Johnsonburg Borough Regular Meeting December 13, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Silent Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Attendance	Title	Present	Absent	Excused
Carnessali, Stephanie	Councilman			х
Cherry, Scott	Councilman	Х		
Clopp, John	Police Chief	Х		
DeAngelo, James	Councilman	Х		
DePanfilis, James R.	Councilman	Х		
Feronti, Elizabeth	Solicitor	Х		
Fowler, Jack	Mayor	Х		
Imbrogno, Louie	Councilman	Х		
Imbrogno, Tom	Street Superintendent			Х
Kilhoffer, Rachel	Secretary	Х		
King, Ronald	Councilman			Х
Maletto, Alfred J.	President	Х		
Miller, Ryan (ARS Engineering)	Engineer/ Code Enforcement	х		
Johnsonburg Municipal Authority	Manager Dan Newell	х		

<u>Minutes</u>: A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held November 8, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve the minutes from the special meeting held November 22, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: Carlson Technologies representatives gave a presentation on their business services.

A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo to move into <u>executive session</u> to discuss real estate and litigation at 4:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman Cherry to returned to <u>regular session</u> at 4:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Monthly Reports

<u>Mayor:</u> Mayor Fowler reported that the Santa parade went well and was well attended. He thanked the public for his four years of office.

Police: Monthly report is on file. Chief Clopp's report included the following:

- The department participated in the Veteran's Day ceremony at the high school.
- The department will be participating in the annual Elk County Project Gifts for Kids this month.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to allow officers to purchase their handguns at trade value. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief: Monthly report is on file.

Superintendent: No report submitted.

Council Committees: Nothing submitted.

<u>Finance & Bills for Payment</u>: President Maletto read the borough's account balances and the bills. This month's bills include General Fund - \$6,929.94, Community Center Fund - \$9,821.87, Borough Equipment Fund - \$1,535.05, Highway Aid Fund - \$8,642.03, Community Improvement Fund - \$13,539.00. A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded Councilman Cherry to pay the bills as presented and to accept the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor: Solicitor Feronti had nothing to report outside of executive session.

Engineer & Code Enforcement Report: Monthly report is on file.

Engineer Miller updated Council on the Harrison Ave. Realignment Project construction including National Fuel Gas line damage and line replacement.

He discussed properties receiving code violation tickets.

Municipal Authority: Johnsonburg Municipal Authority Manager Dan Newell updated Council on current municipal authority projects and reported on the new water line project.

A discussion was held on the Second Ave water leak.

Recreation Board: Minutes are on file.

Old Business: Nothing submitted.

<u>New Business</u>: 1. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to use the remainder of 2021 Act 13 funding for the replacement of the main service panel in the Johnsonburg Community Center. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. The proposals for the flood control culvert study were opened with the following results:
 - CJ Wallace \$73,900
 - Century Engineering \$96,369
 - P. Joseph Lehman \$50,780.50
 - E&M Engineering \$62,300
 - Lenon, Smith (LSSE) \$114,950
 - LR Kimball \$46,845
 - EADS Group \$80,000

A motion was by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo to table the bids for review until our next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Cherry to adopt Ordinance 2021-02 which set the tax schedule for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to adopt the 2022 budget. Motion carried unanimously. The 2022 budget includes a 1.25 mill increase in the general fund, a 2.5% raise for borough employees, a \$2 per hour raise for the recreation director, a \$2 per hour raise for the lifeguards, part-time street crew position for \$15 per hour, and funding for a salary and benefit package for a fourth full-time police officer per their contract.
- 5. A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Cherry to purchase 306 & 308 High St and apply for PHARE funding for demolition. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman DePanfilis to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Rachel Kilhoffer Secretary

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Tax Ordinance Ordinance No. 2021-02

An ordinance of the Borough of Johnsonburg, County of Elk, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2022;

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Johnsonburg, County of Elk and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

THAT A TAX BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY levied on all real property and occupations within the Borough of Johnsonburg subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2020 as follows:

	Real Estate Mills on Each Dollar of Assess Valuation	Occupation Mills on Each Dollar of Assess Valuation
Tax Rate for General Purposes	19.35 Mills	200
Tax Rate for Debt Purposes	2.8 Mills	10
Tax Rate for Street Lights	1.96 Mills	8
Tax Rate for Library	1 Mills	3
Tax Rate for Retirement	.2 Mills	0.5
Tax Rate for Fire Protection	1.2 Mills	6
Tax Rate for Recreation	1.7 Mills	0
Tax Rate for Borough Equipment	1.4 Mills	0
Total	29.61 Mills	227.5

\$47 Local Services Tax

That any ordinance, or part of ordinance, conflicting with this ordinance is and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

Adopted the 13th day of Neomber , 2021

Mayor

Borough Council President

Secretary