



Regular Council
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Chip Dutcher called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for December 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Chip Dutcher, Cheryl Robertson, Doug Lehner, Marvin Block, Benjamin Lee, Sharon Hendren (absent at roll call, joined at 6:50 p.m.), Carol Van Deest

Absent - None

Staff present - Jim Lenner - Village Manager, Jack Liggett - Assistant Village Manager, Abe Haroon - Chief of Police, Dana Steffan - Finance Director, Bailey Klimchak - Village Planner, Jim Blair - Zoning Inspector, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - None

3. Invocation - Mr. Lee

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda
None

6. Council Committee reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 12/2/20; Next 1/12/21 @ 6:30 pm. Format TBD
- b. **Safety & Service:** Met 12/1/20 updated last time; Next 1/5/21 @ 5:00 pm. Format TBD
- c. **Finance:** Met 12/7/20; Next 1/19/21 @ 5:00 pm Format TBD

Continued work on Budget 2021. School zone sign quote, signs for around Leafy Dell will be ordered and installed. Update given on the CRA. Review of tap and capacity fee engineering report. CARES Act round four funding, committee decision to apply balance to Police Department wages. Quotes for touchless faucets will be considered with any additional rounds of funding.

- d. **Economic Development:** Met 12/3/20; Next 1/7/21 @ 10:00 am. Virtual
- e. **Park & Rec:** Next 12/10/20 @ 10:00 am. Virtual
- f. **School District Liaison:** 12/8/20

Discussed Joint Rec District. Superintendent Dickson provided an update on how the

school is dealing with the COVID-19 virus. Chief Haroon and Mr. Dickson are working together on protocol for reporting sexual misconduct within the schools. Update given on the weight room renovation.

7. Tabled Legislation - N/A

8. Public Hearings of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 34-2020** AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN, LICKING COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

This is the final Budget version for 2021. Mr. Lee highlighted items included; a five percent wage increase for village employees, continued coverage of medical premiums, tank purchase for asphalt for Street Department, water and sewer parking lot paving, dead tree removal along the bike path, new sludge building for Sewer Plant, sewer lining project continuation, various Police Department items including new radio, body cameras and training equipment. Took into account increased income tax revenue for new residents but stayed very conservative when looking at receipts, continued permitting of new homes, continued the contract with the Humane Society, bike path pedestrian counter, sewer plant security upgrades, new pickup truck for Water Department, plant expansion savings for both water and sewer, continuation of current projects: water tower, business park, Valleyview, Jersey Street sewer projects, water line expansion and well field assessment.

Mr. Lee thanked staff, Finance Committee and Finance Director for all the hard work on the budget; said he feels like the village is in a really good position ending the year and will be in a really good position beginning 2021. Mr. Block thanked the Finance Committee for their work and getting the budget finished on time. Mayor Dutcher said the village is in a great position with a fully balanced budget, is in a surplus, have paid all of the bills, given employees a five percent raise and he thinks that is something this village, soon to be city, can be very proud of.

Public Hearing: There were no public comments.

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to Approve the 2021 Budget; Benjamin Lee seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 6 - 0

- b. **RESOLUTION 2020-42** A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES AND TIME FOR ALL REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR.

Public Hearing: There were no public comments.

Ms. Robertson asked about any dates that would conflict with an election; Ms. Monroe said the November 2nd is the only one known at this time and the meeting was schedule for the Wednesday after.

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

Passed 7 - 0

- c. **RESOLUTION 2020-43** A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES AND TIME FOR ALL REGULAR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR.

Public Hearing: There were no public comments.

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

Passed 7 - 0

- d. **RESOLUTION 2020-44** A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SUBMITTAL DEADLINES FOR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION APPLICATIONS IN THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR.

Public Hearing: There were no public comments.

ACTION: Carol Van Deest moved to Approve; Cheryl Robertson seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Marvin Block, Benjamin Lee, Sharon Hendren, Carol Van Deest, Chip

Dutcher, Cheryl Robertson, Doug Lehner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

- e. **RESOLUTION 2020-45** A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 2021 HOLIDAYS FOR WHICH THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR BUSINESS.

Public Hearing: There were no public comments.

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

Passed 7 - 0

- f. **RESOLUTION 2020-46** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A VILLAGE LAW DIRECTOR, VILLAGE PROSECUTOR, MUNICIPAL COURT MAGISTRATE, VILLAGE ENGINEER, AND VILLAGE AUDITOR TO SERVE THE VILLAGE AND ITS' EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2021.

Clerk noted an editorial change to section one year 2020 change to 2021.

Ms. Van Deest asked about the Village Prosecutor with regard to discussion earlier in the year; Chief Haroon said he is still looking into but moving into 2021 it will remain Mark Gardner.

Public Hearing: There were no public comments.

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

Passed 7 - 0

- g. **RESOLUTION 2020-47** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

Public Hearing: There were no public comments.

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

Passed 7 - 0

- h. **ORDINANCE 37-2020** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 40-19, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance Committee approved moving the \$21,266.53 balance of additional CARES Act funds to the General Fund to be used for Police Department wages. The Ordinance needs to be passed by emergency.

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

Passed 7 - 0

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to Approve Ordinance 37-2020; Cheryl Robertson seconded and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Cheryl Robertson, Doug Lehner, Marvin Block, Benjamin Lee, Sharon Hendren, Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

9. Introduction of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 38-2020** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 1171.04 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO.

Mayor Dutcher introduced the Ordinance; Public Hearing and vote will take place at the next meeting on January 5, 2021.

Chief Haroon said this is simply the wording to allow for the use of electronic citations as we move into the future.

- b. **ORDINANCE 39-2020** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 171.08, USE OF ELECTRONICALLY CREATED CITATIONS, IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO.

Mayor Dutcher introduced the Ordinance; Public Hearing and vote will take place at the next meeting January 5, 2021.

Bailey Klimchak asked that any legal questions on the draft be emailed to her prior so she has time to seek Law Director opinion.

10. Other Business

1. The picnic tables have been placed under the Trailhead shelter house; Ms. Klimchak gave Mike and service crew a big thank you for getting them put together and set up.
2. Chief Haroon said the new cruiser came in, Mr. Lenner showed a picture.
3. Mr. Lee encouraged review of committee goals in the time off.
4. Mr. Lenner showed a picture of the new plow truck, said it was used during the first snow fall last week; he said he appreciates Council's support in getting staff members the equipment they need in order to do their job effectively.
5. Mr. Block updated that the Old Horseshoe restaurant is up for sale.
6. Mayor Dutcher noted Jack Liggett's comment that sewer and water employees are essential workers and should be include with the first people to get the COVID vaccine; he will bring up when meeting with the health department. Mr. Dutcher said the Health Department is planning an educational campaign to go with the rollout of the vaccine; Mr. Liggett said that would be educational for his staff and questions they have.
7. Mr. Block said he is very proud to be a part of this Council, everyone works together with a great staff and he thinks it is one of the best council's he has seen and Merry Christmas.
8. Ms. Monroe thanked Council members for making employees feel appreciated.
9. Mr. Blair also thanked Council and said he appreciates the opportunity to serve

Johnstown.

11. Adjourn

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Next Council Meeting January 5, 2021