residential units be shifted around to create some additional industrial land. They are studying a few different scenarios, they realize that Kyber Run has been on and off the market in the past, that is what they are here to study over the next couple months with the city.

Ryan Green said items b, c, and d are what they have typically seen, but item a being the golf course, a large parcel, and having a lot of implications. The last large annexation was done all in conjunction with zoning and was all done as one large project, he asked if this would go before zoning, what are they on the hook for as far as roads, water, sewer and what does Johnstown get out of all of that. Mr. McNally said they would expect the annexation and zoning, if they choose to proceed collectively with Kyber Run, to be approved the same night, they would not want to annex unless they were on the same page with the city and the zoning.

Jamie McNally provided some examples on how the PD density bank could work, the way the zoning is currently worked out, they could do twelve hundred units in one area or could spread it out based on the land uses. If they decided to add Kyber, they could transfer some of those units on to Kyber and then give some of the current sub area three and four that are zoned for multi-family and commercial, back to industrial creating additional industrial ground. What the current zoning does not contemplate is single family homes, the topography of Kyber lends itself potentially to single family development, so would they increase the density bank or just use the existing units; those are things they need to talk about over the next couple of months. They have not made a final decision yet on if they are able to close on Kyber and proceed with the development.

Mayor Barnard said he didn't think there was a real appetite to increase the housing number in Johnstown beyond the twelve hundred agreed to, that is the hard part in front of them, trying to figure out how to make it all work. Ryan Green said the property would come in as Agricultural, they will have to take a look at whether they add it to the PD district or other zoning. They will also look at the Comprehensive Plan which states single family in that area, they will have to take a look and see what their appetite is as city and what services we would be able to provide. Mr. McNally said if Kyber was developed from a golf course, he would not expect any development to start until the end of 2027 or 2028 at the earliest. Mr. Staneart said there will be another opportunity for council to see this. Tiffany Hollis asked how many more "missing teeth" there were. Mr. McNally said essentially none after these and reviewed the map with council members. Mr. Barr noted the possibility for more "missing teeth" down the road, to the Kyber Run development.

Jamie McNally said they are excited about some activity in the market and interest in central Ohio and Johnstown right now for industrial sites. One of the initiatives they are working on with LRE, currently unrelated to the services resolution but wanted to bring it to council's attention, currently, LRE is planning to put a substation at the southwest corner of Mink and Duncan Plains. They have been working with LRE and believe they can relocate the substation to sub area one so they can get the substation off a prominent corner and allows the TID to put in the proper round-a-bout they have designed.

Sean Staneart addressed the concern expressed by a couple council members on what the

resolution commits the city to. He highlighted additional wording put into the Resolution that the city's capacity to provide water and sanitary sewer services is contingent upon final uses developed for the property.

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

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to pass Resolution 2025-10 as written; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

- b. **RESOLUTION 2025-11** RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY O.R.C. 709.023(C) SETTING FORTH MUNICIPAL SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO __15.1__ +/- ACRES OF LAND IN MONROE TOWNSHIP (LICKING COUNTY), OHIO IF ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO

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

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to pass Resolution 2025-11 as written; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

- c. **RESOLUTION 2025-12** RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY O.R.C. 709.023(C) SETTING FORTH MUNICIPAL SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO __11.2__ +/- ACRES OF LAND IN MONROE TOWNSHIP (LICKING COUNTY), OHIO IF ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO

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

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to pass Resolution 2025-12 as written; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 – 0

- d. **RESOLUTION 2025-13** RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY O.R.C. 709.023(C) SETTING FORTH MUNICIPAL SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO __2.4__ +/- ACRES OF LAND IN MONROE TOWNSHIP (LICKING COUNTY), OHIO IF ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO

Public Hearing

1. Todd McConnell

- Asked if the annexation resolutions only pertain to the specific properties noted in them and did they note the addresses.

Mayor Barnard said the resolutions note the actual parcel numbers. Further discussion and explanation for the resident that these resolutions only pertain to these specific parcels.

ACTION: Dave Selan moved to pass Resolution 2025-13 as written; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr, Bob Orsini
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

e. **RESOLUTION 2025-14** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO BE PART OF THE COLUMBUS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Sean Staneart said the city is moving from LCATS (Licking County Area Transportation Study) to MORPC (Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission). He said this is reevaluated every ten years and because we are now contiguous with the larger metropolitan planning area of Columbus, in ten years we would have to join MORPC, we are choosing to go there now. This is advantageous for federal funding.

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

ACTION: Bob Orsini moved to approve Resolution 2025-14 as written; Dave Selan seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Bob Orsini, Dave Selan, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Mayor Barnard, Wesley Kobel, Jeff Barr
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

f. **RESOLUTION 2025-15** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Sean Staneart said the city is doing a water plant expansion, our current gallons per day is one million, we are increasing that to a capacity of three million, that project has been designed by Jacobs Engineering. There is a CMAR provision that allows the city to get a guaranteed maximum price (GMP), Mr. Staneart said we will still bid these project pieces out, but the GMP states what cost will not be exceeded. Bowen Engineering has given a GMP of \$36,610,651.00 for construction services.

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

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to pass Resolution 2025-15; Wesley Kobel 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

g. **RESOLUTION 2025-16** A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A POLICY FOR TRAVEL AND PERSONAL AND CITY CAR USAGE

Sean Staneart said this encompasses general travel policies for airplanes, cars etc. The city also has had discussion on take home vehicles, that policy is outlined in this as well, effective January 1, 2026, the Chief of Police will be the only authorized position to take home a city owned vehicle. Mr. Staneart noted that he has handed over the city vehicle he was driving to the Police Department, he is now using his personal vehicle with mileage reimbursement.

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to pass Resolution 2025-16 as written; Bob Orsini 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

h. **RESOLUTION 2025-17** A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AND APPOINTING MEMBERS

Mayor Barnard said this is legislation he asked for. That with the possible sale of this building, they need a committee to start looking at the future of all facilities. Sean Staneart said this committee will likely get together with staff and department heads to discuss needs, then staff can draft some options for committee review, they will have guidance along the way. Jeff Barr, Ryan Green and Dave Selan expressed interest in being on the committee.

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to pass Resolution 2025-17 to include Jeff Barr, Ryan Green and Dave Selan as committee appointments; Tiffany Hollis 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

14. Introduction of Legislation - None

15. Other Business

1. Mayor Barnard said they have had some conversations with the township and school district about having some joint meetings on planning the future of this whole area. Council originally talked about having all members of all entities meet together, but it has since been proposed by a trustee that the discussion include three members of council, one trustee and two school board members, he asked what fellow council members preferred. Mr. Barr said it could get bogged down with a full panel of all three organizations, that the smaller group probably can move the

needle. Mayor Barnard said his one request is that there be one from finance committee because there will be a lot of talk involving financial aspects. The smaller group prevents quorum, council members were agreeable.

2. Jeff Barr recognized March as women's history month, and his mother's Birthday. Added that in addition to the Veterinary Technician program mentioned earlier, there are many other medical, technical, and pre-engineering programs at Columbus State Community College. There are a lot of two-year programs to get an associates degree and go right into the work force well prepared. He thanked women for their contribution to local history and what they do.

3. Mayor Barnard said there will be another Girl Scout troop to lead the pledge at next meeting.

4. Ryan Green suggested a work session to discuss the goals they came up with last year and see where they are and if they are still relevant. Mr. Barnard sending an email to organize a date.

5. Ryan Green asked where we were on the building sale. Sean Staneart said the school is in their due diligence period, everything from environmental analysis to title work, it takes time.

6. Ryan Green asked about the lines being installed in Leafy Dell. Sean Staneart said it is likely fiber being installed either by Glow (formerly Horizon) or Brightspeed.

7. Ryan Green said he would be working with Meals on Wheels tomorrow, encouraged other council members to volunteer.

8. Dave Selan said they had a very successful legion breakfast this past weekend. They have covered their expenses for the Fireworks so everything above and beyond will go to additional amenities for the event. Added that they are looking for sponsorship for trash cleanup after the event.

9. Jeff Barr asked who was responsible for the decorations on the town square, was it on the city to get those things out of there. Tiffany Hollis said it is the chamber; and that the tree is going to come down as soon as the ground is hard enough to not destroy.

10. Chief Smart said the American Legion Post 254 donated three fully outfitted rifles for the Police Department, cost just shy of \$5000. He said he thanks them and appreciates their support.

9. Don Barnard said he spoke with the Concord Crossing East HOA, they do not want speed limit signs throughout, they feel one is enough, people know it is 25 mph. Chief said he talked with Jack Liggett and they do recommend the crosswalk to the pool.

10. Don Barnard asked if it were possible to get a crosswalk across Jersey Street to Belt Park. Jeff Barr said they may want to do a study first, line of sight from that hill could come into play. Chief Smart said he and Jack could discuss that.

11. Don Barnard reminded council members to complete their 2024 financial disclosure statements for the State of Ohio, the deadline is May 15th.

12. Wes Kobel noted the Johnstown Monroe High school musical success. Sean Staneart said he was a proud father and proud of the entire cast, they were stellar.

16. Adjourn

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to adjourn; Dave Selan seconded and all were in favor.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

The meeting ended at 8:14 pm.

Next Council Meeting April 1, 2025



Regular Council
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for April 1, 2025 at 6:31 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Dave Delande - Finance Director, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Alan and Laurie Clark, Danielle Dean-Housler, students, Girl Scout Troop 7646 and family and friends, Rob Platt, Ryan Scribner, Mike Sileargy

3. Invocation

Councilman Wesley Kobel offered the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troop 7646 was present to lead the city in the pledge.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

6. Mayor Proclamations

Mayor Barnard presented council proclamations honoring two Johnstown-Monroe school teachers for awards received. Laurie Clark was honored for receiving the 2024/2025 Leaders for Learning award and Danielle Dean-Housler was honored for receiving the 2025 You Make a Difference Award. Mayor Barnard said this one was special to him, Ms. Housler teaches his daughter, she has done a tremendous job.

7. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

No comments.

8. Correspondence

a. Correspondence and response

Correspondence included in the packet, council will include in the discussion on Ordinance 03-2025.

9. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** 3/25/25 canceled; Next 4/8/25 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
- b. **Design Review Board:** Met 3/25/25; Next 4/8/25 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
The board reviewed an application from Tractor Supply, they proposed a reconfiguration of their outdoor area along with some exterior paint. The board approved with some conditions. Mystic Mutts and Groovy Grooms got sign approval for their new business downtown.

Ryan Green asked if another meeting date has been set for the Design Guidelines Steering Committee. Mr. Staneart said not at this time, Trevor is working on the plan detail.
- c. **Safety & Service:** 4/1/25; Next 5/7/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
Committee discussed potential sidewalk replacement on North and South Main Street. Talked about potholes and a strategy to repair those throughout the city, potential paving projects and the traffic signal at Clark Drive has been repaired and is working properly.
- d. **Finance:** Next 4/15/25 @ 5:30 pm council chambers

10. Director Reports

- a. Service Departments: Water, Sewer, Street
Reports included in the packet, Jack Liggett answered council member questions on items.
- b. Service Director
Jack Liggett reviewed his report, included in the packet.

11. Tabled Legislation - None

12. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 03-2025** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1159 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES
Sean Staneart said this is legislation to amend the city's codified ordinance, it is a text amendment. In the codified ordinances there are permitted uses under each zoning district, those permitted uses obligate the city to allow particular industries to locate or not locate, in this case. Mr. Staneart said an applicant reached out to the city inquiring about a particular parcel, they were notified that the use requested was not permitted at this time, but there was a method for them to submit a request that the use be permitted in the district. He said they have elected to go through the process, this application and legislation have been reviewed and recommended to council by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Staneart said when they look at changing a use, it is not for a specific parcel, but rather it would apply to the entirety of the Light Manufacturing (LM) zoning district and if approved, would expand the allowable uses on all properties within the district. Mr. Staneart reviewed the staff report included in the packet, He noted that the use is for the manufacturing of paint and powder coating material, not for application. Mr. Staneart continued to review the staff report and the criteria for review, effects on traffic flow and employment numbers. In 2030, at full volume, they are looking to have 2.2 trucks per day, Mr. Staneart said that would probably be a minimal impact to the downtown. They have reported employment numbers to the State of Ohio and plan for forty-eight employees over three shifts. Mr. Staneart said they have also vetted utility demand for water and sewer, this applicant reports that at peak in 2030, they

would use 434 gallons per day/13,000 per month, a minimal impact. Mr. Staneart said the applicant has also been made aware that we will be reviewing any type of discharge into our sewer, and if necessary, they will be required to do a pre-treatment process. Mr. Staneart reviewed conditions recommended in the staff report, the conditions have been incorporated into the resolution.

Sean Staneart referenced the citizen letter received and the response included in the packet.

Jeff Barr asked Sean Staneart to give some specifics on traffic backup. Mr. Staneart said coming out of Commerce is not typically backed up, the pinch point is the US62/37 intersection, any employer put back there is going to traverse that intersection. He noted that a previous employer in that same building had around three hundred employees circulating in and out at one point, and had higher truck traffic. That created the need for the Commerce Blvd. traffic light and created a larger issue in the downtown, at one point the city had police directing traffic on US 62. He said that 62/37 is the problem area; there is a million dollar study currently going on to figure out some short-term, medium and long-term solutions.

Wes Kobel referenced the staff report which notes that there is nothing to be considered a threat to public health or safety with this use, but said he was curious if this type of manufacturing creates any type of smell that would waft over the community. Mayor Barnard said the company does address this in the response letter in their packet. Ryan Green said his question on this is under the heading of water sewer runoff and air quality, that we have housing very close and prevailing winds will push it over there. He said we have other businesses currently in that Light Manufacturing district that also have fumes and do impact housing in the area so they do need to take a look at this.

Bob Orsini said that powder coating unto itself is typically, relatively safe, but the hardeners they put in it can be potentially toxic and they don't outline any detail on what they are going to make, what it is, and not understanding the EPA standards, not understanding how they will monitor it, to him, a "poof" of potentially dangerous inhalant blanketing the town concerns him. He said he has no reason to think that will happen, but he has no assurances that it won't happen either. He would really like to see in the allowable uses, some type of monitoring system, that we can look at the citizens and say this is how we are managing and monitoring this. It is probably all there, but he needs to feel confident that the citizens don't have any danger posed to them, to him, safety is paramount. Mr. Orsini added that never do they say they won't do the other processes that have been troublesome in other environments, under other ownership, they say they have no intention to. He said they may be a great partner to the community but if they allow this, the next person or the next person decides they can do whatever they want and thirty years from now houses are more compact and all of a sudden they have someone making resin, which can be extremely dangerous. Mr. Orsini said he would like to hear a lot more about the processes, protections and regulation before he can support this.

Ryan Scribner, with the Montrose Group, an economic development consulting firm, said they have been engaged by One Columbus, to help facilitate the zoning text amendment application in concert with the existing property owner, for the benefit of the company that intends to occupy the vacant industrial building. He said he is in the role of liaison, he will though, commit to take some of these questions and the request for additional specificity around processes and safety protocols, the chemicals they may or may not have on site and their general approach to dealing with HAZMAT materials and the sensitivities to any potential impact that their processes may have on the residential areas. He is confident they can come back with some additional detail and hopefully get to a point where council is comfortable with the

change to the zoning text.

Tiffany Hollis asked Mr. Scribner if the amendment is made with the exclusions to some of the things mentioned, would that cause pause for locating here. Mr. Scribner said the amendment with the suggested conditions before them now make sense to them in that it minimizes the risk if this becomes a use that becomes pervasive across the rest of LM. Ms. Hollis asked if there were any exclusions that would break the deal. Mr. Scribner said certainly yes, at the end of the day it is a manufacturing process, they intend to do just what they have described, but if the pendulum swings to the point where they can't do what they need to do then it would be a deal killer.

Sean Staneart summarized for Mr. Scribner to take back to the company that there were safety concerns from an emissions and toxic chemical standpoint, safety for what's in the air and water, odor mitigation and assurance that no one in or around this plant is endangered. Mr. Orsini added that his reservations are out of lack of understanding, he doesn't want to look up EPA regulations when they can be presented. Mr. Staneart said the company has been very responsive with information, he thinks they are willing to give as much information as council requires and that they want to be transparent and forward with the city.

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

Council vote scheduled on April 15, 2025.

13. Introduction of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 04-2025** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 31-2024, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS.

This is an amendment to the budget ordinance. Finance Director Dave Delande said this is appropriating the funds we will be requesting for disbursement from OWDA for the water and wastewater plant expansions.

Second reading and public hearing April 15, 2025

14. Other Business

1. Wes Kobel inquired on the work being done in Leafy Dell by Brightspeed, he said it's a mess, neighbors are asking if they are coming back to seed etc. Sean Staneart provided some background on how the project began, they are installing their infrastructure in the right-of-way. As complaints were received he reached out to them, there is now a public notice with info and contacts on the city website under News.
2. Ryan Green asked about the Leafy Dell apartment progress. Sean Staneart said he received a call recently, he needs to reach back out, it sounds like they are ready to mobilize that project again.
3. Ryan Green asked about the joint meeting with the city, township and school; Don Barnard said he would be discussing that.
4. Ryan Green asked about the council work session for goals etc. Staff to coordinate availability and get scheduled.
5. Dave Selan said he had good conversation with the Genoa Police and a great walk-through of their facility, he plans to share the layout with the Facilities Committee and the rest of council. The Mt. Vernon Police are not in their building yet, but the financial pathways are very pertinent to what we are looking for.
6. Dave Selan said he had great conversation with the American Legion leaders, they are

asking to be on the agenda for the next council meeting. Added that fireworks planning is on pace, same vendors as last year plan to return. They are starting to finalize the finances, they did see a fifty percent increase in just the expense of the fireworks alone so the city money given would have covered last years but not this years. Through fundraising efforts they have mostly been able to cover that gap. They are looking to make the event a longer and more engaging event for not only Johnstown but surrounding communities as well. Jeff Barr said in the past couple years, the exploded shells end up on the lower football/soccer field as well as the field next to. The cleanup is lacking, he doesn't know who's responsibility it is but requests a better job done on those areas.

6. Don Barnard said tomorrow they will meet with Monroe Township and the School District, the Township will send one member, the school will send one or two and the city is to send three. It is hopeful that this will be a time to brainstorm and bond over universal challenges and be a discussion starter. It was noted that there will be no quorum of any of the bodies and would not be a public meeting. Jeff Barr asked that whoever attends keep the greater council informed. Tiffany Hollis, Bob Orsini and Don Barnard to attend.

15. Executive Session to review collective bargaining strategy

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to review collective bargaining strategy to include all council members, the city manager, Jack Liggett and Dave Delande, no business to follow; 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

Council entered Executive Session at 8:12 pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:57 pm.

16. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion to adjourn carried and the meeting ended at 8:57 pm.

Next Council Meeting April 15, 2025



Patrol Statistics

	2023	2024												2025													
	TOTAL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Calls for Service	3593	214	630	628	588	590	593	731	667	698	666	581	417	7003	511	296	340										1147
Officer Initiated Calls	1418	84	442	470	410	422	436	535	487	522	486	377	259	4930	346	150	187										683
Dispatched Calls	2175	130	186	158	178	168	157	196	180	176	180	204	158	2071	165	146	153										464
Case Reports	224	12	19	13	25	16	28	22	17	19	17	42	16	246	18	25	16										59
Crash Reports	101	9	6	7	8	10	8	11	8	5	12	12	13	108	13	5	9										27
Arrests	30	0	2	3	2	2	2	4	5	3	2	1	2	28	1	0	2										3
Traffic Citations	513	17	16	51	30	35	35	69	48	30	45	34	18	428	63	36	96										195
Parking Citations	38	2	0	1	2	2	0	7	0	2	3	0	12	31	1	2	0										3
Business Checks	179	20	313	302	255	216	305	312	248	360	299	213	159	3002	168	6	6										180
House Checks	58	16	53	30	54	30	8	31	35	8	14	1	0	280	8	0	0										8
Traffic Crashes	139	12	16	8	10	14	12	15	12	12	18	16	15	180	14	7	11										32
Traffic Stops	969	23	35	92	46	72	55	115	132	82	82	69	29	832	119	79	148										346
Theft	57	3	2	4	2	9	9	8	4	8	3	16	5	73	6	6	6										18
Domestic Violence	43	2	5	8	3	7	9	5	3	4	3	6	3	58	3	1	1										5
Assault	15	5	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	3	1	2	17	0	1	1										2
OVI	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	1										1
Vandalism	20	3	2	6	4	3	5	5	1	2	3	19	1	54	3	4	0										7
Juvenile Complaint	37	1	5	3	4	2	3	2	5	8	2	6	4	45	4	7	12										23
Trespassing	25	0	4	3	0	0	1	2	0	4	2	1	2	19	2	2	1										5
Other Agency Assist	47	16	15	5	6	13	6	10	9	10	18	18	43	169	9	41	32										82
Warrant	18	0	4	2	0	1	2	0	3	1	2	1	1	17	1	0	1										2
Overdose	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	0										1
Suicide Threat	16	3	2	1	2	2	1	2	3	3	0	2	2	23	0	2	2										4
Alarm Drops	119	15	10	16	17	14	7	24	17	10	13	11	17	171	16	11	15										42
911 Hang Up/Misdial	362	19	20	12	14	20	15	29	22	21	23	24	16	235	22	19	12										53

Accident Statistics

	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	NON INJURY	INJURY	UNOCCUPIED	HIT SKIP	CAD #
1	1/3/2025	FRI	1122	N MAIN ST @ 8 N MAIN ST	X				2025-0037
2	1/3/2025	FRI	1457	W COSHOCTON ST @ 921	X				2025-0041
3	1/12/2025	SUN	1624	S MAIN ST @ W JERSEY ST	X				2025-0202
4	1/16/2025	THU	1512	N MAIN ST @ W COSHOCTON ST	X				2025-0283
5	1/17/2025	FRI	1612	W COSHOCTON ST @ CLARK DR	X				2025-0301
6	1/20/2025	MON	1456	W COSHOCTON ST @ CLARK DR	X				2025-0350
7	1/21/2025	TUE	2028	N MAIN ST @ W COSHOCTON ST	X				2025-0371
8	1/22/2025	WED	505	PARKSIDE DR @ 151	X		X		2025-0384
9	1/22/2025	WED	1844	S MAIN ST @ 32	X				2025-0388
10	1/23/2025	THU	2120	W COSHOCTON ST @ 907	X				2025-0401
11	1/27/2025	MON	557	W COSHOCTON ST @ 625	X				2025-0443
12	1/30/2025	THU	1252	W COSHOCTON ST @ CLARK DR	X				2025-0481
13	1/31/2025	FRI	1748	E COSHOCTON ST @ COMMERCE BLV	X				2025-0509
13					13	0	1	0	
1	2/5/2025	WED	824	W COSHOCTON ST @ N MAIN ST	X				2025-0561
2	2/12/2025	WED	1135	W COSHOCTON ST @ 708	X				2025-0642
3	2/13/2025	THUR	1816	LEAFY DELL RD @ PARKDALE RD	X				2025-0655
4	2/17/2025	MON	1639	W COSHOCTON ST @ 708	X				2025-0686
5	2/18/2025	TUES	1836	W COSHOCTON ST @ WESTVIEW DR	X				2025-0698
5					5	0	0	0	
1	3/8/2025	SAT	1408	POST OFC ALLY @ 29 E COSHOCTON ST	X		X		2025-0887
2	3/11/2025	TUE	1755	LEAFY DELL RD @ N MAIN ST	X			X	2025-0924
3	3/14/2025	FRI	631	SPORTSMAN CLUB RD @ E COSHOCTON ST	X		X		2025-0945
4	3/14/2025	FRI	1600	W COSHOCTON ST @ N WILLIAMS ST	X				2025-0948
5	3/14/2025	FRI	1718	W COSHOCTON ST @ 795	X				2025-0949
6	3/28/2025	FRI	616	E COSHOCTON ST @ COMMERCE BLV	X				2025-1104
7	3/28/2025	FRI	1216	S MAIN ST @ W COSHOCTON ST	X				2025-1107
8	3/30/2025	SUN	1745	W COSHOCTON ST @ 708	X			X	2025-1141
9	3/31/2025	MON	1042	S MAIN ST @ E COSHOCTON ST	X				2025-1147
9					9	0	2	2	
27				2025 TOTALS	27	0	3	2	

City of Johnstown Police Department

2024 Annual Report



Rusty Smart

Chief of Police

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Message from the Chief

Mayor Barnard, Members of the City Council, City Manager Sean Staneart, and Citizens of Johnstown;

On behalf of our community and the men and women of the Johnstown Police Department, I am pleased to present our first-ever Annual Report. The report displays the hard work, dedication, and accomplishments of the Police Officers who proudly serve you, the citizens of Johnstown.

In my second year as your Police Chief, we had another remarkable year. Our citizens once again experienced a very low crime rate, well below the state average, compared to similar cities. Additionally, in 2024, we enjoyed another great year of festivals, a newly created farmers market, the Cupola Classic Car Show, and numerous Johnstown Monroe Local School events that our Police Officers protected. However, the following also highlighted 2024:

The department responded to 4,001 calls for service, completed 355 reports, investigated 160 traffic crashes, issued 428 traffic citations and 404 traffic warnings, and made 28 arrests. With over 4,000 citizen contacts, the professional bearing of our staff resulted in zero citizen complaints in 2024.

We live in an exceptional City, and the efforts of our Police Officers and civilian police staff have made a positive impact on the quality of life in this community. Please take a moment to review our State of Ohio-accredited police department and the services we provide. You will find that we have dedicated, highly trained, and passionate professionals who take pride in their work.

In conclusion, I invite you to follow us on social media to stay connected with what is happening at the department and in our community. Please find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Johnstownohpd>

Sincerely,

Rusty Smart, Chief of Police



Mission Statement

The Johnstown Police Department is charged with the responsibility of providing professional, efficient and organized police protection along with community police related services to the citizens of Johnstown, Ohio.

Our goal is that of constantly protecting the lives and property of the citizens.

Our objective is that of recognizing the needs of the citizens of our community and through diligent efforts of continuous evaluation of services, meeting this responsibility by comprehensive training in the application of the latest law enforcement methods and legal procedures.



Core Values

The Johnstown Police Department stands behind FIVE Core Values

Value 1: Integrity

In all situations, act honestly and place the community's interest above our own.

Value 2: Justice

Serve the community by providing equal protection to all in an unbiased and impartial manner.

Value 3: Empathy

To understand community member's experiences and perspectives without judgment.

Value 4: Community

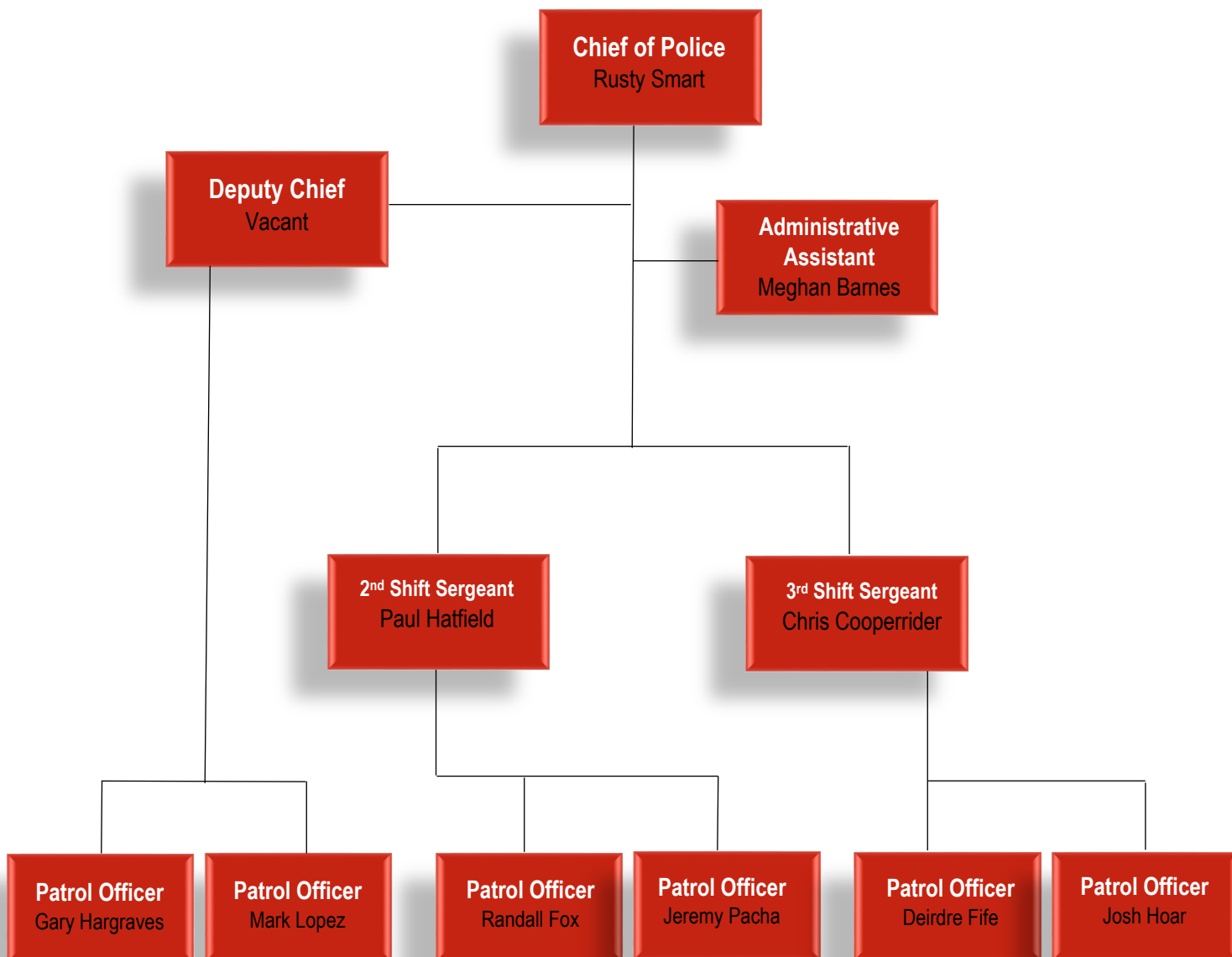
To serve at the pleasure of the community. Form and maintain partnerships in a collaborative effort to solve problems and continue to live in a safe community.

Value 5: Resilience

To be prepared and adapt to changes within the community.



Organization



Statistics

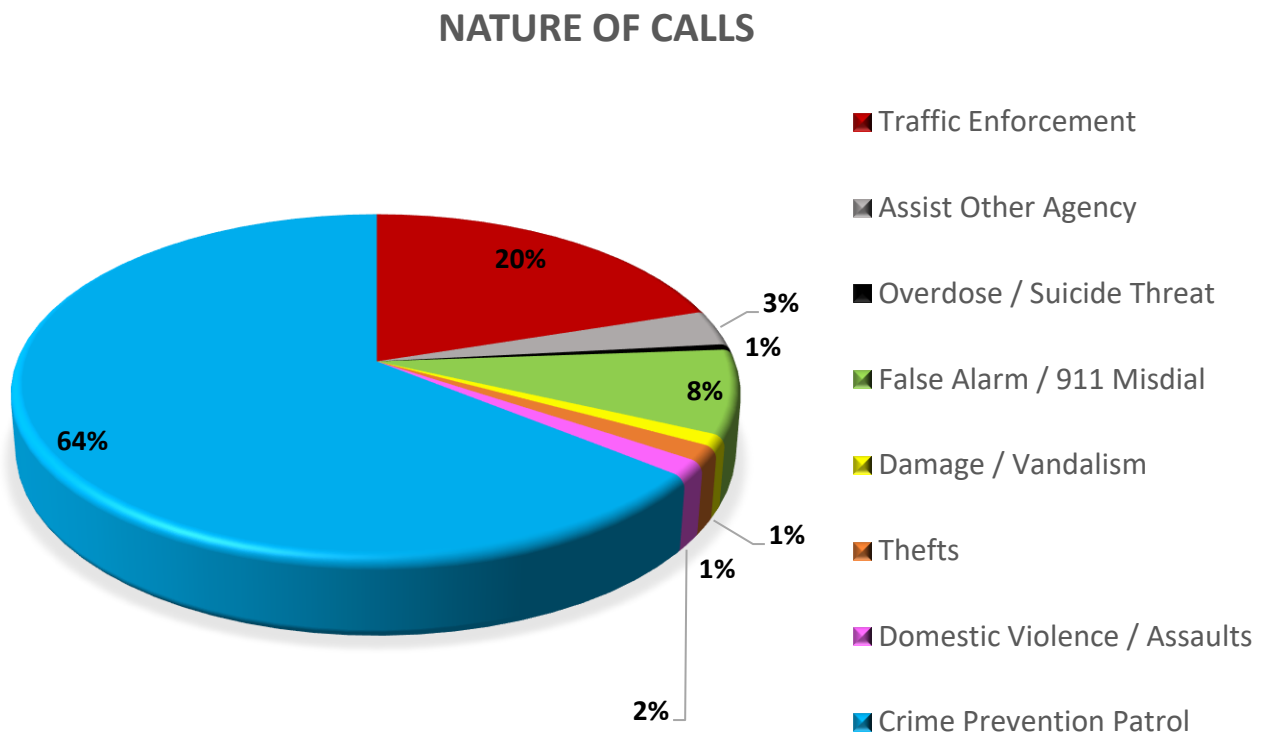
	Description	2024	2023
A	Calls for Service	4001	3593
B	Dispatched Calls	2071	2175
C	Reports	355	325
D	Arrests	28	30
E	Traffic Stops	832	969
F	Traffic Citations	428	513
G	Traffic Crashes	160	139
H	911 Hang-ups/ Misdials	235	362
I	False Alarm Drops	171	119
J	Crime Prevention Patrols	3282	237
K	Stacked Calls	98	72

*Information taken from Tyler Technologies – New World Law Enforcement Records Management System

IMPORTANT NOTES

- A:** Includes all activity generated by officers as well as all citizen requests or complaints that require police response.
- B:** Excludes officer-initiated calls.
- C:** Includes both case & crash reports.
- J:** Includes business & residential checks.
- K:** This represents the number of times a caller must wait for an officer to respond due to that officer being on another call.

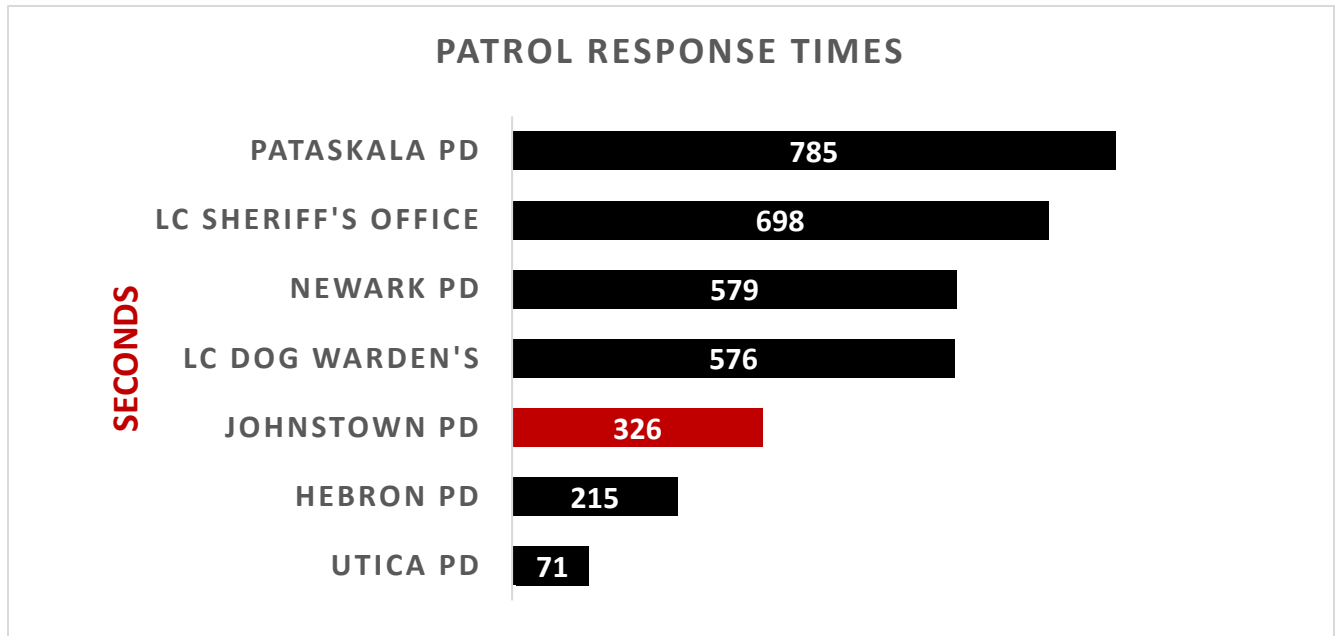
Calls for Service



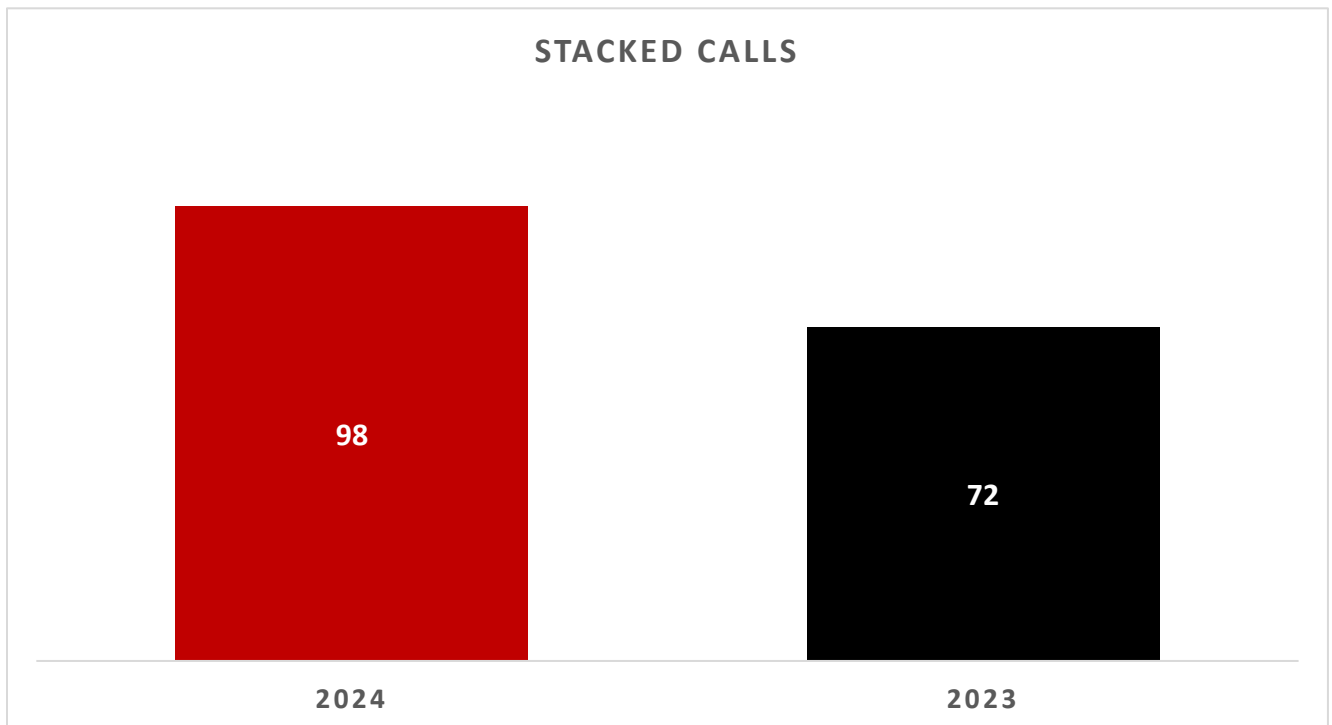
Traffic Enforcement includes parking complaints, traffic complaints and traffic stops.

Crime Prevention Patrol includes business checks, residential checks, open doors and windows.

Patrol Response Times

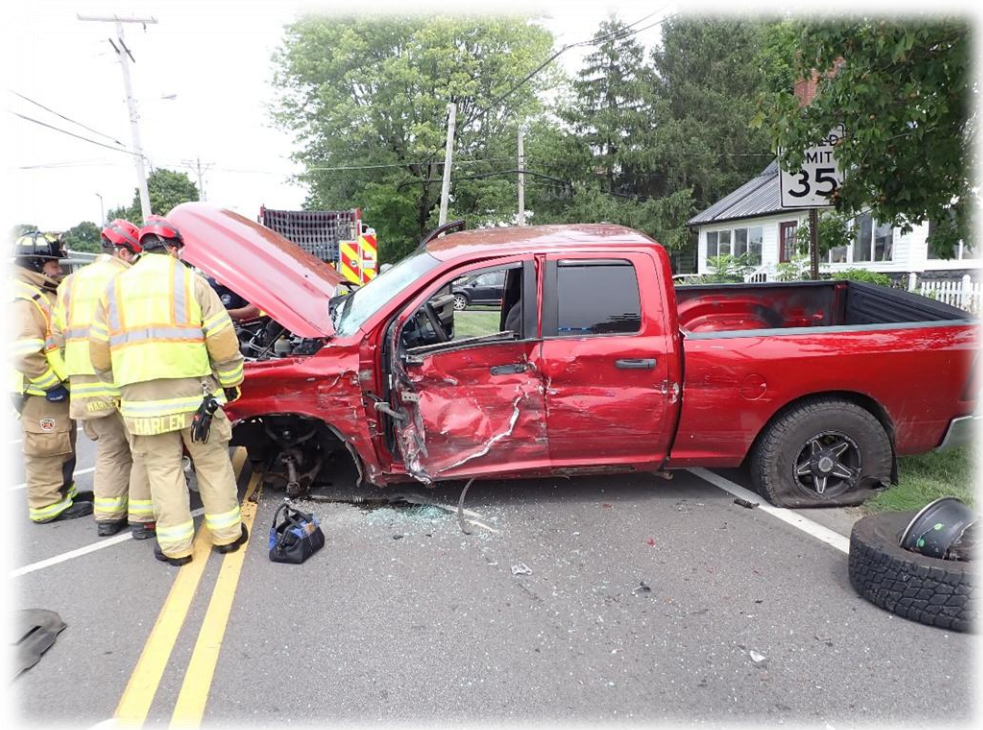


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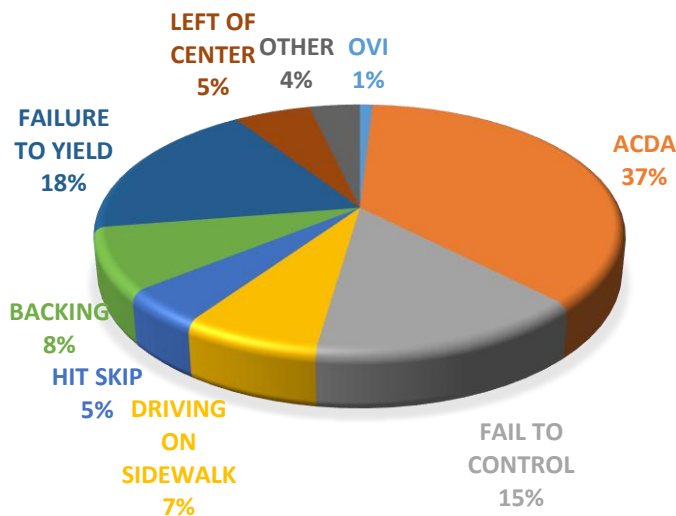


Traffic Crashes

The Johnstown Police Department took **109** traffic crash reports in 2024, an increase of 8% from 2023. There were 15 injury crashes, up from 12 in 2023.

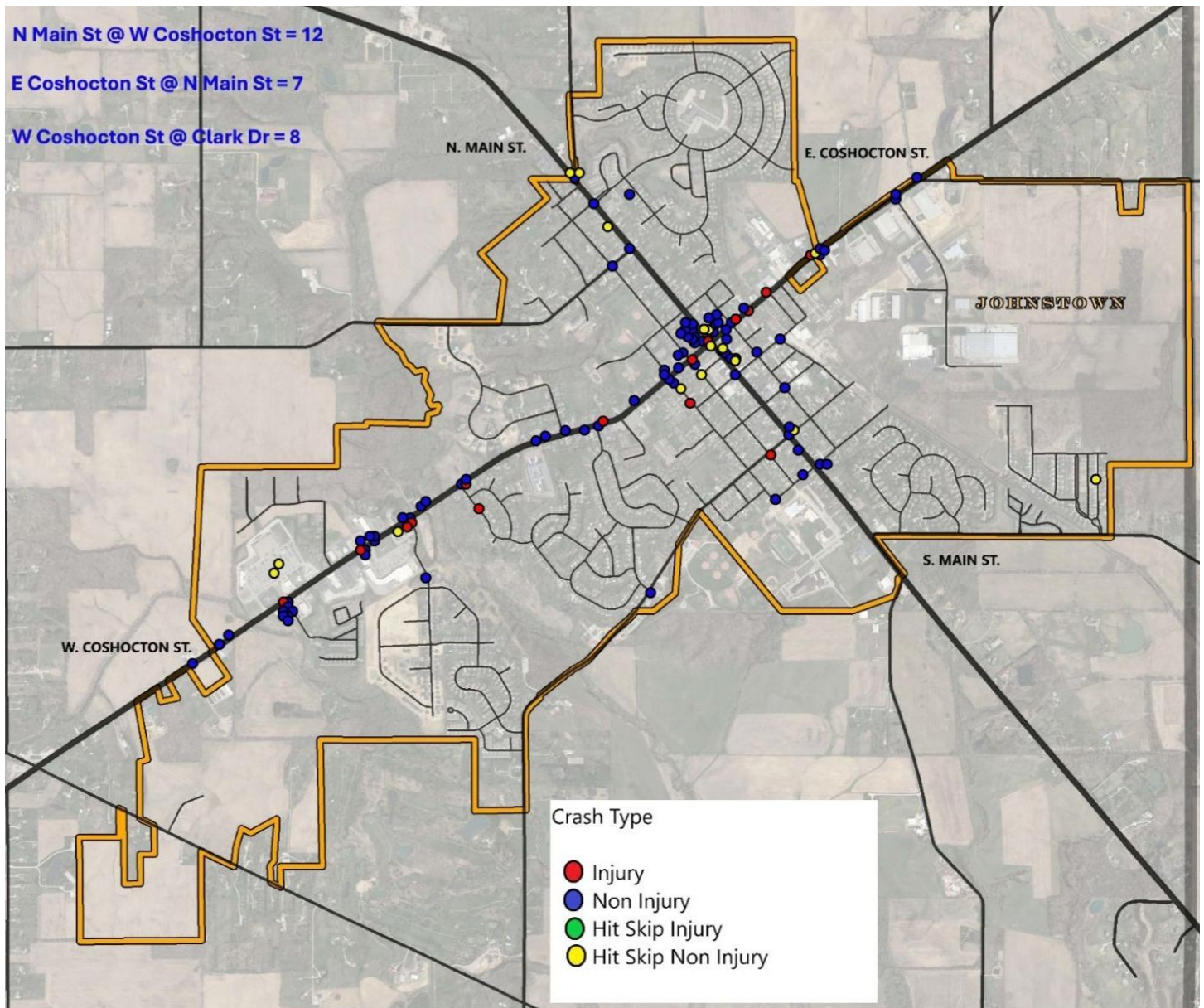


CAUSES OF CRASHES



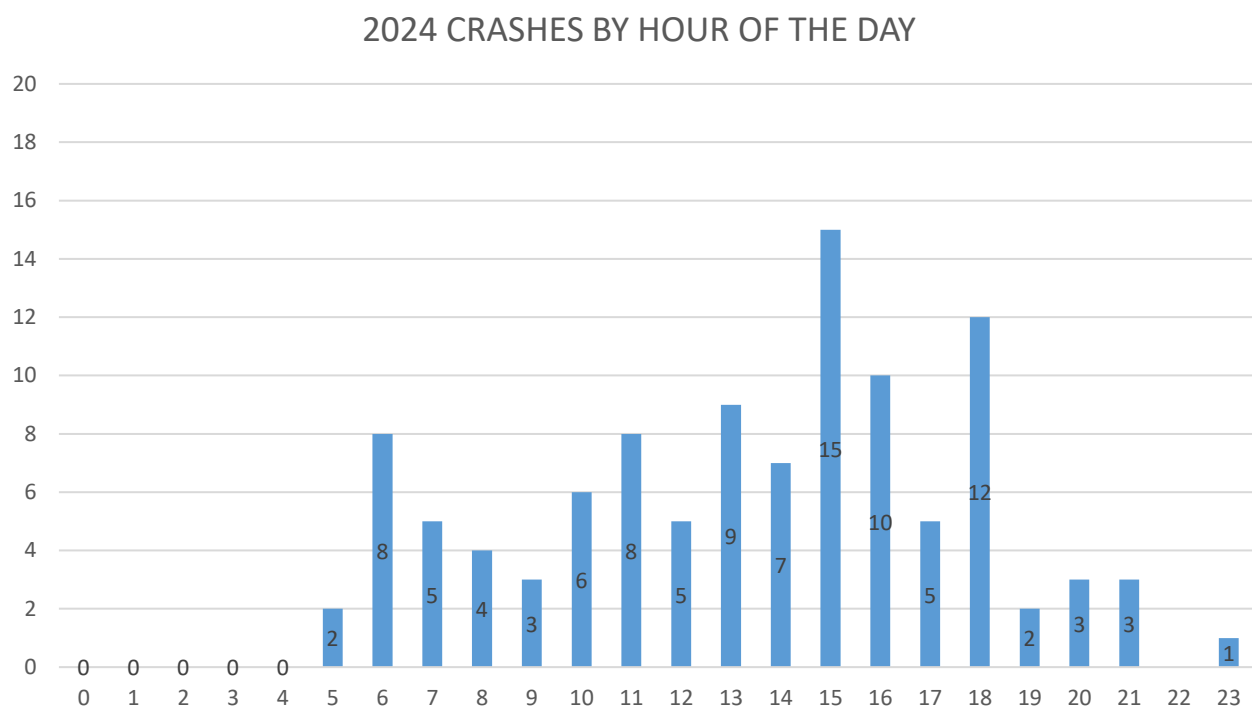
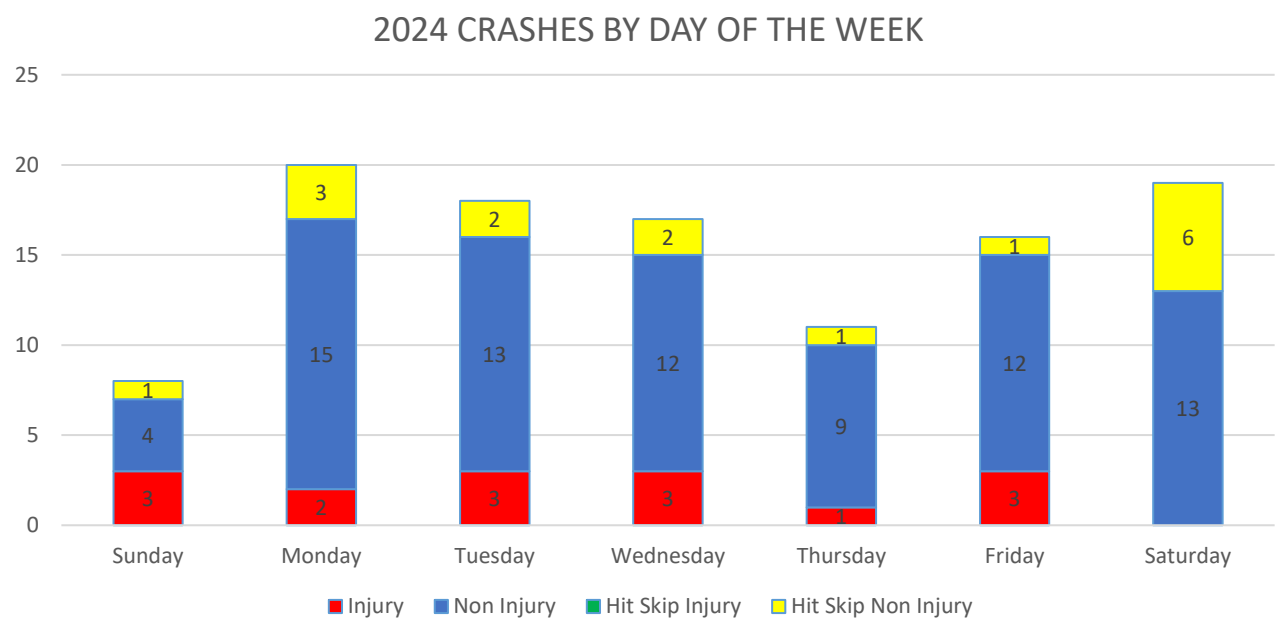
The most common cause of crashes for the year was Assured Clear Distance Ahead (ACDA). ACDA is vehicles following too closely and not having enough distance to stop once traffic slows. Also commonly known as “rear- ending” the vehicle in front of you. This is preventable by not following closely and paying close attention to the vehicle in front of you at all times.

2024 Map of Traffic Crashes



The intersection of Coshocton St. and Main St. had the most crashes overall for the year. Of the nineteen crashes that occurred there, only one was an injury crash, all others were non-injury. W. Coshocton St. and Clark Dr. had the second most crashes totaling eight. There was one injury crash at that intersection. There were two injury crashes at the intersection of W. Coshocton St. and Bigelow Dr. Out of the fifteen injury crashes for the entire year, twelve of them were on US 62.

Traffic Crash Statistics



Bias Free Policing

The Johnstown Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services to the community with due regard for the diversity of those we serve. It is the policy of this department to provide law enforcement services and to enforce the law equally, fairly, objectively, and without discrimination toward any individual or group.

Officers are required to document the race and gender of all drivers stopped in the course of duty. In 2024, the Johnstown Police Department issued 832 combined warnings and citations to drivers during traffic stops. In some incidents, data was not fully collected due to various reasons including officer error, technological errors and a lack of cooperation. Below is a description of documented traffic contacts by demographic.

Race: Race was correctly recorded in 796 interactions. Operators identified as White accounted for 78% of citations and warnings. Operators identified as Black accounted for 10%. Operators identified as Hispanic accounted for 8%. Asian, Indian, Other and Unknown made up the remaining 4%.

Gender: Gender was correctly recorded in 796 interactions. Operators were identified as male in 57% of citations and warnings. Females made up 43%.

**BIAS
FREE
ZONE**

Community Events

TSC Touch-A-Truck



Boy Scout Tours



Johnstown Farmers Market



MTFD Open House

LE Day at Hope Valley



Shop with a Cop



First Responders at JHS Senior Night

Training



FBI Leeda Trilogy Series

Chief Smart and Sergeant Hatfield successfully completed the FBI Leeda Trilogy Series. This three-week training includes Supervisor, Command and Executive Leadership Institute courses.

Training Hours

Officers earned a total **860** hours of training for 2024, this includes the **312** hours of state mandatory CPT training.

Awards



Officer of the Year was awarded to **Officer Pacha**. Peers of the police department vote on this award. Some of the notable comments that describe him are; reliable, admirable, a team player, always has a good attitude, professional, knowledgeable, calm under pressure and always willing to help.

Life Saving Award was presented to **Officer Pacha** and **Officer Lopez** for their quick response and superior performance that ultimately saved a human life in July 2024.





Medal of Valor was presented to Officer Gary Hargraves for exhibiting exceptional courage and disregarding his own safety to save a human life on August 30, 2024.



Recognition Bars:

Medal of Valor – Officer Gary Hargraves Jr.

Life Saving – Officer Jeremy Pacha, Officer Gary Hargraves Jr. & Officer Mark Lopez

Defensive Tactics Instructor – Officer Deirdre Fife

Drone Pilot – Officer Mark Lopez

Field Training Officer – Officer Mark Lopez



Years of Service Awards:

25 Years - Administrative Assistant Meghan Barnes

5 Years – Officer Randall Fox

Accreditation



Ohio Collaborative is a certification process for Ohio law enforcement based on professional standards and meeting best practices. These standards will hold everyone accountable and instill a greater confidence with the public. The

Collaborative works closely with partners, including the community and law enforcement agencies, to implement new standards. All law enforcement agencies are expected to meet or exceed these standards as they develop policies and procedures to meet new expectations.

Agency	Agency Size	Group 1 Certified	Group 2 Certified	Group 3 Certified	Group 4 Certified	Group 5 Certified	Group 6 Certified	Re-Cert. Group
Buckeye Lake Police Department	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Denison University Police Department	1	✓						
Granville Police Department	23	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Hartford Village Police Department	5	✓						
Hebron Police Department	11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Johnstown Police Department	15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Licking County Sheriff's Office	107	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Newark Police Department	78	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Utica Police Department	12	✓						

Prescription Drug Dropbox

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The Police Department is proud to continue offering our Drug Take Back Program, which provides a safe and anonymous way for community members to dispose of unused or expired prescription medications. This initiative helps reduce the risk of drug misuse and environmental harm by ensuring medications are properly collected and disposed of.

The program is available year-round, with a designated drop-off location at the department, allowing individuals to conveniently return their medications without fear of legal repercussions. By participating in this program, residents contribute to the health and safety of our community while supporting efforts to combat the opioid crisis and prevent drug abuse.

In 2024, our department incinerated **140** lbs. of medications.





1. **NCA, TIF's & CRA ---**

- CRA district evaluation and structure review with legal: This is being done to maximize our negotiation position and create a more consistent set of expectations.

2. **Economic development** –Kansai Helios Coatings is looking to establish a presence in Johnstown at 231 Commerce Blvd. The company states their overall investment will be over \$20 million, allowing the Johnstown facility to create 48 new jobs by 2030. There is legislation currently before council to expand the permitted uses within the LM district to allow for paint and powder coating manufacturing. A memo is expected from the company to address concerns identified by council members at the last public hearing.

3. **Sewer Plant Expansion** - The city is currently working with JYAA to purchase the 8 acres located adjacent to the sewer plant. A purchase agreement has been sent over to their board for review and we expect to dive deeper into the due diligence portion of this transaction.

4. **PD District**—The City has forwarded the developer and incentive agreements to the school for their review. Once we have a green light from the school we will present the resolution to the Council for consideration. As stated in the prior report these will establish CRA eligibility, NCA commitments, ROW requests, etc. We are still working with the school on this item.

5. **HR** – Strategic HR Solution has drafted a job description for the street, land, park and building positions, once this has been reviewed we will post for the hiring of this position.

6. **TID** – A stakeholder meeting was held on April 3rd to share the refined engineering designs as well as timetables and traffic mitigation with local municipalities and townships. A link to the slide deck presentation is below. ASP has met and shared engineering with EMH&T relative to the 62/37 intersection improvements for their comment and review. A final draft will likely come before safety and service committee within the next 30-60 days for their review.

<https://silicon-heartland-intel->

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7. **Union Negotiations** –City staff and our HR attorney will meet on April __ with the SERB Board for mediation on a charge of ULP. We will then meet again with AFSCME representatives at the end of April, and continue to work towards a negotiated contract.

8. **Design Review Board/Design Guidelines Steering Committee –**

- MKSK sent out a draft of the downtown portion to the committee for their review and comment. Trevor will likely attend the April 21st meeting to discuss comments and provide an update on the general progress.

9. Johnstown Water & Sewer Partnership –

- EMH&T is continuing to work on the regional water and sewer utility master planning effort. They are nearing completion and are targeted to submit the Facility Plan on April 30th.
- The Coalition has continued to meet and engage with various stakeholders and state officials over the last few months.

10. Parks and Recreation – JYAA reached out to share they are exploring parking lot improvements and inquired if a small piece of land adjacent to Belt Park could be transferred in order to square off the parking lot area. Our engineers are currently reviewing this area to determine if it is necessary for additional plant expansions.

11. 208 Negotiation – MUCLC and LRWD are making arrangements to meet in the near future to resume collective discussions.

12. School District Discussion -- we have continued to have discussions about the items listed below.

- The school has been working through its due diligence phase for the site. Once this is complete will move on to the closing and document signing.
- The school will be utilizing Council Chambers for the April 14th Board Meeting.

13. Leafy Dell Traffic Signal – Nothing new

14. Public Record Request – The City has received a large public records request from attorney Peter Griggs as well as a few smaller public records requests from others. The city has spent a fairly large amount of time and resources toward this request and is working diligently with legal to provide the requested information.

15. Water and Wastewater Treatment Planning –

- Staff met with our Engineers and Bowen to review construction plans and timelines associated with the WTP. Construction will likely start at the end of 2025 and project completion is targeted for 1stQ 2027.
- Our nutrient limits appeal was submitted and received by the OEPA. The follow up notification essentially stated, if future plant expansion are unable to meet the requested level we can propose our position at a later date.

16. JEDD Agreement – Nothing new

17. Traffic signalization projects – nothing new

Respectfully Submitted,
Sean Staneart
City Manager



ORDINANCE 03-2025

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1159 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, Section 1159.02 of the City of Johnstown Codified Ordinances provides for the Permitted Uses in the Light Manufacturing (LM) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, at their February 25, 2025 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission made a recommendation to Council that an amendment to section 1159.02 be granted as requested; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Council accepts the amendment to Section 1159.02 of the City of Johnstown's Codified Ordinances as follows. Additions are shown in *italics*.

1159.02 PERMITTED USES.

In a LM District the following uses are permitted:

- (a) Pottery and Figurines. Using previously pulverized clay and kilns fired only with gas or electricity.
- (b) Novelties. Including musical instruments, toys, rubber or metal stamps and other small rubber products.
- (c) Appliances. Electrical and electric appliances, instruments, and devices, television sets, radios, phonographs, electric and neon signs, billboards and other commercial advertising structures, refrigerators and stoves.
- (d) Light Sheet Metal Products. Including heating and ventilating equipment, cornices, eaves and the like.
- (e) Grain Elevators and Mills.
- (f) *Paint and Powder Coatings Manufacturing.*
 - (1) *This use shall be located on a parcel of not less than 15 acres in area.*
 - (2) *Any outdoor storage shall be located behind the front plane of the building, and shall be screened by an opaque fence or wall*
 - (3) *No portion of the facility, associated storage areas, or any circulation and parking areas shall be closer than one-hundred (100) feet from any property line abutting an adjacent residential use*
 - (4) *All activities related to manufacture and packaging of materials shall be conducted within an enclosed facility. Goods may be stored outdoors in designated areas meeting the requirements of subsection (2) above.*

Section 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings so open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Johnstown, Licking County, Ohio.

Introduction/First Reading/Public Hearing: April 1, 2025

Second Reading/Vote: April 15, 2025

Effective Date:

Ord 03-2025

BY: _____

Mayor Donald Barnard

ATTEST TO:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council

Yazan Ashrawi, Law Director

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PLANNING STAFF REPORT

APPLICATION **X-XX-X** | LM ZONING CODE AMENDMENT REQUEST

INTRODUCTION

To: Planning and Zoning Commission & City Council

Reviewer: Trevor Traphagen, AICP (MKSK)

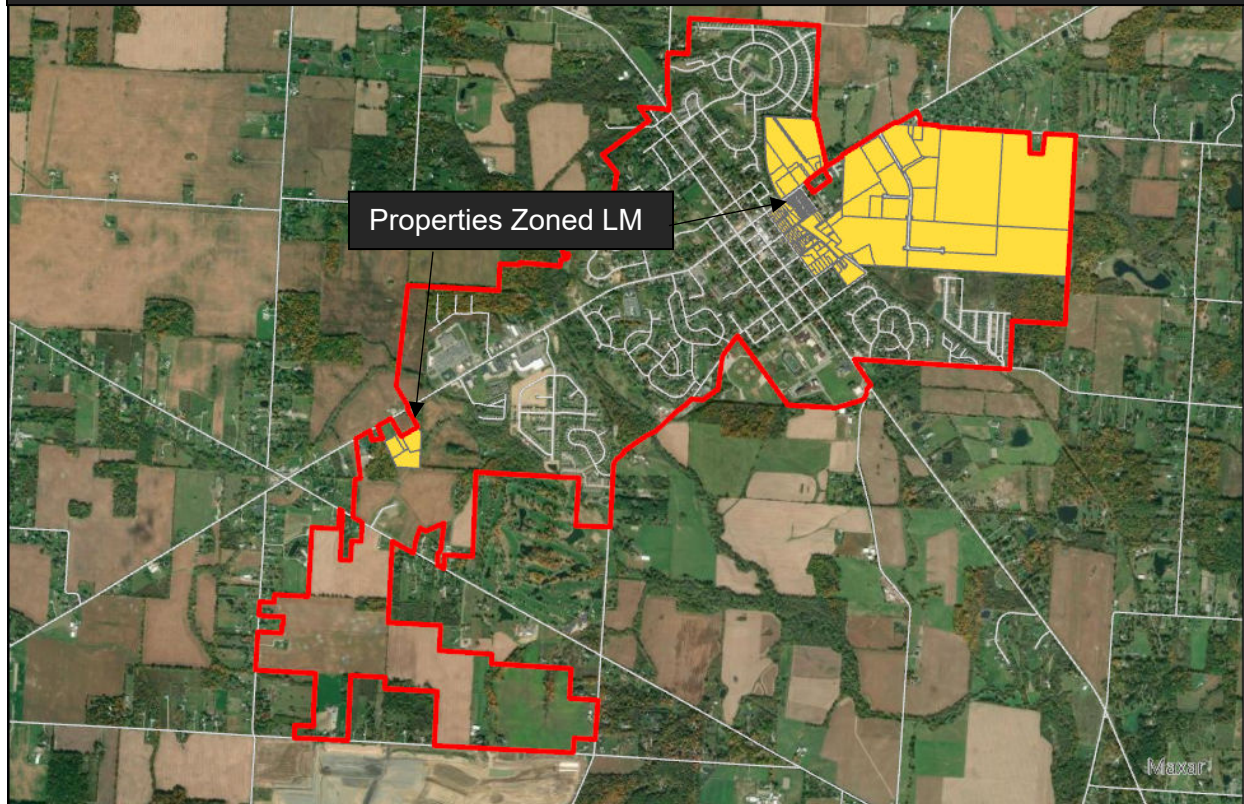
Applicant: Mr. Mark Kasberg

Request: Amend Chapter 1159.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Johnstown to allow Paint and Powder Coatings Manufacturing as a permitted use within the Light Manufacturing (LM) zoning district.

Recommendation: Evaluate the proposed use to make a determination as to if this use is acceptable to the City.

EXISTING LM ZONING LOCATIONS

Figure 1 | Existing LM Zoning Locations



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The applicant is requesting to amend the existing allowable uses within the Light Manufacturing (LM) zoning district. This change would apply to the entirety of the LM zoning district and, if approved, will expand the allowable uses on all properties within the zoning district. The application identifies 231 Commerce Street as a potential location for this use.

As the submitted application is a request to modify the allowable uses for the entire district, the review in this report is reflective of the proposed text change, not a review of the proposed structures included with the application. The proposed changes, if adopted, will greatly expand the allowable uses within the LM zoning district, which is currently limited to five uses to reflect the “limited” nature of the manufacturing intended to occur within the zoning district.

The total existing land area of the LM zoning district is ±394 acres, with all but ±10 acres located in the northeast quadrant of the City. The 10 acres not located within the Johnstown Industrial Park are located at 915 – 923 Coshocton Street, the current location of Ace Archers and Johnstown Storage and RV, behind the Johnstown Ace Hardware.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

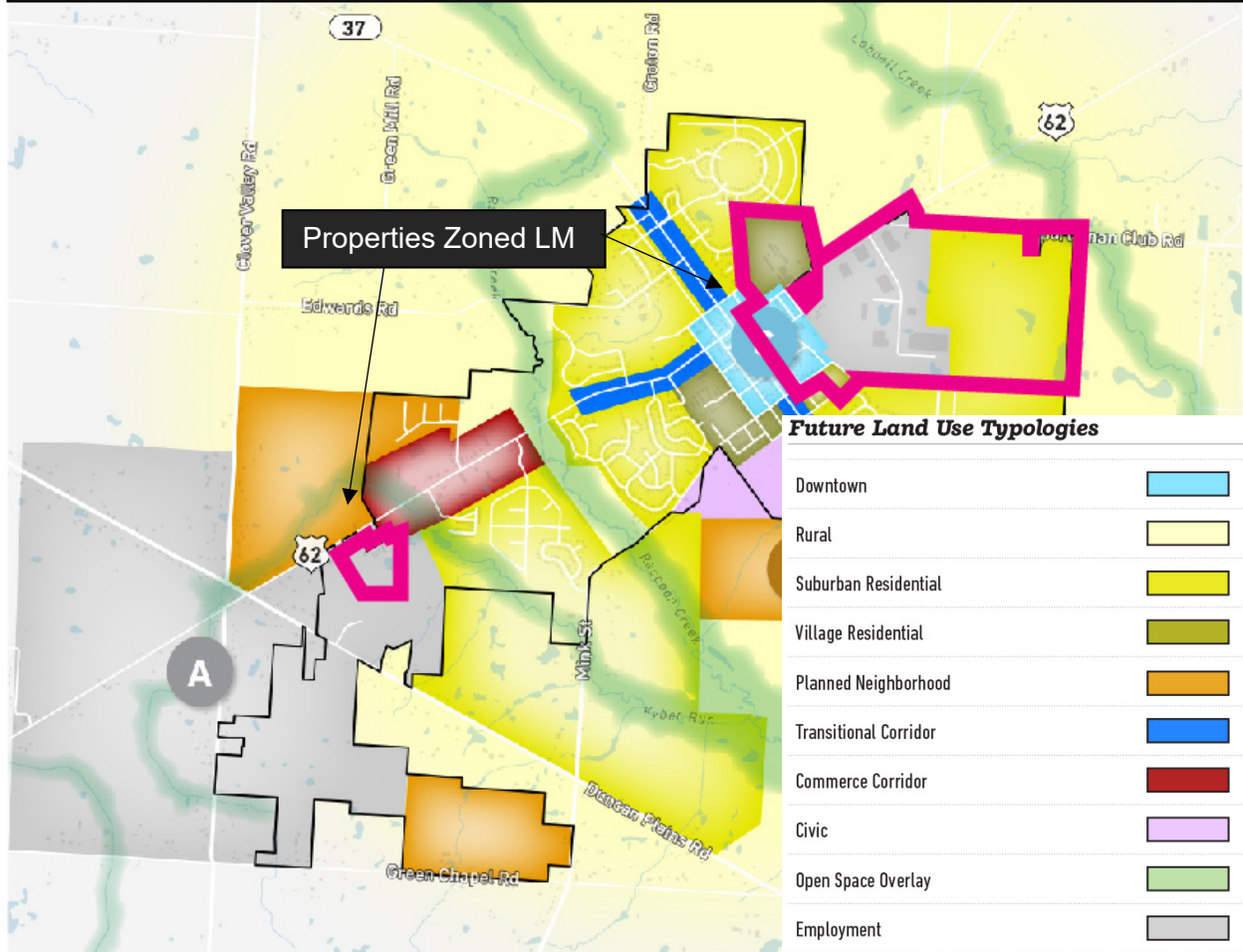
The 2024 comprehensive plan designates the properties currently zoned LM as “Employment”, “Downtown”, and “Suburban Residential”. Figure 2, on the following page, illustrates the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map. The recently adopted 2024 Comprehensive Plan generally designates the southern area of Johnstown as the focus for locating future employment uses. The area along Commerce Boulevard, the current Johnstown Industrial Park, is designated as Employment, but the parcels to the west are designated Downtown and the parcels to the east are designated Suburban Residential. The descriptions of the Employment, Downtown, and Suburban Residential land uses included in the comprehensive plan state:

Employment describes land areas that are ideal to facilitate high-wage employment growth. These areas are scaled to accommodate a wide range of building footprints, where new industries may require a variety of facilities for integrated supply chains, ranging from distribution centers, research and development facilities, warehousing, and data storage.

The city’s **Downtown** Core is scaled to maintain the city’s village character and experience, with a special focus on creating pedestrian-oriented spaces and buildings. The Downtown Core also provides small to medium-sized commercial spaces to support the city’s small-businesses, shopkeeper community and its local workforce.

Suburban Residential describes the city’s, long-standing residential subdivisions with medium-sized lots, single-family detached homes, and integrated open spaces, parks, and tree canopy coverage throughout neighborhoods. Residential subdivisions include multiple entry and exit points onto main roadways, with sidewalk and trail connectivity encouraged.

Figure 2 | 2024 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map



Reviewer Comment: The 2024 Comprehensive Plan focuses on establishing contemporary large-scale industrial and flex space developments in the southwestern portions of the city. The plan reflects the existing industrial uses along Commerce Boulevard but recommends lower density residential uses for parcels to the east of Commerce Boulevard. The proposed expansion of allowable uses, where the LM zoning is currently applied, does not align with the adopted comprehensive plan based on the existing application of the LM zoning district.

While the general expansion of allowable uses within the LM zoning district is inconsistent with the Downtown, Village Residential, and Suburban Residential land use designations as proposed in the application, conditions for the use could be applied to limit where within the LM zoning district the use may be allowed. Please see the recommendations section for further detail on conditions of the use.

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED USES

The existing permitted uses within the LM zoning district are limited to select few manufacturing uses to respond to the availability of public utilities, proximity to downtown (generally), and overall scale of the district. The existing allowable uses within the LM zoning district include Pottery and Figurines; Novelties; Appliances; Light Sheet Metal Products, and Grain Elevators and Mills.

The additional permitted uses proposed by the applicant are included in the application for this request and are summarized (as provided to the reviewer), below.

- Paint and Powder Coatings Manufacturing

This use will include the manufacture of paint and powder coating products from raw materials. No specific use criteria were included in the application for this use. The existing site development standards for the LM zoning district (at the time of any future development) will govern any future development if the proposed amendments contained in this application are adopted.

COMPARISON TO OTHER ZONING DISTRICTS

The allowable use included in the proposed amendment to the LM zoning district are permitted within the Planned Development (PD) within the southern portion of the city. While the LM zoning district is limited in allowable uses, the use proposed in the submitted application is generally permissible within Johnstown (within the Johnstown Opportunity PD). A comparison of the proposed allowable uses and the existing allowable uses within the Johnstown Opportunity PD district is below.

<u>USE</u>	<u>PROPOSED LM AMENDMENT</u>	<u>JOHNSTOWN OPPORTUNITY PD</u>
Manufacturing (of a variety of food, textile, clothing, equipment, automobile parts, appliances, plastic products, etc)	Permitted	Permitted

CODE AMENDMENT CRITERIA FOR REVIEW

Chapter 1137.06 of the Codified Ordinances establishes five review criteria that shall be considered as part of an application to amend the code. A review of these criterion is below:

- (a) Relationship of the amendment to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

Reviewer Comment: The use proposed in the application is allowed elsewhere (albeit under different use categories) in the city and is not considered to be a threat to public health or safety.

The impacts to general welfare are more difficult to quantify based on the information provided with the application. The proposed changes will impact a total of 175 parcels totaling more than 390 acres ($\pm 17\%$ of the land area within the city). The proposed allowable use has the potential to increase water and sewer demand on the city – expected demand was not provided to the reviewer. The expected delivery traffic from the facility is expected to range from approximately 31 trucks in 2025 up to 597 trucks in 2030. See subsection (c) for further review of transportation.

- (b) Compatibility of the proposed amendment to adjacent land use, adjacent zoning and to appropriate plans for the area.

Reviewer Comment: The use proposed in the submitted application is similar to uses permitted in other zoning districts within Johnstown. The boundaries of the LM zoning district would not change as part of this amendment, if adopted.

There are no small area plans, or other area specific plans for the areas currently zoned LM. The proposed amendment was evaluated for compliance with the adopted Comprehensive Plan. Generally, the areas designated for “employment” focused uses are the parcels adjacent to Commerce Boulevard, and the area near the intersection of US 62 and Duncan Plains Road. Portions of the areas currently zoned LM are within the “downtown” and “suburban residential” land use character areas. Continued expansion of industrial uses within the downtown and suburban residential character areas is considered inconsistent with the comprehensive plan. Adoption of the proposed amendment, as presented, has the potential to allow industrial uses in areas intended to be focused on residential uses or pedestrian-focused environments.

- (c) Effects of the proposed amendment on access and traffic flow.

Reviewer Comment: The reviewer is unable to provide an in-depth analysis of access and traffic flow but was provided some information related to deliveries as part of this application. The estimates for delivery vehicles range from 31 trucks in 2025 up to 597 trucks in 2030. In 2030, this would yield a daily volume of trucks in 2030 to be 2.2 trucks per day (assuming a Monday – Friday three-shift operation). This would be less if the facility operations continuously / on the weekends. Based on the existing transportation infrastructure, the addition of two additional truck movements, plus expected employees is not anticipated to cause traffic issues. The number of employees were not provided as part of the application, therefore the reviewer cannot comment on the number of employee trips.

- (d) The relationship of topography to use intended or to its implications.

Reviewer Comment: The topography of the existing areas zoned LM are not inherently problematic to the development of the proposed uses. The areas are generally flat with some slight rolling topography changes.

- (e) Relationship of the proposed use to the adequacy of available services and to general expansion plans.

Reviewer Comment: The projected increase in utility demand was not provided with this application, however, the proposed use is intended to occupy an existing building along Commerce Boulevard. This area of the city has long been used for a variety of industrial uses and the existing facility was previously used for the assembly of products. The facility is served by water, sewer, and roadways.

CONCLUSION

There is insufficient information with the application materials to make a formal determination as to the potential impacts the proposed amendment may cause as presented. The reviewer is unable to evaluate impacts that may be generated by the adoption of this change to the codified ordinances as the proposed amendment is currently written.

The reviewer recommends the following conditions be placed on this use if the City desires to amend the allowable uses within the LM zoning district. These use conditions are intended to be applied to the use by-right, meaning no Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required. The reviewer recommends the language below be adopted if that is the desire of the city.

- (f) Paint and Powder Coatings Manufacturing.
 - (1) This use shall be located on a parcel of not less than 15 acres in area.
 - (2) Any outdoor storage shall be located behind the front plane of the building, and shall be screened by an opaque fence or wall
 - (3) No portion of the facility, associated storage areas, or any circulation and parking areas shall be a minimum of one-hundred (100) feet from any property line abutting an adjacent residential use
 - (4) All activities related to manufacture and packaging of materials shall be conducted within an enclosed facility. Goods may be stored outdoors in designated areas meeting the requirements of subsection (2) above.

CITY OF JOHNSTOWN



ORDINANCE 04-2025

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 31-2024,
THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY
CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Johnstown adopted its annual appropriations for 2025 on December 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Johnstown will receive funding from the Ohio Water Development Authority for the Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansions; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, Licking County, Ohio, as follows:

Section One. That the appropriations for the designated funds that were set forth in Ordinance 31-2024, adopted by the Council of the City of Johnstown, State of Ohio, on December 10, 2024, be hereby increased as follows:

Section Two.

WATER ENTERPRISE IMPROVEMENT

Water Treatment Plant Expansion 5701-800-530.0000 (increase) \$ 400,000.00

WASTE WATER ENTERPRISE IMPROVEMENT

Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion 5702-800-530.0000 (increase) \$ 4,100,000.00

Section Three. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that meetings of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action where meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Charter for the CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

Date of Introduction: April 1, 2025
Public Hearing/Vote: April 15, 2025
Effective Date:

BY: _____

Mayor Donald Barnard

ATTEST TO:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council

Yazan Ashrawi, Law Director



RESOLUTION 2025-18

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2025**

WHEREAS, the City of Johnstown hereby submits written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B); and

WHEREAS, Section 5513.01 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code provides the opportunity for Political Subdivisions including Counties, Townships, Municipal Corporations, Port Authorities, Regional Transit Authorities, State Colleges/Universities and County Transit Boards, and others to participate in contracts of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of machinery, material, supplies or other articles.

WHEREAS, The City Manager hereby requests authority in the name of the City of Johnstown to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation contracts for the purchase of machinery, materials, supplies or other articles which the Department has entered into pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5513.01 (B).

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the City of Johnstown Council:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to agree in the name of the City of Johnstown to be bound by all terms and conditions as the Director of Transportation prescribes for Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2025 and incorporated as if fully rewritten herein.

SECTION 2. That the 2025 order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be **Four Hundred (400) ton.**

SECTION 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to agree in the name of the City of Johnstown to directly pay vendors, under each such contract of the Ohio Department of Transportation in which the City of Johnstown participates, for items it receives pursuant to the contract.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that meetings of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Charter of the CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

Introduction/Public Hearing/Vote: April 15, 2025

By: _____

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