



Johnstown Events Committee
Friday, February 26, 2021 - 4:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Ben Lee called to order the Johnstown Events Committee for February 26, 2021 at 4:35 pm.

Members present: Ben Lee, Janet Piper, Doug Lehner (absent at roll, arrived at 4:50 pm.)
Absent: None

Staff present: Teresa Monroe

2. Introduction

Members appointed to the newly formed Johnstown Events Committee are Benjamin Lee - Village Council, Doug Lehner - Village Council and Janet Piper.

History given on work in 2020 toward a fireworks event in the midst of COVID-19 and ultimate decision to cancel and move resources to plan the event in 2021; reserved date with the fireworks company is July 3rd, 2021.

3. Fireworks 2021 - Update and Scope

Mr. Lee said he has had discussions with the Fire Chief, JYAA and Hamburg (the fireworks company), about standardization of execution for the event with the American Legion's desire to take a step back from the major planning aspects. Mr. Lee said he has a workable template right now with a site in mind; behind the school utilizing the stadium as a viewing point and he will send out the site map to the committee showing location and exclusion zones. Noted he is just waiting on verbal commitments from JYAA to use their property again; hopefully talk through in a couple weeks.

Mr. Lee said the goal was to get the committee set up, to have public participation and have a more formalized way to report back to Council since the village will be taking on more of a centralized role, as well as financial contribution and partnering with the American Legion to maintain that connection. Mr. Lee thanked Ms. Piper for joining the committee and wanting to be involved.

Committee discussion on the community fireworks event for 2021; fundraising and potential for corporate sponsors, food trucks, Licking County Community Emergency Response team for potential assistance with parking, and security of the exclusion zones by Johnstown PD.

Next steps:

Meet in two weeks with all parties involved and if all are in agreement with the details, to then ask JYAA to pass another resolution allowing for use of their property to set off the fireworks; then would solidify the contract with Hamburg, they already have the money; and then start the scope of planning.

Consideration of incorporating a celebration of city status at the same event, assuming there is certification by the Secretary of State by then; committee to think about what that could be. There is money in the budget above and beyond the village contribution that could be used if needed.

Committee in favor of going forward with a Fourth of July Fireworks celebration.

Meeting will be scheduled in two weeks.

4. Adjourn

ACTION: Janet Piper moved to Adjourn; Doug Lehner seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Benjamin Lee, Doug Lehner, Janet Piper

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm