

Johnsonburg Borough  
Regular Meeting  
January 9, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order  
Silent Prayer  
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Attendance	Title	Present	Absent	Excused
Cherry, Scott	Councilman	X		
Clopp, John	Police Chief	X		
DeAngelo, James	Councilman	X		
DePanfilis, James R.	Councilman	X		
Imbrogno, Louie	Councilman	X		
Imbrogno, Tom	Street Superintendent	X		
Johnsonburg Municipal Authority	Representative	X		
Kilhoffer, Rachel	Secretary	X		
Maletto, Alfred J.	President	X		
Miller, Ryan (ARS Engineering)	Engineer/ Code Enforcement	X		
Paget, Kyle	Mayor	X		
Poague, Eric	Councilman	X		
Thomas, John R.	Solicitor	X		
Warmbrodt, Richard	Councilman	X		

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Poague and seconded by Councilman DePanfilis to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: None presented.

A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo to go into executive session to discuss legal matters at 4:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman Poague to return to regular session at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

President Maletto stated that, during executive session, litigation was discussed but no action was taken.

### Monthly Reports

Mayor: Mayor Paget reported that the luminary project on Market St. on New Year's Eve was a nice decoration for downtown. This program is put on by the Johnsonburg Community

Trust. He also reminded everyone of the annual Purse Bingo fundraiser being held in January to benefit the Johnsonburg Public Library and the Johnsonburg Community Center.

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

- The department participated in holiday events in December including Shop with a Cop at St. Marys Walmart and hosted Project Gifts for Kids in Johnsonburg.
- The department completed annual CPR, AED and first aid training in December.

Chief Clopp requested the assistance of the public in removing abandoned vehicles from public roadways. He also gave an update on the townwide surveillance camera project.

Fire Chief: Monthly report is on file.

Superintendent: Monthly report is on file.

Council Committees: Nothing presented.

Finance & Bills for Payment: President Maletto read the borough's account balances and the bills. This month's bills include General Fund - \$4,780.82, Community Center Fund - \$3,491.62, Community Improvement Fund - \$1,300.00, and Highway Aid Fund - \$4,564.02. A motion was made by Councilman Cherry and seconded by Councilman Poague to pay the bills as presented and to accept the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor: Solicitor Thomas had nothing to report.

Engineer & Code Enforcement Report: Monthly report is on file. Mr. Miller reviewed his report which included the following

- The 306 & 308 High St. demolitions are complete.
- The 704 Bridge St. demolition contract has been awarded.
- He received an update on our Local Share Grant application (528 Market St. demolition) in that the Commonwealth Finance Authority cancelled their January meeting which was when it was scheduled to be awarded so we will wait for a follow up date.
- A brief update on outstanding Community Development Block Grant projects on W. Center St., Julia St. and Second Ave.

Councilman DePanfilis requested a code enforcement update on 314 High St.

Municipal Authority: Minutes on file. Discussion was held on the status of board member Earl Park's rescinded resignation and the vacant manager's position.

Recreation Board: Minutes and reports are on file. A discussion was held on the damage done to the pool room ceiling due to a water leak. Engineer Miller will contact the manufacturer for recommendations.

Correspondence: Secretary Kilhoffer presented the following correspondence available for further review:

- A letter from the Johnsonburg Municipal Authority stating that the board voted to reduce their number from seven to five.

Old Business: Nothing presented.

New Business: 1. A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Warmbrodt to exonerate Tax Collector Trina DeStephano from collection of the 2020 per capita taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. A motion was made by Councilman Poague and seconded by Councilman DePanfilis to appoint Councilman Warmbrodt to the Shade Tree Commission for a five-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Poague and seconded by Councilman DePanfilis to table the resignation and rescinding of said resignation by Earl Park until we have an opinion from our solicitor on the matter. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Cherry to appoint Councilman DePanfilis to the Johnsonburg Municipal Authority for a one-year term filling the position vacated with the resignation by Ken Polaski. President Maletto called for a roll call vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A discussion was held on the Johnsonburg Municipal Authority board's vote to reduce their board from seven members to five members. Solicitor Thomas explained the procedure to reduce the size of the board which involves changed the Articles of Incorporation and cannot be done by a majority vote of the board.

A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Councilman Poague to the Johnsonburg Municipal Authority for a five-year term. President Maletto called for a roll call vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Councilman Warmbrodt and seconded by Councilman Poague to appoint Charles DeStephano to the Johnsonburg Municipal Authority for a five-year term. President Maletto called for a roll call vote with the following results: DeAngelo - undecided, Warmbrodt - yes, Cherry - no, DePanfilis - no, Poague - no, Imbrogno - no, Maletto - undecided. Motion denied.

A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to appoint Paul Vilella to the Johnsonburg Municipal Authority for a five-year term. President Maletto called for a roll call vote. Motion carried with Councilman Poague voting no.

3. The commercial brick building at 512 Market St. was discussed with Engineer Miller reporting to Council on the deteriorated condition of the building particularly the back half that faces Center St. A motion was made by Councilman Poague and seconded by Councilman Cherry to purchase 512 Market St. from the Elk County Repository, have ARS Engineering draw up the demolition specifications and advertise for the demolition. Motion carried with Councilman DePanfilis voting no.

4. Secretary Kilhoffer informed Council about Request for Projects put out by North Central. She has discussed a possible project of reconnecting the parts of the community that were cut off by the construction of the SR219 bypass. A motion was made by Councilman Poague and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to submit a project request with the assistance of ARS Engineering. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilman Warmbrodt and seconded by Councilman DePanfilis to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Rachel Kilhoffer  
Secretary

