



Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 2026 - 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. January 6, 2026
 - b. January 20, 2026
7. Correspondence - Department of Commerce
 - a. Notice to Legislative Authority - Liquor Control
8. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda
9. Presentation MKSK; Johnstown Design Guidelines
10. Council Committee reports
 - a. **Planning & Zoning:** 1/27/26 canceled; Next 2/10/26 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
 - b. **Design Review Board:** Met 1/27/26; Next 2/10/26 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
 - c. **Safety & Service:** 2/3/26 5:00 pm; Next 3/3/26 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
 - d. **Finance:** Next 2/17/26 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
 - e. **School District Liaison:** Next 2/5/26 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
 - f. **Facilities Committee:** Met 1/23/26; Next as needed
 - g. **Park & Rec Liaison**
11. Director Reports
 - a. **Service Departments:** Water, Sewer, Street
 - b. **Service Director**
12. Tabled Legislation
13. Public Hearings of Legislation - None
 - a. **RESOLUTION 2026-10** RESOLUTION INITIATING AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1187
14. Introduction of Legislation - None
15. Other Business
16. Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, or review a collective bargaining strategy
17. Executive Session to consider the compensation of a public employee
18. Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee
19. Adjourn

Next Council Meeting February 17, 2026 @ 6:30 pm



Regular Council
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Swearing In Council Members Elect
 Kyle Cook, Ryan Green, Nicole Shook and Matthew Huggins took the Oath of Office and were sworn into the office of Council Member. Mr. Green, Mr. Cook and Mr. Huggins were sworn in by State of Ohio Representative Kevin Miller; Ms. Shook was sworn into office by Clerk of Council Teresa Monroe.
2. Call to Order
 Mayor Donald Barnard called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for January 6, 2026 at 6:38 PM.
3. Roll Call
 Present - Donald Barnard, Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Jeff Barr, Kyle Cook, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins
 Absent - None

 Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Dave Riepenhoff - City Legal Counsel, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

 Public present - Mike Sileargy, Billy Kelly, Teresa Kelly, Nick Hubbell, Claudia DeWitt, Terri Fetters, Brent Fetters, Mike Dixon, Ally Huggins, Ellen Huggins, Patty Hollis, Todd McConnell, Kelly McConnell, Tony Kelly, Natalie Kelly, Denise Kelly, Anne Evans, Jamie Cook, Kim Cook, Doug Cook, Paul Corsi, Doug Hollis, Heather Green, Steve Oltman, State Representative Kevin Miller
4. Invocation
 Mr. Huggins offered the invocation.
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Approval of Agenda
ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to accept the agenda as written; Tiffany Hollis seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Donald Barnard, Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Matthew Huggins, Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0
7. Election of Mayor, President of Council and Acting President of Council
 - a. **RESOLUTION 2026-01** A RESOLUTION SETTING APPOINTMENTS FOR MAYOR, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND ACTING PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to nominate Tiffany Hollis for the mayor position; Kyle Cook seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Donald Barnard, Kyle Cook
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to nominate Ryan Green for president of council; Matthew Huggins seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Matthew Huggins, Ryan Green, Tiffany Hollis, Kyle Cook
NOES: Donald Barnard, Nicole Shook
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 2

The City Charter states that the senior council member, based on length of continuous service, shall serve as the Acting President of Council but with Mr. Green's appointment to President, the next senior member is Donald Barnard who will serve as Acting President of Council.

Mayor Hollis called for a five-minute recess.

8. Action on Minutes

a. December 2, 2025

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to approve; Matthew Huggins seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Don Barnard, Kyle Cook
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

b. December 9, 2025

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to pass as written; Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Don Barnard, Kyle Cook, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Jeff Barr, absence

Passed 6 - 0

9. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda

1. Mike Dixon

- Said he received a letter from someone named David Rourke who says he is an agent of Johnstown. He said the letter says they want to take part of his property for a water line. He said he has had four individuals in his yard over the past four months, one in his back yard, he was not notified. He said he called Mr. Rourke and left a message but has never gotten a call back. He would just like a little information.

Sean Staneart said this work is part of the PD District potential water and sewer lines, easements are being evaluated and Mr. Dixon's property is one of them. Mr. Staneart said he cannot speak to Mr. Rourke's ability to call someone back however he is contracted by the city to take on the land acquisition piece of this project so he is acting as an agent of the city. Mr. Staneart said he would

reach out to Mr. Rourke and impress upon him that he needs to follow up with Mr. Dixon, he will also try to follow up with Mr. Dixon to try and answer any additional questions he has. Nicole Shook asked how many people are contracted like this, through the city, that are a representation of the city and are there any standard operating procedures we give them for our expectations when dealing with the public. Mr. Stanearth said it is not typical to have "agents of the city" but when there are land acquisitions, they need someone to facilitate. He said in the contract, it would outline the communication process, he will pull that up and see what the level of engagement is and connect to make sure he is meeting that, if he is not, we will find out why. Mayor Hollis asked if they could get a copy of what the residents are getting as far as what the expectations are.

10. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** Next 1/13/26 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
- b. **Design Review Board:** Next 1/13/26 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
- c. **Finance:** Next 1/20/26 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
- d. **Safety & Service:** Next 2/3/26 @ 5:30 pm council chambers

11. Director Reports

- a. Service Departments: Water, Sewer, Street
Department reports were included in the packet. Jack Liggett answered a question on the traffic signal at Clark Drive and US62. He said over the last two weeks he has gotten phone calls about the signal, generally during high traffic times. He contacted M.P. Dory who sets the timing at the lights, to come and check the history to make sure it is not skipping or getting stuck. They will also check the alignment of the camera to trip the signal.
- b. Service Director
Mr. Liggett highlighted items in his director's report and answered questions related to items within.

12. Executive Session to consider the appointment of public officials

Mayor Hollis asked if there was a desire to move to Executive Session to discuss these or was there any desired action. Mr. Barnard said he would like to move forward with appointments given that people have put their names in and it has been thirty days. Mr. Green said he thinks they should hold back, there are new people on council who haven't had a chance to review anyone, plus in light of the holidays, he thinks we can do a better job advertising. Mayor Hollis said they can decide to go to Executive Session to discuss each applicant, or they can table individually and extend the time, or they can accept the applicants submitted. Mr. Barr said they extended the advertisement at their December meeting and some applicants came in after that. Discussion on moving forward with the members seeking reappointment, it was noted that there should be at least enough appointments to Planning & Zoning that there was quorum for the next meeting. Ms. Shook said there would be a council representative on Planning & Zoning, correct? Mr. Stanearth said correct, that will need to be worked out. Previously both Ryan Green and Kyle Cook served on P&Z, Mr. Cook served as a citizen, Mr. Green served as the council representative. Now with Mr. Cook being elected to council, there can only be one member appointed to P&Z. Ryan Green said he would not be pursuing appointment to Planning & Zoning, he has been on there for quite a while. It was stated that current commission member Steve Dyer requested reappointment, and a letter of interest from Todd McConnell was received.

Mr. Green said there was not enough to fully fill the Charter Review Commission. Mr. Barnard said there were four applicants, Mr. Green said yes but they are looking for five. Mr. Barnard said he thought the fifth would be a council member. Mr. Green said he thinks that is something they have to talk about.

a. **RESOLUTION 2026-03** RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE JOHNSTOWN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

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

ACTION: Tiffany Hollis moved to reappoint Franz Stein and Heather Green to the Design Review Board; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Ryan Green; conflict of interest, spouse is an appointee

Passed 6 - 0

b. **RESOLUTION 2026-04** RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to appoint Nick Hubbell; Nicole Shook seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard, Ryan Green

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

c. **RESOLUTION 2026-05** RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE JOHNSTOWN TREE COMMISSION

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

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to reappoint the three individuals listed to the Tree Commission; Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Don Barnard, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

d. **RESOLUTION 2026-06** RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Discussion on the fifth member which could be a member of council. Mr. Green said he would like to see it as a fully public board. Mr. Barnard asked if they should appoint the four applicants they have and leave advertisement for interest open, fellow members were in favor of that.

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

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to appoint the four who have applied, Dave Selan, Bob Orsini, Andrea Coppel and Jim Doderer; Kyle Cook seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Mayor Hollis, Donald Barnard, Kyle Cook
NOES: Ryan Green
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 1

- e. **RESOLUTION 2026-02** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to nominate Kyle Cook and Steve Dyer for reappointment to the Planning & Zoning Board, Kyle Cook to be the council representative; Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Mayor Hollis, Donald Barnard, Kyle Cook
NOES: Ryan Green
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 1

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to appoint Todd McConnell to Planning & Zoning; Nicole Shook seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Matthew Huggins, Donald Barnard, Kyle Cook, Nicole Shook
NOES: Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Jeff Barr
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 3

13. Tabled Legislation - None

14. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 01-2026** AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

First reading/Public Hearing.

Sean Stanearth said that about a month ago, they had a very similar situation approximately four parcels down, the K-Ceps service center went through the same process. The zoning on that parcel was UR-1 which is residential and the request is to go to GCC-1, commercial. Mr. Stanearth said this is in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan and the Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended approval. This is the published public hearing; a vote will be taken at the next council meeting.

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

Mayor Hollis asked if the properties between this one and the K-Ceps property were still (the residential zoning). Mr. Stanearth said they were, they typically wait for the applicant to make the

request.

Steve Oltman with Key Properties Group, Keller Williams Greater Columbus was present on behalf of the applicant, Robert Denzine. Mr. Oltman said the applicant has owned this property since 2014, he purchased it this way as a five-unit building from the previous owner (NAPA). He said for fifty-five years it has been a commercial building but was still zoned UR-1, they are just trying to clean up the zoning. Mr. Oltman said to be clear, it is in contract to sell to another businessman, who is going to use it for the same purposes.

b. **RESOLUTION 2026-07** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ESTABLISH MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Ryan Green said he would like to consolidate some of these committees. After discussion on the various committees, the Park and Recreation Council Committee was dispensed with and Nicole Shook was appointed as the liaison to the Greater Johnstown Park and Rec on behalf of council. Additionally, the Township Liaison Committee was also dispensed with, and Tiffany Hollis was appointed as the liaison to attend any meetings of interest on behalf of council. Council worked through the committees and made appointments to vacancies as needed.

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

ACTION: Matthew Huggins moved to approve as discussed; Nicole Shook seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Matthew Huggins, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Don Barnard, Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

c. **RESOLUTION 2026-08** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE LICKING COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (TIRC) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

Mr. Stanearth said any time there is a CRA or tax abatement situation, there is a review council to make sure all of the conditions the property owner committed to for the abatement are being met, if they are not, at the TIRC board meetings motions can be made to remove the incentive package. He said he and/or the Finance Director attend for the city.

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

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to pass as written with Mr. Stanearth and Mr. Delande; Tiffany Hollis seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Don Barnard, Kyle Cook
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

15. Introduction of Legislation
None

16. Other Business

1. Jeff Barr said he was absent at the last meeting where they passed the budget, he believed the budget included the Flock cameras, he asked that Chief Smart come up with a policy, there is a lot of information there and a powerful tool of information, he wants a policy and procedure for personnel, reviewed by city legal counsel, prior to installation. Mr. Stanearth said he would instruct the Chief to get in touch with legal counsel and connect with him on where they are at with installation. Discussion on the presentation given in Finance Committee, desire expressed to have another presentation given in Safety & Service Committee.

2. Tiffany Hollis said in their last couple of sessions of council, as they were preparing the budget for 2026, they discussed pretty heavily the appropriations for the Coalition, for water and sewer. She said they did reduce the amount appropriated for the Coalition, but she feels it is very important to give the City Manager strong direction on how this council wants to move forward with the Coalition. She said Resolution 2023-29 was passed September 9, 2023 entering the city into an MOU with Granville and Alexandria. She said she wants to discuss that with this current council; she feels they need to give very strong direction on how this council wants to move forward. Mr. Barnard said he thinks that is a good idea, four of them know everything that is going on with it, so maybe a presentation for the new council members to get them fully caught up before making a decision would be good, so it is a decision made on substance. Mr. Barr said he agreed with Mr. Barnard and would like to schedule a workshop presentation where conversation could flow freely and questions could be asked, that would allow the opportunity for the new council members, then if two weeks from today, action is needed they would be able to give that direction. Mr. Stanearth said he could get that scheduled fairly quickly, he would have to connect with the engineers associated as well as the legal counsel that has been advising the city on this matter, and if they desire, he could also have some of the Coalition members present. Mayor Hollis said she was cutting this off, that while she respects the input and idea of a workshop, she feels very strongly that they should make a decision right now. Ms. Hollis made a motion:

MOTION: Mayor Hollis moved to direct the City Manager to direct city legal to provide the thirty-day notice to withdraw from the MOU; Jeff Barr seconded.

Mr. Barnard said so we are not going to allow the three new members to have any knowledge on this?

Public Hearing: Mayor Hollis opened the floor to public comments.

Mr. Barnard again asked his question on proceeding with something that new members had no knowledge about. Mr. Green asked for clarification on the motion. The clerk read the motion, there was question on whether legal had to provide the notice or the manager could. Mr. Stanearth said the resolution authorized the City Manager to enter into the MOU with the Coalition, so his only modification to the motion would be to authorize the City Manager to give the thirty-day notice that the city wants to terminate its involvement with the Coalition. Mayor Hollis amended her motion:

MOTION: Mayor Hollis moved to direct the City Manager to go forward with the thirty-day notice for removal from the MOU; Mr. Barr seconded.

Public Hearing: Mayor Hollis opened the floor to public comments.

1. Mr. Barnard said he was public and walked to the podium.

- Said there are three newly elected officials, unless there are four that already have this set, there are three that have no idea about this, what has gone into it, the relationships that have been created with Granville and Alexandria, how this impacts us for future years and years. He said he doesn't understand why there is an urgent need to do this tonight, and sever the relationships with two municipalities, if they are ok with saying screw you to

Granville and Alexandria, then vote that way. There is no reason why individuals who were elected by the citizens of this town should not be briefed and have more information about this before they vote.

2. Mr. Green said he would also speak as a member of the public and walked to the podium.

- Said he would argue that they have had quite some time with this issue, it has been debated in public, it has been debated here in council, there was a meeting with potential council members during the election where they were updated on some of these issues. He knows they were given the opportunity to have conversations with our City Manager if they wanted to, he believes they have had time to research these matters, they were able to vote on other items tonight without background information, and he would welcome decisions from anyone that wants to make one.

3. Mr. Barnard again asked to speak as a member of the public and walked to the podium.

- Asked Mr. Huggins if he had been contacted by anyone from Jersey Township or Southwest Licking. Mayor Hollis told Mr. Huggins he was not required to respond to that. Mr. Huggins said he was not on trial. Mr. Barnard said he was just asking, when they make their vote, have they gotten their information from Jersey Township and Southwest Licking water, or did they get it from our attorneys who represent our city.

Mr. Huggins said anything that happens in life with an individual, in the United States of America, and Ohio's Constitution, when they are not holding public office, is not up for scrutiny, he has talked to many people including Mr. Barnard as Mayor, as part of being a citizen and knowing what is going on. Mr. Barnard said he just wants to know if people on our council are being swayed by outside influences, who we are in litigation with, or if they are making this decision on their own.

Mr. Cook said his opinion is based on conversations he has had with Mr. Barnard, Mr. Stanearth, and with the public. He said he is new to council but has been on Planning and Zoning for a bit.

4. Mr. Huggins said he would speak as a citizen and walked to the podium.

- Said as a new member of Johnstown City Council, he would like to point out that many of us sitting in here care about the future of this city, we care about where our money is being spent, we care about the direction the city is going. We have seven distinct personalities up here, we have seven distinct ideas and we are not always going to agree on things. The only thing he feels is maybe a careless statement is the fact he can only answer for himself, he has spent the better part of the last two years of his life studying every council meeting, studying everything going on in the city, he has pulled public records requests before and after his name was on the ballot. If he can vote on other things tonight, he believes he can vote on what we refer to as JAG.

There were no further public or council comments.

Council proceeded with the vote:

ACTION: Tiffany Hollis moved to direct the City Manager to go forward with the thirty-day notice for removal from the MOU; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Matthew Huggins, Ryan Green
NOES: Donald Barnard, Nicole Shook
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 2

17. Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, or review a collective bargaining strategy

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to enter Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, or review a collective bargaining strategy, with council, city labor attorney and city manager; Ryan Green seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 8:15 pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:54 pm.

18. Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee

MOTION: Mr. Barnard moved to enter Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee to include all council members and the city manager as needed; Ms. Shook seconded.

Mr. Barr asked if they could include the city labor attorney as needed. Mr. Barnard said he could go with that and rescinded his previous motion to make a new one.

ACTION: Donald Barnard moved to enter executive session to consider the employment of a public employee, to include all council members, and possibly at the end, the city manager and city labor attorney; Nicole Shook seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Don Barnard, Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 8:58 pm and returned to Regular Session at 10:22 pm.

19. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion to adjourn carried 7-0 and the meeting ended at 10:22 pm.

Next Council Meeting January 20, 2026



Regular Council
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Tiffany Hollis took a moment to recognize and remember Mr. Lewis Main who recently passed away. She said that Mr. Main served the city formally for more than twenty years, although he never really stopped serving. He continued to provide great insight and advice to all of them, even in his last days. Mayor Hollis called for a moment of silence to honor him.

Mayor Hollis called to Order the City of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for January 20, 2026 at 6:33 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Donald Barnard, Matthew Huggins, Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook
Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Stanearth - City Manager, Dave Delande - Finance Director, Jack Liggett - Service Director, Rusty Smart - Chief of Police, Heather Green - Design Review Board, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Deven Draper, Terry Fetters, Ellen Huggins, Ally Huggins, Phil Baker, Sabrina Baker, Steven Oltmann, Ashley Kusner, Mark Weiner, Sean Barnes, Mike Dixon, P McGinnis, Rob Platte, Dr. Philip Wagner, Jeff Szabo

3. Invocation

Mr. Ryan Green offered the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Agenda

City Manager Sean Stanearth requested modification of the agenda, to add under item 15, an additional Executive Session to consider the compensation of a public employee. Ms. Shook asked if council needed to waive their rules to waive the 24 hour notice to council, Mayor Hollis said no.

- ACTION:** Kyle Cook moved to approve the agenda with the addition; Jeff Barr seconded and all were in favor.
- AYES:** Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard, Ryan Green
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None

Passed 7 - 0

6. Proclamation

Mayor Hollis said they are continuing with council proclamations for former Mayors, she read and presented a proclamation to honor Donald Barnard for his mayoral service to the city.

7. Presentation: Police Officer of the Year
 Chief Smart recognized Officer Gary Hargraves as the Officer of the Year for his superior excellence and service protecting the community of Johnstown, and his outstanding contributions to the department. Chief Smart said he reflects the highest standards of service.
8. Presentation: Annual State of the Schools Update - Dr. Wagner
 Dr. Philip Wagner, Superintendent of Johnstown-Monroe Local School District, attended to give his annual State of the Schools address. He highlighted the school district's teaching and learning focus, the five-year curriculum adoption cycle, expansion of trade programs, the school's community engagement efforts, development incentives, enrollment numbers and current construction projects.
9. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda
 1. Jeff Szabo - Commander, American Legion Post 254
 - Gave a review of what the Legion has done the last year and what they have planned for this year. He said that they were able to give back \$19,655.75 to the community, which does not include Little Miss Johnstown or the fireworks, with those thrown in, it would be well over \$30,000. Highlights include Boys and Girls State, this year they will send eleven boys and two girls, the Easter Egg Hunt had 3,500 eggs and next year they will likely do 4,000. With the Gifts for Kids program, they were able to help out approximately 150 local children and about the same number in other communities that reached as far as West Virginia. He said approximately 1,500 flags are placed in area cemeteries in the week leading up to Memorial Day, matching funds were given to assist with sending a veteran on an Honor Flight, and equipment donations were given to the Johnstown Police and other fire departments.
 - Some things they want to do, if they can get the building lease amendments figured out and move forward with their remodel, a STEM program camp to compliment the existing program at the school, also an adult/senior focused learning/technology lab. They hope to bring Bingo back, get their student scholarships back to an acceptable level, and become an emergency shelter.
 2. Sean Barnes, Mayor of Alexandria
 - Said he came tonight to speak about partnership. He is not here to criticize the council decision to leave the Coalition, though he does hope they reconsider. He said he is here to remind them why their communities came together in the first place and to reflect on the shared values that have guided their work from the beginning. He said the coalition was formed to protect our communities from overwhelming and unwanted development, from costly and unnecessary infrastructure, and from outside influences that threaten our right to shape our own futures. Most importantly, it was formed to protect our water, Raccoon Creek, and the aquifer we all share, from irreversible, environmental harm. He said our water is not a commodity. It's a vital resource, and protecting it is essential to the long-term sustainability of each of our communities. He said we are stronger together, and as we near the finish line of this work, asks council to consider an alternative form of partnership, one that allows us to complete what we started without financial obligation or formal agreements. Partnership has many forms, he asked council to consider the following: First, continue partnering with them on current and future projects. The water interconnect between Johnstown and Alexandria is critical for regional efficiency and resilience, it gives Johnstown an emergency water connection during severe weather or power outages and it helps all of us maintain a strong local alternative to outside service providers while continuing to protect Raccoon Creek. Second, remain involved in the facility master plan, even if only in name. He said Alexandria and Granville are committed to finishing the work

they started so the plan can be recognized in the Ohio EPA's 208 review. Johnstown's capacities are a crucial component of a robust regional solution for wastewater. He said for Alexandria, this is about autonomy, about retaining the ability to decide what our future looks like. If we walk away now, we risk handing the future over entirely to outside entities that have shown little willingness to work with us. Completing this plan benefits all our communities as we prepare for the changes we know are coming. Third, and most importantly, he asked that council continue supporting the appeals of the two NPDES permits currently before the ERAC (Environmental Review Appeals Commission). This isn't a political tactic, these facilities are seeking permission to discharge over ten million gallons a day of wastewater into our watershed, with unknown pollutants the EPA does not fully monitor. He said the discharge point for the proposed Moots Run facility would merge into Raccoon Creek less than a mile from his home through a tributary that's dry much of the year. He said he wouldn't want that for your community and doesn't want it for his. He said individually, our communities are vulnerable. Together, they can demand accountability and protect the water that connects us all. He is not here asking for financial support for the facility plan, he is asking for support as neighbors, for their name, their partnership, and their willingness to finish what they started together. Mayor Barnes said that Johnstown's future is bright, and with its continued support, Alexandria can have the same opportunity, because partnership in whatever form it takes, strengthens all of us and our water binds us together.

10. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 1/13/26; Next 1/27/26 @ 6:30 pm council chambers
The application for El Ray's mural request remains tabled, no applicant was present and information requested by the board has not provided. Approval given for a variance to parking lot landscape requirements for Johnstown-Monroe schools and the new sports fields proposed at 80 W. Maple Street. Steve Dyer was reappointed as Chair, Mark Zolendziewski as Vice-Chair and they welcomed Todd McConnell to the board.
- b. **Design Review Board:** Met 1/13/26; Next 1/27/26 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
The board approved Johnstown-Monroe Schools applications for new sports fields and concession designs at both campuses, 40 W. Maple Street and 445 S. Main Street. Also discussed next steps for the Design Review Standards.
- c. **Safety & Service:** Next 2/3/26 @ 5:00 pm council chambers
- d. **Finance:** 1/20/26; Next 2/17/26 @ 5:30 pm council chambers
Reviewed some finances, waiting on some reports from the Finance Director. Small review of the completed 2021 state audit, 2022 and 2023 are currently being reviewed by our auditors. Mr. Barnard said it is good to clear up to the public that while there were a couple findings, they were minor items easily missed and have been corrected, they are no reflection of our past accountant.
- e. **Facilities Committee:** Next 1/23/26 @ 8:30 am council chambers

11. Director Reports

- a. Chief of Police
Report can be found in the council packet. Chief Smart highlighted statistical items in the report and answered questions.

12. Tabled Legislation - None

13. Public Hearings of Legislation

a. **ORDINANCE 01-2026** AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

This is the second reading. As the council representative on Planning and Zoning, Kyle Cook said he thinks this is a good move, it's always been what it is today. Sean Stanearth recapped last week's introduction, the property owner is requesting rezoning from UR-1 (residential) to GCC-1 (commercial) which will allow a variety of permitted uses consistent with what is in the downtown. The new zoning requested is consistent with our Comprehensive Plan.

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

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to pass Ordinance 01-2026 as written; Kyle Cook seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

b. **RESOLUTION 2026-09** RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

The deadline for interest was previously extended to get additional applicants, Cheryl Robertson applied. Ryan Green said that they have had just enough people apply for them to appoint to the various boards, he hopes in the new year they can do a better job of recruiting and retaining individuals and able to weigh some against each other to see who is the best fit for each position.

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

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to pass Resolution 2026-09 appointing Cheryl Robertson to the Charter Review Commission; Nicole Shook seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

14. Introduction of Legislation - None

15. Other Business

1. Nicole Shook said the city lacks a formal policy for social media, recommended the Law Director assist with a policy for the city. Sent to the Council Rules Committee for review and recommendation.
2. Jeff Barr thanked Officer Mead who responded to a personal matter for himself, he wants to acknowledge his professionalism and service provided to his family during that difficult time. He also thanked Chief Smart.
3. Don Barnard said he sent an email out to council this week, he asked if any council member would like to reconsider the decision made two weeks ago (the vote to leave the Coalition), and the impact it has on our community. No motion to reconsider was made. Nicole Shook said she

would like to see a risk assessment done, she thinks it's fair to the public that they talk about the pros and cons of leaving and the pros and cons of staying, she for one would have loved to talk to the engineer and attorney and to our regional partners. She said she commends Sean Barnes for coming in to speak, you could see by his speech, that decision put Alexandria in a really bad position, not to mention putting Johnstown in a bad position as well. She said if after the risk assessment, they come to the conclusion that they leave, then they leave, but she doesn't think they can just leave something unfinished without a risk assessment. Mayor Hollis asked if anyone on the prevailing side of the vote wished to reconsider the vote. No motion to reconsider was made. Mr. Barnard said he was frustrated, he is frustrated that the new members did not get a chance to speak to the legal team, engineering, or to our partners and how it impacts them, and now to find out tonight that there is no economic cost to them. He said there has been a lot of misinformation out there, that this has cost taxpayer money, those who come to the finance committee meetings know, this came out of Enterprise funds, not tax, not the General fund. He said it bothers him that council members met with the side that wants to dismantle JAG but have not listened to our side. He knows constituents don't want their tax dollars wasted, he doesn't either, but they have spent up to \$500,000 at this point and now they are walking away from finalizing their Facility Plan when there was a very limited amount to finish, he does not see why they wouldn't finish that and have for any future use.

4. Sean Stanearth reviewed some procedure for the Executive Sessions. Ryan Green asked Mr. Stanearth to give clarification to the council rules that allow them to enter the added Executive Session without having it on the agenda. Mr. Stanearth said that an exception to the rule requiring 24 hour notice to council was added to allow the manager to request and asked the clerk to read it. Ms. Monroe said that by the council rules, the agenda may be modified to add an Executive Session to any regular council meeting without the 24 hour notice for matters deemed as emergency by the city manager. Mr. Stanearth said this was regarding a question brought up by a council member shortly before the meeting, he did not want to have that discussion outside of an Executive Session.

16. Executive Session to consider the compensation of a public employee

Mayor Hollis said she did not think there would be any action following either session. Mr. Stanearth said they could take a short recess to allow the public to exit if they wanted to remain in council chambers.

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to enter Executive Session to consider the compensation of a public employee, to include all of council, the city manager and the finance director; Matthew Huggins seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

Council entered the Executive Session at 8:04 pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:38 pm.

17. Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to enter Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee; Kyle Cook seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

Council entered Executive Session at 8:40 pm and returned to Regular Session at 9:08 pm.

18. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Ms. Shook and the motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Next Council Meeting February 3, 2026



Dear Local Legislative Authority Official:

Please find enclosed the legislative notice that is being sent to you regarding the applied for liquor permit as captioned on the notice. You **must**, within 30 days from the "mailed" date listed on the notice under the bar code:

- Notify the Division whether you object and want a hearing; or
- Ask for your one-time only, 30-day extension. o Any requests for a one-time, 30-day extension will be reviewed by the Division upon timely receipt. If granted, your additional 30-days runs from the expiration of the original 30-day period.

To be considered **timely**, your above response **MUST** be faxed, emailed, or mailed to the Division no later than the postmark deadline date stated on the form. To speed up processing times and reduce paper, the Division respectfully asks that you either fax or email your response. Please send your response to:

FAX: (614) 644 – 3166
EMAIL: Liquordocs@com.ohio.gov
MAIL: Ohio Division of Liquor Control
 Attn: Licensing Unit
 6606 Tussing Road
 PO Box 4005
 Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005

To find out who has disclosed an ownership interest in the permit application to us you can:

- Visit com.ohio.gov/liquorinfo. Select the "Search who has disclosed an ownership interest" tab. Where asked, enter the permit number listed on the legislative notice; or
- Contact your police department or county sheriff (if you are a township fiscal officer or county clerk). We also sent them detailed ownership information to review for any criminal background issues involving the disclosed persons.

We have resources for you at com.ohio.gov/govhelp. Never miss out on when renewal objections are due! Sign-up for our emails at com.ohio.gov/stayinformed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Division Licensing Section

(rev. 2.12.25)



JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
ATTN CLERK
599 S MAIN ST
JOHNSTOWN OH 43031

NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Form with two permit entries. Entry 1: 10008409-1 TRFO, San Gabriel LLC, 65 S Main St, Johnstown OH 43031. Entry 2: 05241178-1 LOCAL HORSESHOE LLC, 65 S MAIN ST, JOHNSTOWN OH 43031. Includes fields for issue date, filing date, permit classes, tax district, and receipt no.

MAILED 1/15/2026 RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 02/15/2026

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A REQUEST FOR A HEARING.

REFER TO THIS NUMBER IN ALL INQUIRIES: FEB TRFO 10008409-1 (TRANSACTION & NUMBER)

(MUST MARK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

WE REQUEST A HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING THE PERMIT AND REQUEST THAT THE HEARING BE HELD [] IN OUR COUNTY SEAT [] IN COLUMBUS

WE DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING []

DID YOU MARK A BOX? IF NOT, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A LATE RESPONSE.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX INDICATING YOUR TITLE:

Signature and Title fields. Title options: Clerk of City Council, Township Fiscal Officer. Includes fields for Date, Printed Name, Email Address, and Telephone No.



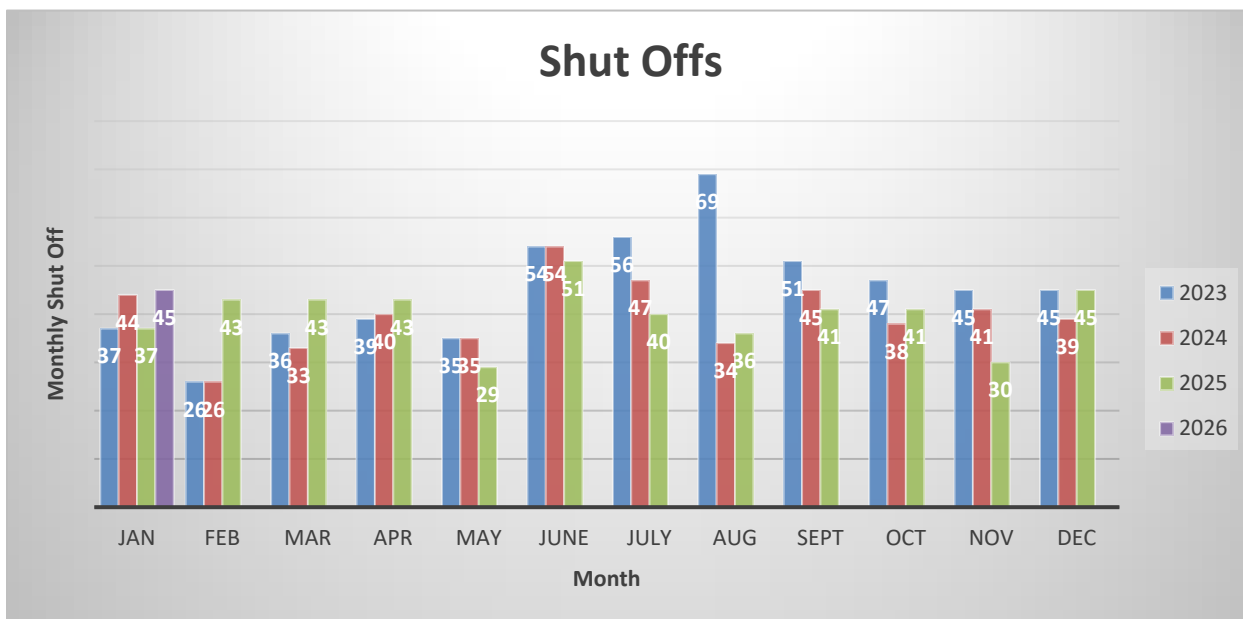
January 2026 Water Council Report



Water Plant January 2024

- 1) As of January 31st, the flow is 21.228 MG.
- 2) There were 45 shut offs.
- 3) Worked on locates.
- 4) Worked on work orders.
- 5) The Water Department had 0 hours of training.
- 6) Tim Perry worked 26 hours for the Street Department.
- 7) Low service pump #2 went out of service due to pump failure. Moody Pumps is working on it.
- 8) I attended progress meeting with Bowen the Water Plant Expansion Project.
- 9) Worked on and submitted monthly EPA reports.
- 10) On 1/29/2026, I attended a Water Plant Expansion Project overview meeting with Jacob's and Bowen.
- 11) I participated in interviews for the Water Department job opening.
- 12) Trained our new Water Department employee Blake Waters. He started on 1/12/2026
- 13) Submitted the EPA Annual Water Withdrawal 2025 report.

Thank you,
 Terry Nichols
 Chief Water Operator
 City of Johnstown



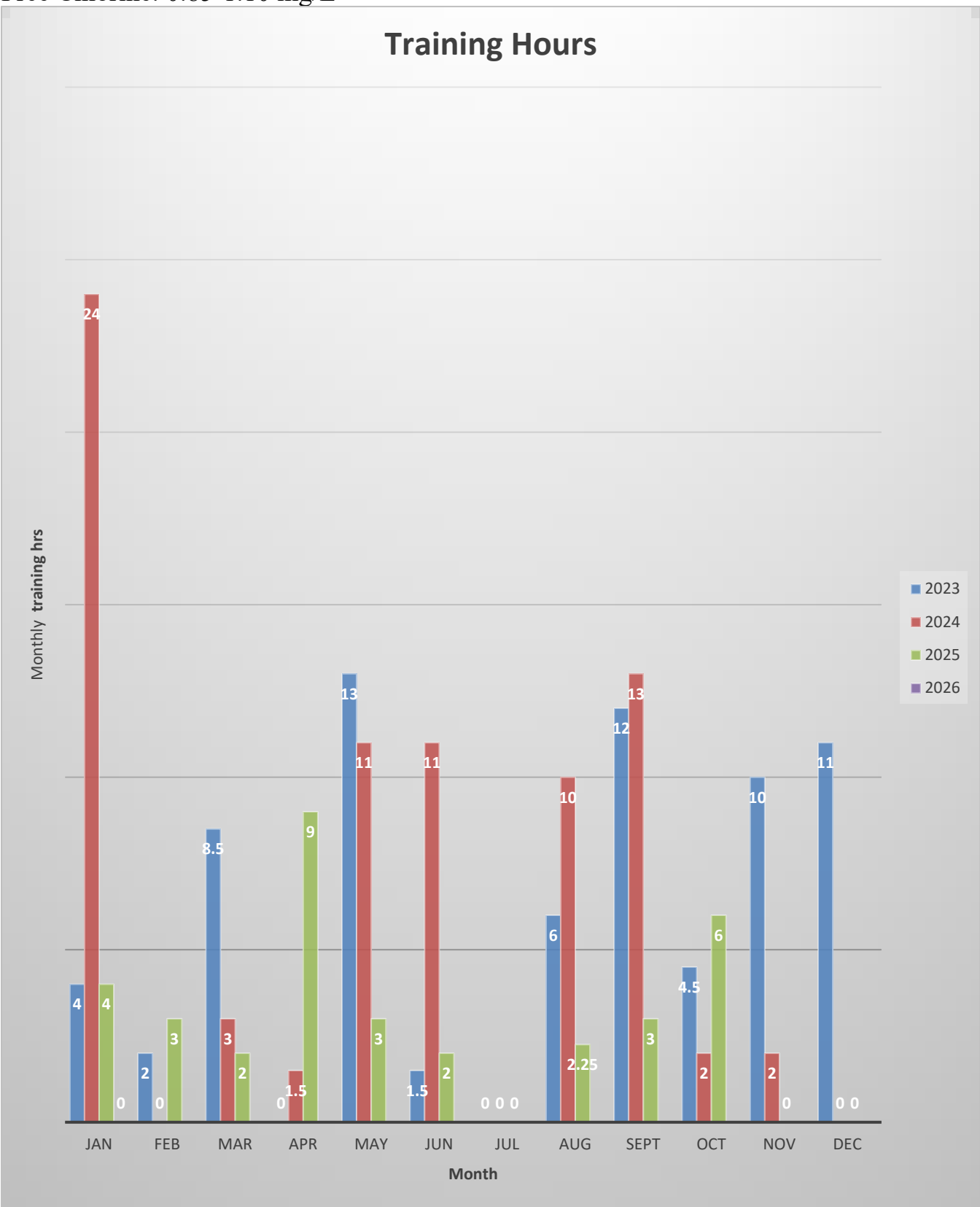
Daily Plant Tap Test Results

Date	PH	Phenol	Total	Total	Plant Tap Cl2		
		Alkalinity	Alkalinity	Hardness	Free	Total	Combined
Jan-01	7.85	0	53	144	0.99	1.08	0.09
Jan-02	7.85	0	52	145	1.05	1.10	0.05
Jan-03	8.08	0	48	140	1.31	1.38	0.07
Jan-04	7.94	0	50	140	1.25	1.39	0.14
Jan-05	7.95	0	54	147	1.14	1.24	0.10
Jan-06	7.87	0	55	150	1.18	1.28	0.10
Jan-07	8.06	0	54	147	0.99	1.07	0.08
Jan-08	8.00	0	51	145	1.02	1.11	0.09
Jan-09	8.09	0	57	148	1.10	1.16	0.06
Jan-10	8.13	0	54	153	1.14	1.20	0.06
Jan-11	8.08	3	54	141	1.15	1.28	0.13
Jan-12	8.01	0	68	164	1.03	1.11	0.08
Jan-13	8.00	0	53	148	1.00	1.12	0.12
Jan-14	7.96	0	54	146	1.01	1.14	0.13
Jan-15	8.05	0	57	154	0.96	1.03	0.07
Jan-16	7.86	0	54	148	1.06	1.15	0.09
Jan-17	7.70	0	56	146	1.21	1.29	0.08
Jan-18	7.70	0	53	152	1.14	1.28	0.14
Jan-19	7.81	0	61	150	1.23	1.34	0.11
Jan-20	7.76	0	55	148	1.12	1.20	0.08
Jan-21	7.97	0	54	150	0.97	1.06	0.09
Jan-22	7.78	0	52	148	1.04	1.18	0.14
Jan-23	7.87	0	52	147	1.10	1.23	0.13
Jan-24	7.72	0	49	153	1.26	1.37	0.11
Jan-25	7.43	0	47	147	1.23	1.35	0.12
Jan-26	7.78	0	52	149	1.29	1.37	0.08
Jan-27	7.84	0	49	143	1.17	1.29	0.12
Jan-28	7.86	0	54	147	1.14	1.29	0.15
Jan-29	7.91	0	49	147	0.96	1.09	0.13
Jan-30	7.87	0	53	154	1.06	1.16	0.10
Jan-31	8.30	0	47	155	1.21	1.27	0.06
Average	7.91	0	53	148	1.11	1.21	0.10

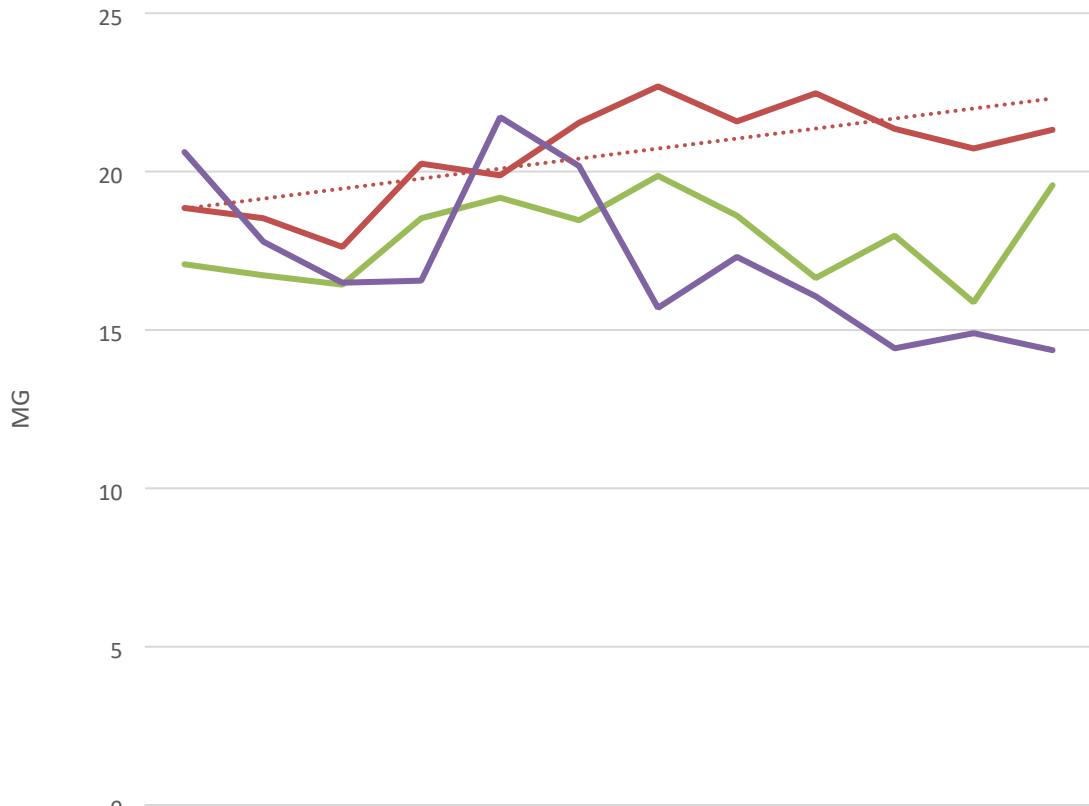
Total Alkalinity:35-55 mg/L

Phenol Alkalinity: 0-2 mg/L Hardness: 135 – 150 mg/L (Higher hardness is due to running # 2 L.S. well pulling water from deeper part of the aquifer)

Training Hours



Monthly Influent MG

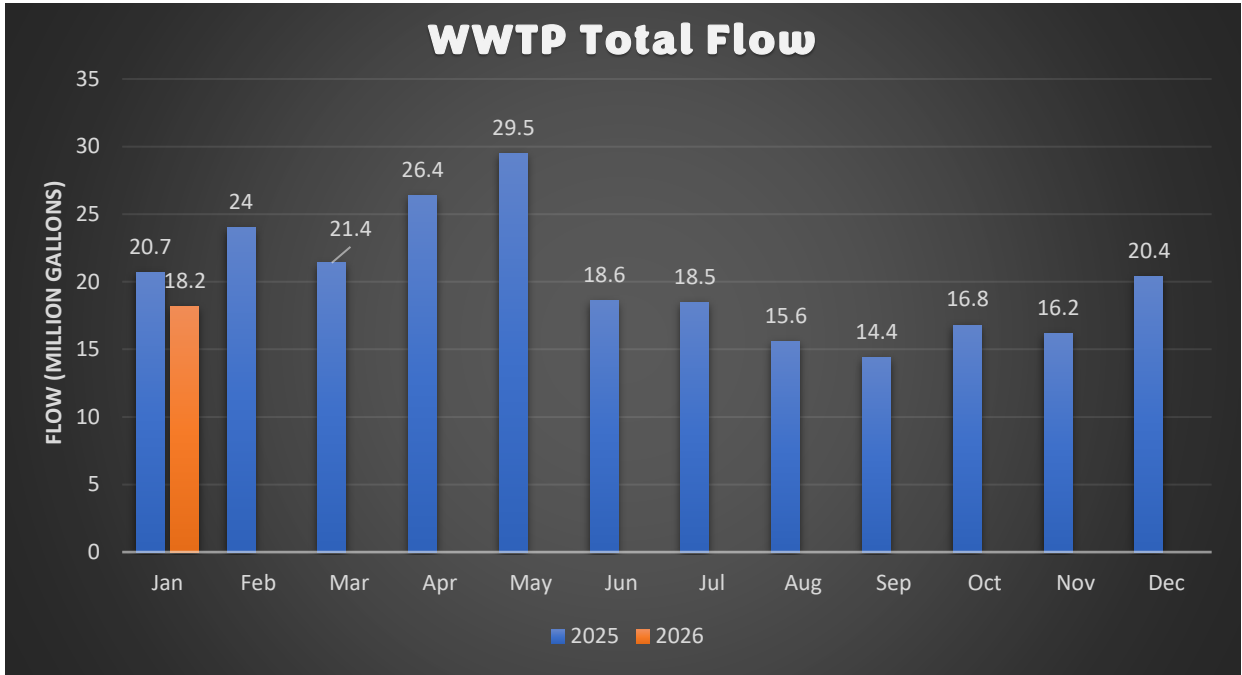


	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2026	21.228											
2025	18.851	18.526	17.622	20.25	19.881	21.544	22.689	21.584	22.472	21.35	20.729	21.319
2024	17.074	16.725	16.431	18.526	19.174	18.464	19.866	18.609	16.641	17.976	15.872	19.571
2023	20.616	17.786	16.492	16.556	21.719	20.176	15.698	17.307	16.061	14.42	14.898	14.362

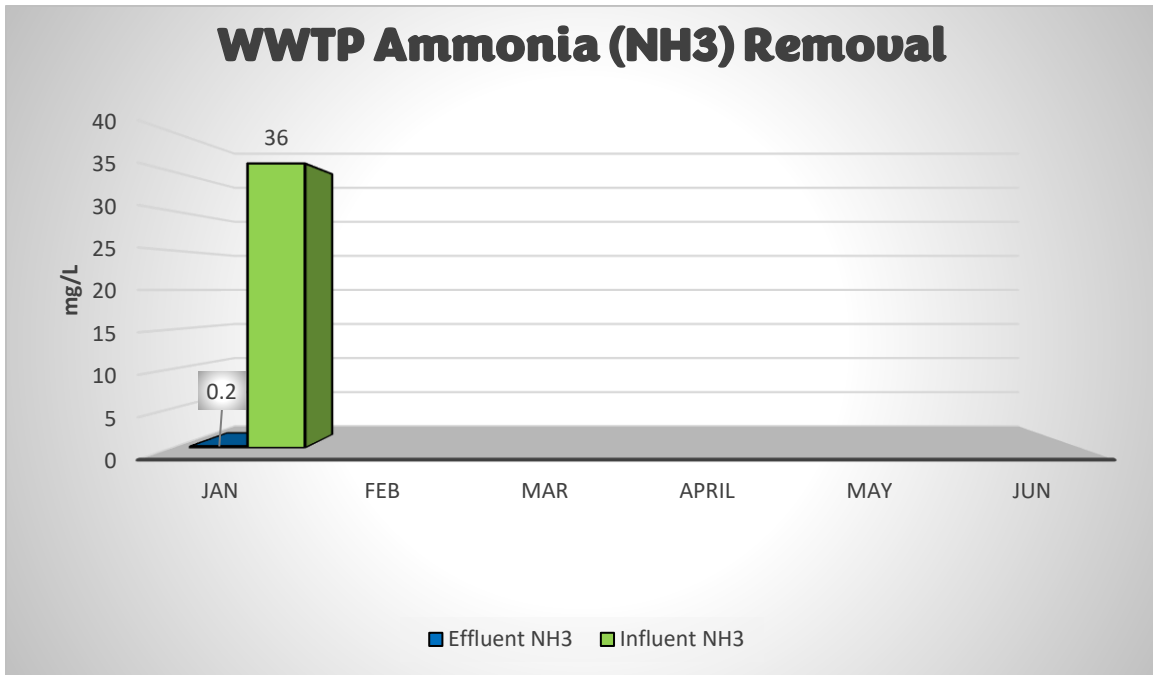


January 2026

SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT



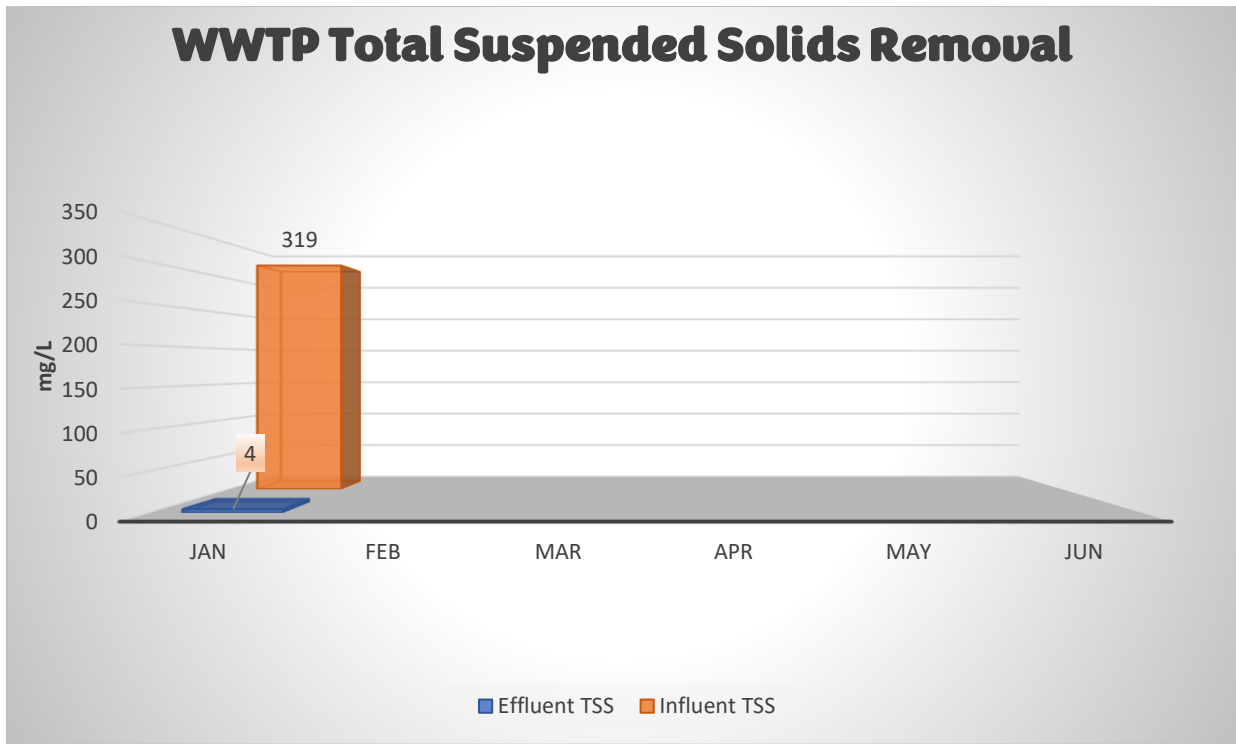
Plant Efficiency Charts



Average % of NH3 removed for the month = **99%**

Discharge Limitations	
Weekly-	3.9 mg/L
Monthly-	2.6 mg/L

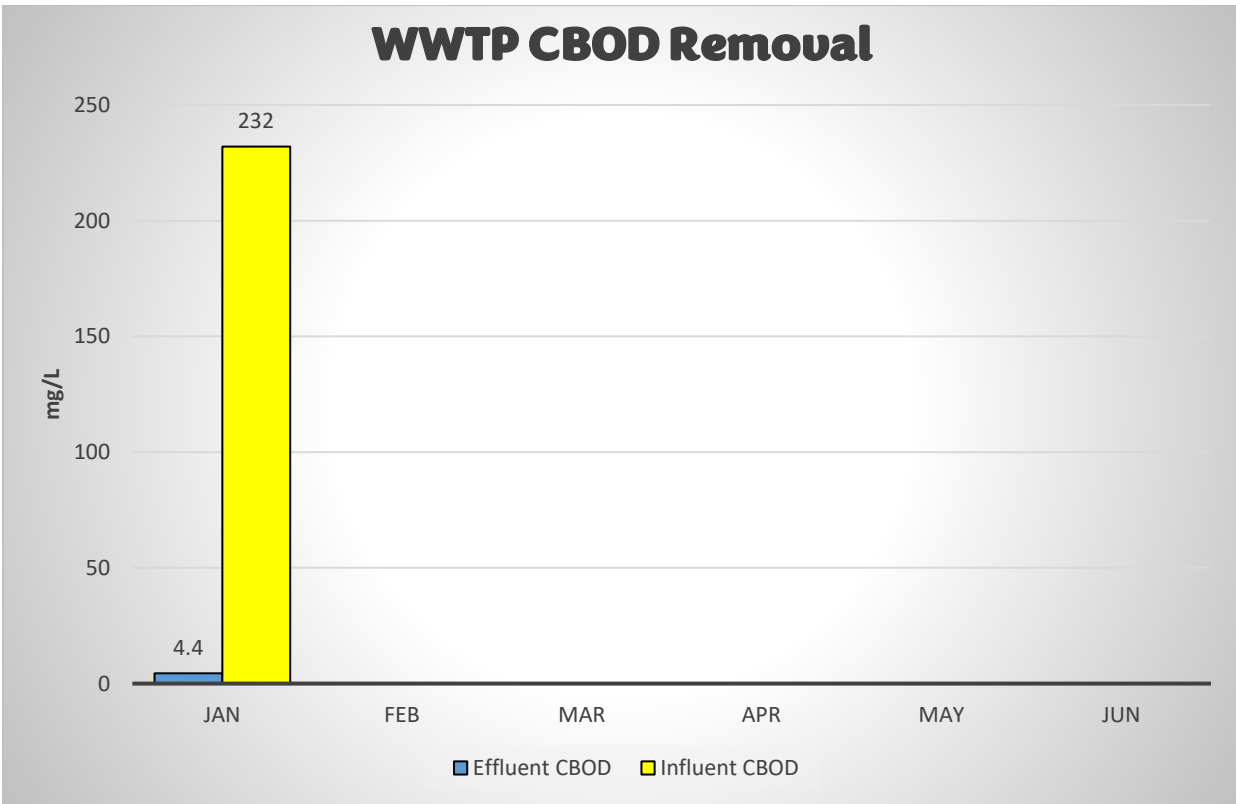
WWTP Total Suspended Solids Removal



Average % of TSS removed for the month = **99%**

Discharge Limitations	
Weekly-	18 mg/L
Monthly-	12 mg/L

WWTP CBOD Removal



Average % of BOD removed for the month = **98%**

Discharge Limitations	
Weekly-	15 mg/L
Monthly-	10 mg/L

Work Highlights

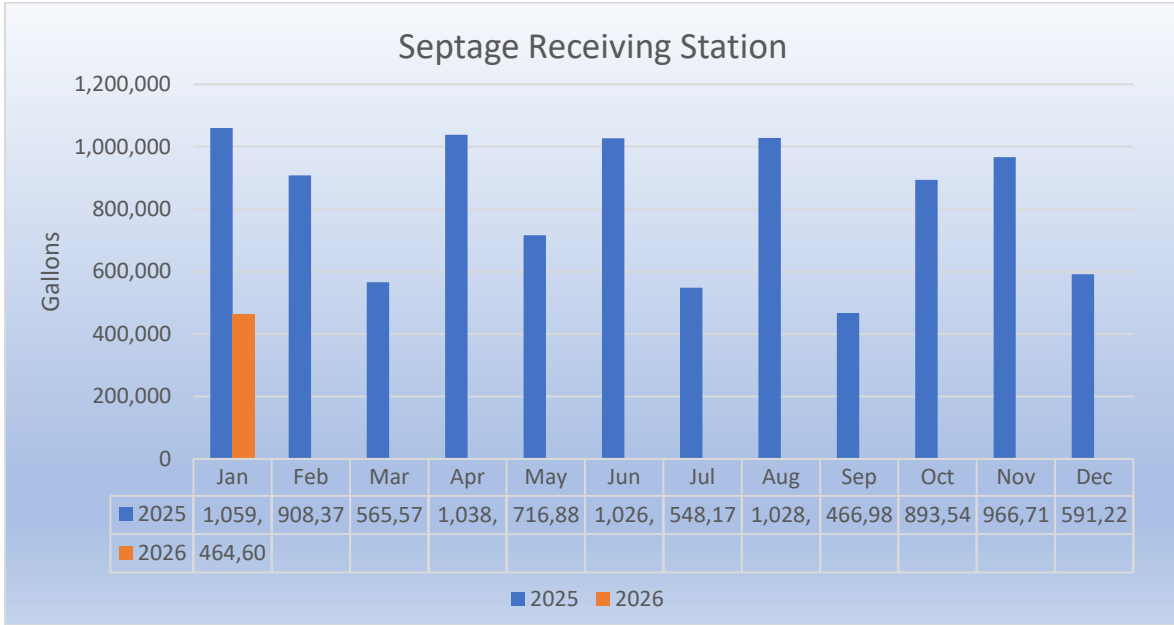
- Sewer Inspections
 - o Grease Trap Inspections
- Amount of sludge pressed (dewatered) – 605,050 gallons
- Routine plant operations and preventative maintenance

Leafy LS Guide Claw Replacement

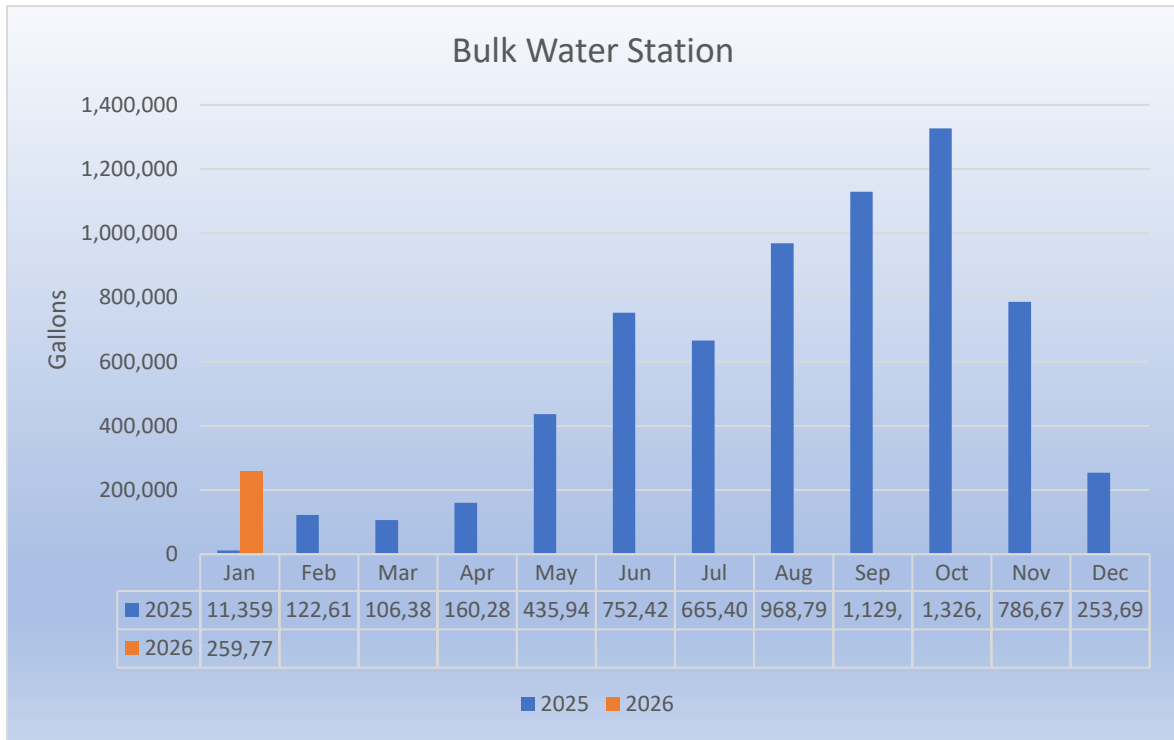


BULK SEWER & WATER

The following chart shows the total amount of waste in gallons brought into Johnstown for the current year and past year by the egg farm and bulk septage haulers.



The chart below shows the total amount of bulk water in gallons purchased each month for the current year and past year. NOTE: This graph contains only gallons of bulk water purchased from the fill station onsite and does not include hydrant meter usage.





Street Department Report

January 2026

CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO

City of Johnstown
Administrative Offices



599 S. Main Street
Johnstown, Ohio 43081
Telephone: 740-967-3177

Misc.

- Equipment maintenance, cleaning, and repairs
- Greased all the trucks and backhoe
- cleaned the trucks after each salting event

Street Maintenance

- Converted street lights to LED at 137 Parkdale , 221 Stonehedge dr ,329 Stonehedge dr and the corner of Stonehedge and Pepperwood
- Filled pot holes on Commerce, Saratoga, Hillview, Lakeview, Parkdale, Bottecchia, Kasson, Pratt, Douglas, Hillbrick aly, Hanebrink, Middleburn, Central Station dr, Fairview,
- Fixed sink hole at the bridge on the bike path
- Replaced stop sign at Meadow In and W Coshocton st
- Picked up the dump truck from piepers after repair was made
- Salted after each snow event
- Used about 120 ton of salt for the month of January
- Replaced the auger and spinner pumps on the MACK truck
- Hauled all the snow from the slants parking lot and the Municipal parking lot to the bottom of hannas park

Water Maintenance

- Water turn off and on
- Fixed valve that was damaged in the dump truck accident at 55 lewis dr

Stormwater Maintenance

- Cleaned the major drains before and after each rain
- Cleaned off the street drains before and after each rain

Park Maintenance

- Trash pickup (weekly) 2 times a week during summer months
- Trail head toilet checked and cleaned (weekly)

Sewer Maintenance



Service Directors Report

1/31/2026

- 1) Water Plant Update – Held water plant construction meetings January – 7-15-22-29-2025. The meeting on the 29th was an all-day meeting. We covered operational procedures, equipment and bid packages.
- 2) Wastewater Plant Update – I have received the 90% design plans from Jacobs engineering. We will review the plans with Jacobs. The next step will be to send the plans to the EPA for their PTI review. They will send them back to us with comments.
- 3) Coughlin Apartments – No new information
- 4) Leak Detection – Had a major leak at an auto flusher at 62 and Duncan Plains. Flusher has been shut down but not repaired.
- 5) J-2 Well is down. Moodys pump and well repair is cleaning the well and will video the well. A new pump and motor have been ordered.
- 6) Low temperatures and heavy snow have caused a lot of overtime. Our crews are working very hard.



RESOLUTION 2026-10

RESOLUTION INITIATING AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1187

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2026, the Design Review Board recommended passage of the Design Guidelines to council. These guidelines incorporate changes to Chapter 1187 of the Johnstown Codified Ordinances and Johnstown City Council desires to amend sections of Title Nine, Chapter 1187, Design Review Administration and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 1137.01 of the City of Johnstown Codified Ordinances state that initiation of amendments to the zoning ordinance are by adoption of a resolution of Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Johnstown, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That City Council is initiating an amendment to Chapter 1187.

Section 2. 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 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/Public Hearing/Vote: February 3, 2026

By: _____
Mayor Tiffany Hollis

ATTEST TO: _____
Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Yazan Ashrawi, Law Director