

Johnsonburg Borough
Regular Meeting via Zoom online conference
May 11, 2020
4:07 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		

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held April 13, 2020 and the special meeting on April 20, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: At this time, Councilman DeAngelo asked Superintendent Imbrogno on the status of the storm water problem in front of the Pura residence on Powers Ave. He reported that the PA One Call has been made for them to start on the project.

Monthly Reports

Mayor: Mayor Fowler asked the public to please respond to the 2020 Census and stressed its importance to public services. He reviewed Governor Wolf's yellow status guidelines concerning the COVID 19 pandemic. He reported that Memorial Day services in Johnsonburg have been cancelled but encouraged personal remembrances.

Police: Monthly report is on file. Chief Clopp thanked the Johnsonburg Rotary Club for donating face masks to the department and the First Baptist Church for providing lunch. He also reported hiring Andrew O'Rourke as a part-time officer.

Fire Chief: Monthly report is on file. Chris Kreckel has been appointed as the new fire chief and Scott Luhr as the new deputy chief.

assistant

Superintendent: Monthly report is on file. Superintendent Imbrogno reported on a traffic pattern change on Market St. after placing safety barriers pulling traffic away from the theater building which was recently damaged in a structure fire. The street will continue to be a two lane with no parking on the east side towards the brick block building as traffic will shift towards that side of the street. This will continue until further notice.

Council Committees: President Maletto stated that the public works committee met to review the traffic pattern on Market St. because of the structure fire at 528 Market St. and the general safety of the area.

Finance & Bills for Payment: This month's bills include: General Fund - \$2,272.53, Community Center Fund - \$2,752.79, Borough Equipment Fund - \$1,025.92, Highway Aid Fund = \$1,071.20, Community Improvement Fund - \$4,994.50, and Street Light Fund = \$265.00. A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded Councilman King to pay as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor: Solicitor Feronti had nothing to report.

Engineer & Code Enforcement Report: Monthly report is on file. Engineer Miller updated Council on the following:

- Dean Construction gave May 18th as the project start date for the Harrison Ave. Realignment Project.
- The theater building at 528 Market St. was posted as a Dangerous Structure.
- He reviewed several code enforcement tickets recently issued.

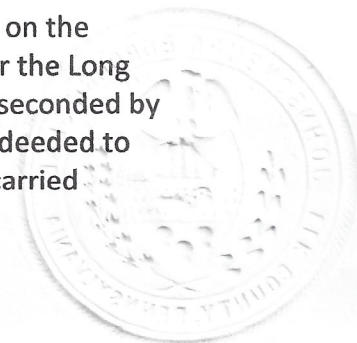
A discussion was held on the reimbursement timetable for the grant received for the Harrison Ave. Realignment Project.

Municipal Authority: Minutes are on file. Municipal Authority Board member Thomas J. Weaver reported that the new water treatment plant on First Ave. project is going well.

A discussion was held on the sewer line behind the Johnsonburg Community Center off Bridge St. and possible grease issues from restaurants connected to the line.

President Maletto asked for a status update on the demolition of three homes near the project site on First Ave. No updates were available. He also asked the board members to have the contractor keep the drain unplugged at the end of First Ave. during construction.

Municipal Authority Board Member Charles (Chuck) DeStephano updated Council on the hiring of a new manager for the authority. A discussion was held on property near the Long Level/Silver Creek Treatment Plant. A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman DePanfilis to have Solicitor Feronti research the property in question deeded to the Johnsonburg Borough and/or the Johnsonburg Municipal Authority. Motion carried unanimously.



Recreation Board: The Johnsonburg Community Center and playground has been closed since March 17th and will continue to be closed during Governor Wolf's directive due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

A discussion was held on whether to hold summer programs or hire any summer help this year due to the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions. No decisions were made at this time.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman DePanfilis to hold the monthly cleaning through James The Butler cleaning services until the community center can open per the Governor's orders. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Nothing submitted.

New Business: (1) A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman King to appoint David Zilkofski as our Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Cherry to adopt Ordinance 2020-01 which pertains to language clarification in the police pension plan. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) A discussion was held on 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects. A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo to move forward with a stormwater upgrade project for Mary St. and a slum and blight demolition project. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to allow the Johnsonburg Community Trust to hold an event on Market St. on July 26th and to waive the open container ordinance for the event. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Kilhoffer thanked the Johnsonburg Rotary Club for their donation of masks to the borough office and borough crew.

Councilman DePanfilis asked residents to please support local businesses during the financial hardship caused by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilman DePanfilis and seconded by Councilman Cherry to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


Rachel Kilhoffer
Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

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AN ORDINANCE OF JOHNSONBURG BOROUGH, ELK COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMEND ITS POLICE PENSION PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW; AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES. IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY JOHNSONBURG BOROUGH, ELK COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Johnsonburg Borough (the Borough), having established a police pension plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (the System), hereby elects to amend its Police Pension Plan administered by the System in accordance with Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, 53 P.S. §881.101 et seq. (Retirement Law), and does hereby agree to be bound by all the requirements and provisions of the Retirement Law and the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, 53 P.S. §895.101 et seq., and to assume all obligations, financial and otherwise, placed upon member municipalities.

SECTION II. As part of this Ordinance, the Borough agrees that the System shall administer and provide the benefits set forth in the amended Police Pension Plan Document entered into between the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board and the Borough effective as of the date specified in the adoption agreement (the Contract).

SECTION III. The Borough acknowledges that by passage and adoption of this Ordinance, the Borough officially accepts the Contract and the financial obligations resulting from the administration of the Contract.

SECTION IV. Payment for any obligation established by the adoption of this Ordinance and the Contract shall be made by the Borough in accordance with the Retirement Law and the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act. The Borough hereby assumes all liability for any unfundedness created due to the benefit structure set forth in the Contract.

SECTION V. The Borough intends this Ordinance to be the complete authorization of the Contract, as amended and it shall become effective as of the date specified in the adoption agreement, which is the effective date of the Contract, as amended.

SECTION VI. A duly certified copy of this Ordinance and an executed Contract shall be filed with the System.

ORDAINED this 17th day of May, 2020

ATTEST:


Rachel Killgoffer
Secretary

Joseph J. Malitto III
President

John E. Foubert
Mayor