



Regular Council
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Chip Dutcher called to Order the Village of Johnstown Regular Council Meeting for February 2, 2021 at 6:33 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Chip Dutcher, Cheryl Robertson, Doug Lehner, Marvin Block, Benjamin Lee, Sharon Hendren, 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, Police Officers and Staff of Johnstown Police Department, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - Hayden Kandel and family, Gary Hargraves Jr. and family, Ryan Green, John Luke, Ruth Ann Booher

3. Invocation - Mr. Lee

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Swearing In - Police

Gary Hargraves took the oath of office administered by Mayor Chip Dutcher and was sworn in as a full time Police Officer for the Village of Johnstown.

6. Chief Accommodation

Chief of Police Haroon presented a Chief's Accommodation and recognized Hayden Kandel for his courage and heroism when he placed himself in harms way to aide in the welfare of a Johnstown resident who he believed was being mauled by a dog. Mr. Kandel sustained substantial injuries when the dog turned on him; he likely limited further injury and danger to another.

7. Action on Minutes

a. January 19, 2021

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to Approve; Doug Lehner 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

8. Citizen comments on matters not on the agenda
There were no comments from the public.
9. Council Committee reports
 - a. **Planning & Zoning:** Met 1/26/21 minutes draft sent out; Next 2/9/21 @ 6:30 pm Hybrid
Review of the Design Guidelines draft document, Kim Littleton with OHM attended.
Continued review of the Zoning Ordinance draft. An official appeal hearing will be held at the February 9th meeting and there are many applications scheduled for the February 23rd meeting.
 - b. **Safety & Service:** 2/2/21; Next 3/2/21 @ 5:00 pm Hybrid
Met with AEP representatives on village lighting; questions answered and proposal given to committee, representatives will return to the March 2nd meeting for further discussion.
Request to remove some parking on E. Pratt Street was approved; legislation will be on an upcoming agenda. Updates given on village projects. Discussion on department security upgrades, waiting on estimates.
 - c. **Finance:** Met 1/19/21 updated last time, minutes draft sent out; Next 2/16/21 @ 5:00 pm Hybrid
No new updates
 - d. **Economic Development:** Met 1/7/21 minutes draft/update given last time; Next 2/4/21 @ 10:00 am Virtual
Decision to cancel the February 4th meeting.
 - e. **Park & Rec:** Met 1/14/21 updated last time, minutes draft attached; Next 2/11/21 @ 10:00 am Virtual
No new updates.

10. Director Reports

- a. Service Department: Water, Wastewater, Street
Jack Liggett provided project updates:

Croton Road Water Line is one bacteria test away from having substantial completion of the project and fulfilling the village obligation to New Day Farms.

South Oregon Phase III project; working to get easements, hopeful for bidding out on February 19th.

Jersey Street Relief Sewer project; hoping to bid at the end of this month, potential for delay due to loan application but working hard to ensure that doesn't happen.

Added that once the Croton Road water line is complete, the village will be eligible for the \$60,000 early completion bonus.

Water Tower; lot being surveyed, would like that project bid either the end of this month or beginning of March.

Mr. Liggett reviewed the Department Director reports for Water, Sewer and Streets.

b. Manager

Jim Lenner highlighted items within his report. The ITS4US grant was not received, Mr. Lenner asked to gauge Council interest in continuing the discussion of reliable transportation options for Johnstown residents and employers; tech, corporate and institutional partners still want to see this go forward. Johnstown has been asked to continue leading the conversation which would take staff time; \$200,000 from a government agency is pledged to help run a test pilot project. LCATS would hold the technology once developed; would like to have the pilot up and running by summer. Mr. Lenner reviewed transit route recommendations that could get employees to Johnstown businesses from other areas; this would expand Licking County Transit's routes. Partners will be Johnstown, New Albany, LCATS and Licking County Transit. Ms. Robertson said this is good for Economic Development and in the long run will be a wise decision; continued discussion and Council approval of continuing pursuit of this project.

11. Tabled Legislation - N/A

12. Public Hearings of Legislation

a. **RESOLUTION 2021-03** A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE JOHNSTOWN EVENTS COMMITTEE.

This formalizes a committee to standardize community events, primarily the village Fourth of July fireworks and festivals and could also help as liaison for other events.

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Block said he would like to see the committee opened to the community for appointments; his ideas are Downtown Johnstown, the American Legion, the Fire Department, downtown business people, the Historical Society, CCL and the school; noted this could be the beginning of getting a Chamber of Commerce started.

Passage of this legislation establishes the committee and Council will work to seek out those interested in appointment.

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to Approve; Sharon Hendren seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

13. Introduction of Legislation

- a. **ORDINANCE 01-2021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 921.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO IN ORDER TO SET WATER TAP AND CAPACITY FEES CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN.

This is an Ordinance to increase water capacity fees charged by the Village of Johnstown as recommended by the Village Engineer.

Mr. Lenner said Ordinances 01-2021 and 02-2021 are introductions; these affect new construction only, language includes a sunset clause requiring usage of the tap within 180 days - only affects taps purchased between passage and effective date (thirty days). Builders will be notified of the increased rate and effective date.

Mr. Block asked how long it had been since the last increase and if the Croton Road residents would be notified. Mr. Lenner said five years since last increase and at that time the village did not raise them to the full engineer recommendation; and yes the residents on Croton Road will be notified after passage.

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- b. **ORDINANCE 02-2021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.035 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO IN ORDER TO SET SEWER TAP AND CAPACITY FEES CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN.

This is an Ordinance to increase sewer capacity fees charged by the Village of Johnstown as recommended by the Village Engineer.

Same comments in Ordinance 01-2021 apply.

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- c. **ORDINANCE 03-2021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 34-20, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN TO APPROVE NECESSARY CHANGES OF APPROPRIATIONS.

This is appropriation of funds for the salt storage building and a computer for Mayor's Court.

Finance Director Dana Steffan said the salt storage building was previously approved in Ordinance 09-2020 and appropriated in 2020, there is a remaining balance outstanding this

year to be paid in the amount of \$175,000, this was not included in the 2021 budget but there are funds, it was bonded and the money is available. The Mayor's Court computer will be paid from the fund that collects Mayor's Court fines; there is enough money in the fund to pay for this computer.

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- d. **ORDINANCE 04-2021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN.

Village Planner Bailey Klimchak said this is forwarded to Council from Planning and Zoning; it is a rezoning of two properties on West Coshocton Street and the owner has requested rezoning to Village Commercial which is the same zoning as the neighboring nursing home property; the rezoning would follow along with the Village Future Land Use Plan.

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- e. **ORDINANCE 05-2021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN.

Village Planner Bailey Klimchak said this ordinance also was forwarded to Council by Planning and Zoning; this is a map change for a parcel located North of the village on US 62, the applicant has requested the parcel be rezoned to Commercial which also follows along with the Village Future Land Use Plan.

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14. Other Business

1. Bailey Klimchak said the TAP application for the development of trails in Raccoon Creek Park has been submitted.
2. Mr. Lenner asked if there was any update on Tree City status; Ms. Klimchak said she may not be the first to hear, a letter may be sent to the Mayor.
3. Mr. Lee provided an update on the work by the Planning and Zoning Commission on the Design Guidelines and said Ms. Robertson previously asked the difference between guidelines and standards, there has been discussion on a recommendation to change "guidelines" to "requirements" and how best to do that. Ms. Robertson thanked Mr. Lee for his follow up with the Law Director; she would like to have requirements, not just guidelines which a builder would not necessarily be required to follow.

15. Adjourn

Vision Statement: The Village of Johnstown is dedicated to providing a secure community environment that fosters cultural, recreational, educational and economic opportunities while preserving our unique historical character

ACTION: Cheryl Robertson 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 7:36 p.m.

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