

Johnsonburg Borough
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2018
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order, Silent Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Attendance	Title	Present	Absent	Excused
Carnessali, Makiilla (JCP)	Junior Councilperson			X
Carnessali, Stephanie	Councilman			X
Cherry, Scott	Councilman	X		
Clopp, John	Police Chief	X		
DeAngelo, James	Councilman	X		
DePanfilis, James R.	Councilman			X
Dickey, Robert	Fire Chief			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 DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 9, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

President Maletto stated that an executive session was held on November 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss litigation involving the police department and no decisions were made during that session.

Guests: Ed Fosnaught from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) was present to explain the department's Early Intervention Program (EIP) for developing a strategic community plan. The department would pay for 50% of developing such a plan and grant funding is available for implementing any of the initiatives that come from the plan. A discussion was had with borough council asking questions. A resolution will be considered at the next council meeting to request proposals from consultants to move forward with the program.

Monthly Reports

Mayor: Mayor Fowler was excused.

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

- The department completed their annual firearms training in October.
- He will be sending notices for abandoned vehicles and asked the public to remove these vehicles for winter weather conditions.

A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman King to accept the quote for hardware needed to accompany the new TRAX software previously approved. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on concerns about unpermitted driveways and vehicles blocking sidewalks.

Fire Chief: Monthly report is on file.

Superintendent: Nothing submitted.

Council Committees: No committee reports were submitted this month.

Finance & Bills for Payment: This month's bills include: General Fund - \$4,523.71, Community Center Fund - \$7,416.67, Borough Equipment Fund - \$1,141.90, Highway Aid Fund - \$8,169.43, Community Improvement Fund - \$2,073.69, and Fire Services Fund - \$3,000.00. It was moved by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman King to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor: Solicitor Feronti informed Council that at the recent code enforcement hearing for the Domingos property on Second Ave. and the health violations hearing for the Bellman/Rodman property on Bergen St. both were found guilty at DJ Martin's office.

The zoning ordinance map change is still being researched.

A lengthy discussion was held on code enforcement issues including costs incurred by the borough while filing with the court and possible ordinances to address the reimbursement of those cost.

Engineer & Code Enforcement Report: Monthly report is on file. Ryan Miller reported that the Redmond easement on Harrison Ave. is ready to be finalized. He also recently discussed road water problems at several spots around town with the street department and would suggest a possible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for funding.

The borough previously discussed placing fencing on the property at 448 Center St. where we recently demolished two buildings. Engineer Miller reported that fencing does not qualify for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Council decided to move forward with this project and asked him to get quotes for the fencing.

Engineer Miller gave a progress report on the Johnsonburg Municipal Authority's storm water management review for the Third Ave. water tank as part of the new water treatment plant plans. The plan cannot move forward until an easement is reached with a property owner.

Municipal Authority: Nothing submitted.

Recreation Board: Minutes are on file. Secretary Kilhoffer updated Council on current projects at the community center.

A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Imbrogno to approve the quote from James The Butler service for \$1,600.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously. This increase of \$500 per month will allow for light maintenance work to be done at the building by their employees.

Junior Council Person: JCP Carnessali was excused.

Old Business: Johnsonburg Municipal Authority zoning request was tabled.

New Business: President Maletto reported that the tentative 2019 budget includes a ½ mill increase in the general fund, a 3% raise for the borough employees and a \$.65 per hour raise for the police per the police contract.

(1) A motion was made by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve the tentative 2019 budget. Motion carried unanimously.


(2) A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman King to approve the 2019 tax schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Cherry and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo to move into executive session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss litigation involving the police department. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo to return to regular session at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by Councilman Imbrogno and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


Rachel Kilhoffer
Secretary