

Johnsonburg Borough
Special Meeting
March 4, 2021
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call/Attendance	Title	Present	Absent	Excused
Carnessali, Stephanie	Councilman			X
Cherry, Scott	Councilman	X		
Clopp, John	Police Chief			X
DeAngelo, James	Councilman	X		
DePanfilis, James R.	Councilman	X		
Feronti, Elizabeth	Solicitor	X		
Fowler, Jack	Mayor	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 (ARS Engineering)	Engineer/ Code Enforcement	X		
Johnsonburg Municipal Authority	Representative			X

Business: Engineer Ryan Miller and grant writer Clythera Hornung were present to explain the history of the Johnsonburg Community Center Heating Upgrade Project and the award given by the George & Margaret Mee Foundation. The project has begun and is being funded; however, the bid came in under the grant award and the foundation is requesting a portion of the funding to be returned. They have encouraged us to apply for additional grants for projects for the community center. A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman King to continue with projects at the community center by applying for another Mee Foundation grant. Motion carried unanimously.

2001 Paving Project: Discussion was held on the 2021 paving project. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman King to borrow \$750,000 from Northwest in anticipation of the paving project bids being accepted by borough council. President Maletto called for a roll call vote which was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman King to go out for bid for the 2021 paving project as presented. President Maletto called for a roll call vote which was unanimous.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and moved by Councilman King to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Rachel Kilhoffer, Secretary

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Johnsonburg Borough
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2021
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call/Attendance	Position	Present	Absent	Excused
Carnessali, Stephanie	Councilman		X	
Cherry, Scott	Councilman	X		
Clopp, John	Police Chief	X		
DeAngelo, James	Councilman	X		
DePanfilis, James R.	Councilman	X		
Feronti, Elizabeth	Solicitor	X		
Fowler, Jack	Mayor	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 (ARS Engineering)	Engineer/ Code Enforcement	X		
Johnsonburg Municipal Authority	Representative	X		

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held February 8, 2021 and the recessed meeting held February 16, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve the minutes from the special meeting held March 4, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

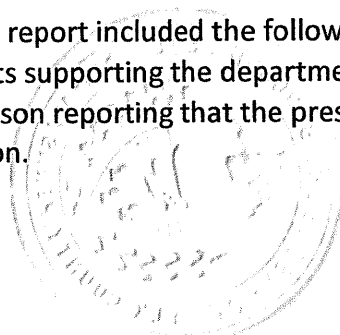
Guests: None present.

Monthly Reports

Mayor: Mayor Fowler reminded the public to turn their clocks this weekend. He wished the local high sports participants luck in their post season play. With nicer weather approaching, he reminded the public to be cautious pedestrians.

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

- A thank you note to local groups for gifts supporting the department.
- An update on the Johnsonburg Hotel arson reporting that the presiding judge ordered restitution to the borough for demolition.
- New firearms have arrived.



- Body cameras have been ordered. The department's body camera policy has been approved by Pennsylvania State Police and is now being reviewed by the borough solicitor. Chief Clopp thanked the Johnsonburg Charity Ball for the donated funds for the body cameras.

Fire Chief: Monthly report is on file.

Superintendent: Monthly report is on file. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman DePanfilis to get quotes for a new dump truck for purchase in 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Committees: President Maletto reported that the public works committee met to review the 2021 paving project and the personnel committee met to interview applicants for the recreation director position.

Finance & Bills for Payment: President Maletto read the borough's account balances and the bills. This month's bills include: General Fund - \$7,791.90, Community Center Fund - \$5,488.05, Borough Equipment Fund - \$1,066.49, Highway Aid Fund - \$9,042.26, and Community Improvement Fund - \$1,025.00. A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded Councilman King to pay as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor: Discussion was held on the bond counsel for our 2021 paving project.

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

Engineer Miller updated Council on the Harrison Ave. Realignment Project. The road had developed soft spots due to weather that were fixed by the contractor and the borough crew.

The Johnsonburg Community Center Heating Upgrade project is wrapping up for this phase of the first-floor offices and basement hallway area. A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman King to pay Epic Heating for the project after it has been inspected and improved by Engineer Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Brief updates were given on the Mary St. Stormwater Project, the PHARE funding grant for 209 Cobb St. and code enforcement issues.

Municipal Authority: Minutes are on file. Johnsonburg Municipal Authority Manager Dan Newell reported that the authority expects the new water plant to be ready on April 1st.

Recreation Board: Minutes are on file. A resignation letter was received from Mary Frey. A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo to appoint TJ Weaver to the recreation board to fill the vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Cherry and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to hire Tyra Zimmerman as a part-time recreation director for the Johnsonburg Community Center as per the recommendation of the Johnsonburg Recreation Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: (1). Engineer Miller explained that the Elk County Conservation District would like to meet with the borough to discuss some long-term solutions to the sandbar problems in Silver Creek.

(2) PHARE funding has been approved for 209 Cobb St. Bid award and demolition will be scheduled by the Elk County Planning Department.

(3) Discussion was held on the 528 Market St. (former Armstrong Theater building). Traffic has been diverted away from the front of this building since a structure fire in April 2020. It was decided to get quotes on demolishing the building to the Market St. level.

New Business: (1) Discussion was held on properties in the Elk County Repository and the process of rehabilitation or demolition of these properties.

A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to deny the current bids for 303 & 305 First Ave. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) An addition to Ordinance 292-11 establishing street weight limits was discussed with no action taken. Solicitor Feronti will research this matter further.

(3) A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo to adopt Ordinance 2021-01: Tax Collector Fee Ordinance. President Maletto called for roll call vote which was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman King to send a letter of support to Tri County Rails to Trails for a feasibility study for extending the trails from Ridgway to Johnsonburg. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the proposed canoe/kayak launch off Glen Ave. that was to be installed as part of the Johnsonburg Municipal Authority's current water treatment plant project.

A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to allow the Johnsonburg Recreation Board to use the borough parking on April 3rd for a fundraiser. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilman Cherry and seconded by Councilman King to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Secretary

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