

Johnsonburg Borough
Regular Meeting
June 12, 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		

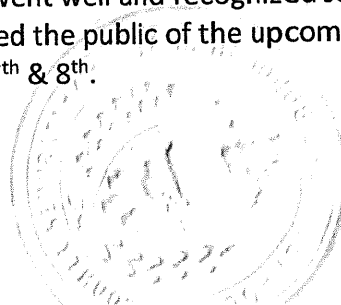
Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Councilman Warmbrodt and seconded by Councilman DePanfilis to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Poague and seconded by Councilman Warmbrodt to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 8, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests & Public Comment: Augustine Oglesby, 421 Second Ave., was present to discuss the Waste Management proposal to begin using 96-gallon trash carts and would like the borough to encourage residents to recycle. She also asked Chief Clopp what can be done about people lighting off fireworks on her street. He recommended she contact the department when these incidents occur.

Monthly Reports

Mayor: Mayor Paget reported that Memorial Day services went well and recognized Joe Scida as Johnsonburg's oldest living veteran. He also reminded the public of the upcoming alumni weekend celebrations and fireworks display on July 7th & 8th.



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

- The department completed their annual Use of Force/Control Tactics training.
- Members of the department attended the annual county police memorial service on May 15th.
- The new tasers are in service.

Fire Chief: Monthly report is on file.

Superintendent: Monthly report is on file. Superintendent Imbrogno reported that the borough's new pickup truck is being built.

Council Committees: The public works committee met with Waste Management representative Terri Fischer to discuss our upcoming contract renewal for service. The public works committee also met with National Fuel and Allegheny Contracting about road cuts on Spruce St. and High St.

Finance & Bills for Payment: President Maletto read the borough's account balances and the bills. This month's bills include General Fund - \$22,566.30, Community Center Fund - \$5,633.34, Highway Aid Fund - \$1,366.20 and Community Improvement Fund - \$3,123.94. A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Poague to pay the bills as presented and to accept the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor: Solicitor Thomas was excused. Secretary Kilhoffer reported on a recent Zoning Hearing Board decision that was appealed to and upheld by the court concerning short-term rental properties in residential zoning districts.

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

- He is working on the specifications for the Johnsonburg Hotel demolition site cleanup now that Elk County has received its 2022 Community Development Block Grant funding and anticipates the project to bid in July.
- He reported that the meetings with Senator Dush and Representative Armanini about the former theater building at 528 Market St. went well and both were able to see the challenges and the benefits to redeveloping the site.
- He confirmed that the Johnsonburg Community Center rear driveway handicapped parking specifications will include replacing the wall by the basement stairs.

Mr. Miller reported that our 2023 Community Development Block Grant project concerning the sewer line behind the Johnsonburg Community Center has been deemed ineligible. A discussion was held on this and other potential applicable projects. We decided to continue with our slum and blight project for the demolition of the houses at the corner of Bergen St. and First Ave.

Municipal Authority: Minutes are on file. A brief discussion was held on a water leak on Mill St. and a sewer leak on Legion Ave.

A discussion was held on sewage issues at 424 Second Ave. Ryan Miller reported that code enforcement proceedings have begun against this property.

Recreation Board: Minutes and reports are on file.

Old Business: 1. A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded Councilman DeAngelo to purchase 13 conference room chairs from Uline for \$155 per chair. Motion carried unanimously.

2. The Waste Management garbage contract renewal was tabled. Council would like our representative to take a tour of the town.

3. Ryan Miller reported that only one bid was received to the Elk County Planning Department for the West End Stormwater Project including Julia St. and W. Center St. with the bid for Julia St. being \$80,019 and W. Center St. being \$125,075. After discussion, it was decided to focus on Julia St. for 2023 and to table W. Center St. for this year.

New Business: 1. A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Poague to allow the Johnsonburg Community Trust to close the 600 block of Market St. on July 8th for alumni weekend events. Motion carried unanimously.

2. A motion was made by Councilman Poague and seconded by Councilman Warmbrodt to allow the Johnsonburg Farmers & Artisans Market (JFAM) to close Market St., in front of the brick block building, on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. from July 12th through September 13th. Motion carried unanimously.

3. A motion was made by Councilman Poague and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to purchase five outdoor trash cans for Market St. and Center St. from Belson Outdoors for \$4,910.86 and to apply to the Johnsonburg Endowment Fund for grant funding for five additional trash cans. Motion carried unanimously.

4. A discussion was held on the condition of the residential structures at 508 Second Ave. and 210 Mill St., and the code enforcement procedures taken against each property. A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Warmbrodt to declare each property (508 Second Ave. and 210 Mill St.) a public nuisance and proceed with legal action to abate. President Maletto called for a roll call which was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.


5. A discussion was held on the 2023 Community Development Block Grant application for slum and blight and, also, the 2021 CDBG funding available. A motion was made to purchase 205 Bergen St. and 201 First Ave. for the purpose of demolition using the 2021 CDBG funding of \$39,000. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Poague to apply to the Elk County Planning Department for the 2021 CDBG funding for the demolition of 205 Bergen St. and 201 First Ave. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for slum and blight funding will include the demolition of 200 Bergen St., 205 First Ave., and 207 First Ave.

6. A request was received from Ridgway Animal Haven for additional funding and to increase our annual budget allotment. The council did not wish to make an additional contribution at this time but will consider increasing the budget amount.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilman Poague and seconded by Councilman Warmbrodt to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Rachel Kilhoffer
Secretary