

Johnsonburg Borough  
Regular Meeting  
April 8, 2019  
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order, Silent Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

| Roll Call/Attendance              | Title                      | Present | Absent | Excused |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Carnessali, Makaila (JCP)         | Junior Councilperson       | X       |        |         |
| Carnessali, Stephanie             | Councilman                 | X       |        |         |
| Cherry, Scott                     | Councilman                 | X       |        |         |
| Clopp, John                       | Police Chief               | X       |        |         |
| DeAngelo, James                   | Councilman                 | X       |        |         |
| DePanfilis, James R.              | Councilman                 | X       |        |         |
| Dickey, Robert                    | Fire Chief                 |         |        | X       |
| Feronti, Elizabeth                | Solicitor                  |         |        | X       |
| Fowler, Jack                      | Mayor                      | X       |        |         |
| Haynes, Tori                      | Junior Councilperson       | X       |        |         |
| Imbrogno, Louie                   | Councilman                 | X       |        |         |
| Imbrogno, Tom                     | Street Superintendent      |         |        | X       |
| Kilhoffer, Rachel                 | Secretary                  | X       |        |         |
| King, Ronald                      | Councilman                 | X       |        |         |
| Maletto, Alfred J.                | President                  | X       |        |         |
| Miller, Ryan<br>(ARS Engineering) | Engineer/ Code Enforcement | X       |        |         |
| Johnsonburg Municipal Authority   | Representative             | X       |        |         |

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 11, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: Joe Dagher, a Republic candidate for Elk County Commissioner, was present to introduce himself to Council and discuss the issues he feels are important to the community including blighted homes, the county jail budget and work force retention.

Matt Queensbury, Elk County Commissioner, was present to update the Council on projects the current commissioners are working towards including the 2020 census, rural broadband problems and solutions, the capital murder trials facing the county and the updating of the county's elections machines.

Sharon Muroski Methany of 422 Cushing Ave. was present to express concerns to Council about the addresses of the 400 block of Cushing Ave. and the difficulty emergency services have had in finding their homes. Cushing Ave. does not have a 300 block and breaks from 200 to 400 and because you need to make several turns before you reach the 400 block it is difficult for emergency services to locate. She cited several incidents when this has occurred.

Upon the advice of Commissioner Queensbury, Council will discuss the matter with the Elk County 911 addressing coordinator.

William Jundizilio was present to request that Council grant him access to a garage on the property that he recently purchased at 101 Church St. The property has been vacant for several years and the garage access is located off of a paper street extension of Church St. The public works committee will review the situation.

### Monthly Reports

Mayor: Mayor Fowler reported that the National Day of Prayer will be held this year on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Junior Council Person: JCP Carnessali reported that her and JCP Haynes attended the Elk County Commissioner's meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and toured the 911 center.

Police: Monthly report is on file. Chief Clopp reviewed his report which included the following:

- Chief Clopp conducted programs at the Johnsonburg Area Elementary School and St. John Lutheran Church

Fire Chief: Monthly report is on file.

Superintendent: Monthly report is on file.

Council Committees: President Maletto stated that the public works committee met on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Upon review of a citizen request, it was decided that there will be no changes to the parking on Bridge St.

A tax claim bid was denied for 209 Cobb St. The bidder was interested in using the commercial property for a residential purpose.

Finance & Bills for Payment: This month's bills include: General Fund - \$4,214.06, Community Center Fund - \$3,897.13, Borough Equipment Fund - \$2,253.54, Highway Aid Fund - \$631.20, and Community Improvement Fund - \$1,464.95. It was moved by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman Cherry to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor: Solicitor Feronti was excused.

Engineer & Code Enforcement Report: Monthly report is on file. Engineer Miller reviewed items on his report including the Harrison Ave. multimodal grant, the community center playground renovations, 2019 Community Development Block Grant projects of the Market

St. sidewalk replacement and the community center sewer line replacement and researching the possibility of a ticketing ordinance.

Municipal Authority: Minutes are on file. Municipal Authority Manager Lisa Sorg reported that the authority is waiting for the USDA for a permit to go to bid for the new water treatment plant.

Recreation Board: Nothing submitted. A discussion was held on the pool ceiling. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman King to take core samples of the ceiling for further assessment. Motion carried unanimously.

President Maletto requested that a recreation board member attend the borough council meetings to update council on programs and building activities.

Old Business: A proposal was received from Pennsylvania Economy League for the Early Intervention Program through the Department of Community and Economic Development. The proposal will be reviewed and discussed with our DCED representative.

New Business: (1) A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman King to allow the Girl Scouts to use the borough parking lot for a fundraiser on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Due to a letter received by residents of the neighborhood, a motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to put a Watch Children sign on East Ave. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) A motion was made by Councilman Carnessali and seconded by Councilman King to install a fence at 448 Center St. Motion carried with Councilman DePanfilis opposed.

(4) A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman DePanfilis to use county liquid fuels grant funding of \$8,000 for the final backhoe payment. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to make Councilman Carnessali a voting delegate at the annual Pennsylvania State Borough's Association in June. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Cherry to send Engineer Miller to State College on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for a grant writing course. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Cherry to move into executive session at 5:27 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman Carnessali to return to regular session at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

President Maletto stated that, during executive session, personnel were discussed and no decisions were made.

A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Cherry to appoint Michaela Quiggle as recreation director at \$10.00 per hour with back pay. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to send a support letter for Don "Stretch" Reed of Emporium Borough for his bid as Vice President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman DePanfilis to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Rachel Kilhoffer  
Secretary