

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were recited before the Workshop held prior to the commencement of this meeting.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Charles Arnone, Ricky Britt, Michael Capriotti (via telephone), Mayor Frank Janakovic, Reverend Sylvia King, Marie Mock, David Vitovich (7).

John Trant, Interim City Manager; Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor; Jared Campagna, Public Works Director; John Dubnansky, Director of Economic Development; Robert Ritter, Finance Director; Bruce Graham, Gibson Thomas Engineering; Robert Statler, Fire Chief; Deborah Grass, Act 47 Coordinator (via telephone); Chad Miller, Interim Police Chief.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (7).

Nays: None (0).

There was no motion made to approve the August 5, 2020 Workshop Minutes.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:

Mayor Janakovic read a proclamation into the record for "Direct Support Professional Recognition Week", September 13-19, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

James White, 506 South Street, Johnstown, presented before Council with regard to the GJWA board appointment. He referred to a motion on tonight's agenda to confirm and ratify a directive to forego live interviews of applicants for appointments to the GJWA in favor of review of written application submitted as of August 1, 2020.

Mr. Trant explained that at Council's August meeting, all applications were considered and action was taken on those applications.

Ms. Benjamin explained the motion on the agenda was intended to confirm for the record that Council decided not to have live interviews for the process. Council was not doing anything with the appointment. Council would not get rid of anyone's application, nor preclude any application. Council was confirming on the record at this meeting that there was previous action indicating that Council would hold live interviews, and this motion was simply to confirm that Council would not hold live interviews.

Mr. White noted it was voted on in August and inquired why Council was voting on it again tonight. Mayor Janakovic indicated the question would be responded to when Council votes on the motion. Mr. White noted for the record, "Council lied on March 11 and you're not changing it until September 9<sup>th</sup>."

John DeBartola (via telephone) 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, presented before Council for discussion of GJWA items. He asked Council to "do something revolutionary tonight and not revote and not confirm anyone and let this lifetime ordinance appointment die, that there's no reason for anyone to have that kind of power." Mr. DeBartola stated the GJWA was a monopoly that answers to no one, further stating it held a "secret meeting," which no one could listen to or watch. He asked Council to not vote again or confirm a vote, and "not to play politics with Southmont and Westmont." He asked Council to consider his comments when voting on the Water Authority vote.

#### REPORTS:

##### CITY MANAGER:

John Trant, Jr., Interim City Manager, introduced Melissa Komar, JRA Executive Director, who per requests by several members updated Council on the work being done by JRA.

Melissa Komar, 545 Leroy Street, Johnstown, thanked Mr. Trant for the invitation to provide an update regarding projects JRA was working on with the City, including demolition, sewer lateral program, grant funding, and capital improvement projects.

She indicated that \$1.5 million was received in blight elimination to demolish 101 properties through CDBG and CFA funding. Efforts were being coordinated regarding the green spaces on those properties. She commended Public Works for maintaining the vacant lots.

With regard to PHFA grants, \$25,000 was awarded to the Center for Metal Arts; \$100,000 to CMA to stabilize the carpenter shop; \$50,000 for the Clara Barton House with a match from the Community Foundation. Mrs. Komar stated the engineer has been working on design work for the access road to the Industrial Park and, as well, PennDOT has brought in their environmental and archaeological groups. She noted the cooperation and maintenance agreements shows the partnership with the City and the JRA.

Mrs. Komar is awaiting notification with regard to the \$300,000 from DCED for demolition of commercial properties.

With regard to the sewer laterals, Mrs. Komar noted 950 applications have been received, 146 properties have been completed within the City with 53 of those being grant participants in the City's program.

With regard to capital improvement projects, Mrs. Komar noted \$897,000 was reimbursed by the Army Corps for the Fairfield Avenue Project. Council members asked questions regarding the projects.

Mayor Janakovic thanked JRA for funding the demolition of the Conrad Building.

MAYOR:

Mayor Frank Janakovic noted, on September 4, 2020, the City released checks through the Small Business Relief Fund to 24 small businesses throughout the City for a total of \$343,000. He indicated that round two of the program would open on September 14, 2020.

John Dubnansky, Director of Economic Development, stated additional money was added to funds received in the spring to open up round one. He noted 24 of the 31 applications received were approved and 3 were not eligible,

Mr. Janakovic noted a ribbon cutting at Punky's in the West End, and funding in the amount of \$1,961 was provided towards the improvements.

He indicated the City of Johnstown welcomed the Prospect League during an event at Sargent's Stadium. The league will host 30 games beginning in May of 2021. The Mayor noted the league was currently hosting a name the team competition, and local citizens, who provide suggestions at [www.johnstownpabaseball.com](http://www.johnstownpabaseball.com), will receive one free ticket for next season.

Mayor Janakovic met with the collegiate league coaches, sponsors and league director with regard to scheduling.

Mr. Janakovic commended Mr. Campagna and Public Works for keeping the grass cut on 123 vacant lots. He stated up to four part-time employees were hired late in the season.

He thanked PennDOT and local state officials for the completion of the paving, wall barriers and the improvement on the Roosevelt Boulevard bypass.

The Mayor noted his attendance at the recent Vision 2025 meeting.

Mr. Dubnansky indicated a commitment was received from Conemaugh Hospital with regard to the KOZ zone and working together throughout the City to make improvements.

He commended the Johnstown Police on behalf of William Caldwell, Conemaugh Hospital, for all the help offered on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, for events that occurred that day.

Mayor Janakovic stated the City closed on the sale of the sanitary sewer system to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority. Proceeds paid under the Asset Purchase Agreement were \$24 million with the GJWA assuming DEP consent order liabilities, outstanding PennVEST debt in the amount of \$63 million and additional debt in the amount of \$18 million to pay for subsequent sewer projects, for a total of \$105 million. He thanked all involved in the process.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to pay down pension liabilities in the amount of \$19 million which would reduce the City's minimum municipal obligation by at least \$2.5 annually. He thanked the City officials and the consulting team for putting the sale together.

#### CITY SOLICITOR

Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, echoed the Mayor's sentiments regarding all those involved in the sale. She indicated that Bill No. 17 of 2020 is currently on the agenda for final read but would need to be tabled for purposes of a ten-day advertisement period and public hearing. She will have further discussion regarding the matter during the appropriate portion of the meeting.

CITY ENGINEER

Brandon Palmer, EADS Group, noted the sale of the sewer system had reduced his report, but he noted a brief meeting was held to review sewer system problem areas, future funding, and improvements to the storm sewer system.

He noted the City conducted an MS4 meeting with regard to the storm water and a future meeting will be held with Mr. Trant, Mr. Dubnansky and Mr. Campagna with regard to collecting more data and moving forward with GIS.

Robert Statler, Fire Chief, stated he was checking on some options to replace the Xs on condemned buildings with something not as obvious.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Mr. Britt had no report.

Mr. Arnone reported, as it related to the operations of the Johnstown Housing Authority, it remained diligent in its efforts to slow the spread of the COVID disease and continue to operate at a somewhat normal pace. The Authority continues to assist current residents in a safe manner and also process move-ins.

He shared the following statistics: The City's population per the 2016 American Community survey is 19,450, with 38.7 living in poverty, a total of 7,527. He stated the total population of the public housing communities as of August 31, 2020 was 2,525; Section Eight voucher holders in the City total 847 for a total combination of 3,372 individuals or families. JRA assists 45 percent of the people living in poverty in the City.

Mr. Vitovich reported that structure repairs at the Public Safety Building have been completed. He noted that Sargent's Stadium was changed from baseball to football. The repairs of storm inlets continue. He commended Mr. Campagna for a "fantastic job cutting the lots".

It was noted the HVAC repairs at the Public Safety Building will need to be re-bid, and inspection of the building has been pushed back.

Mr. Campagna commented that the flag at the stadium had been changed.

Mrs. Mock reported that the Roxbury Civic Group will hold a yard sale on September 19, 2020 at 182 Worth Street with profits going directly to community events.

She noted some positive movement on the Roxbury Hockey Rink.

The West End Improvement Group continues with gardens and cleanups. She thanked the Keystoners Group for their neighborhood cleanups as well as the volunteers who cleaned up weeds along Fairfield and Strayer Streets.

Reverend King reported that this Saturday, September 12, the Moxham Lutheran Church will hold voter registration.

A meeting will be held for the residents of Prospect on September 14 at 5:30. Mr. Dubnansky stated he would begin the process of updating municipal property plans and noted that the current plan is dated 1998. He would like to go on a neighborhood tour to obtain input from the neighborhoods. He stated a team of community leaders would be established to engage the public in conversation about their neighborhoods.

Mr. Capriotti commented that the anniversary of 911 would be coming up soon and wanted to acknowledge all first responders, police, firefighters for the work they do in putting their lives on the line for us. Mayor Janakovic echoed those remarks on behalf of all of Council.

#### COUNCIL UPDATES:

1. Planning Commission Minutes of August 5, 2020.

#### PETITIONS

None.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ:

**BILL NO. 17 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5280 PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 23, 2019 CITY OF JOHNSTOWN BUDGET TO AMEND THE 2020 BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUE RECEIVED AS PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM TO THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY AND RELATED EXPENDITURES; TO ADJUST THE LINE ITEM AMOUNT IN THE UDAG FUND; AND TO RATIFY AND/OR CLARIFY ADJUSTED WORDING OF CERTAIN LINE ITEMS AND COLUMN LABELS, INCLUDING WITHIN SAID FUNDS, FOLLOWING PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

Ms. Benjamin requested a motion to amend Bill No. 17 to include reference to prior amendments made by Ordinance No. 5293 on July 8, 2020 and to table said bill

for purposes of advertisement and public hearing at the next meeting. She indicated both would be included as one motion.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to amend and approve the ordinance as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone (7).

Nays: None (0).

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READ:

BILL NO. 18 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4747 ADOPTED APRIL 24, 1996 AND AS CODIFIED AT CHAPTER 610 "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TO AMEND SECTION 610.1 ENTITLED: "CONSUMPTION ON PUBLIC PROPERTY" TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY LIMITATIONS ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.

Mr. Dubnansky explained the ordinance was updated to allow for the sale of beer at upcoming baseball league games next year and other future events as long as approval is given by the City Manager. There was further discussion.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (7).

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 19 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5259 ADOPTED NOVEMBER 1, 2018 ADOPTION THE ACT 47 EXIT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT (ACT 47 OF 1987 AS AMENDED) AND PURSUANT TO ACT 23 OF 2020 PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF UPDATED FINANCIAL CONDITION EVALUATION PROJECTIONS, EXTENDING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ALLOCATION LIMITS AND EXTENDING THE DESIGNATED ACT 47 EXIT DATE FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN BY EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS THROUGH APRIL 28, 2023.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Deborah Grass, Act 47 Coordinator, was available via telephone to provide an overview of the bill. She explained that on May 29 of 2020 the General Assembly passed an emergency amendment that provided for extending the Act 47 exit date for Act 47 communities by 18 months. Ms. Grass noted the matter could be revisited if the City decides on an exit in advance of that date.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti (7).  
Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 10320

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE A CONVERSION TO SELF-INSURED STATUS FOR PURPOSES OF PA UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Robert Ritter, Finance Director, offered further explanation of the resolution.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone,  
Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10321

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND



TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF TWO POLICE OFFICERS TO SERVE AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS WITH AN OPTIONAL THIRD OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED IF REQUESTED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti,  
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10322

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN AL DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ANY/ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PICKUP TRUCK AND ONE (1) DUMP TRUCK CHASSIS FROM MCCALL MOTORS, PLUS ONE (1) 9 1/2 ' ALUMINUM DUMP BODY FROM SAMCO, INC.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic,  
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10323

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNSTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND ANY OF HIS DESIGNEES TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Britt and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic,  
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10324

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY  
MANAGER AND/OR ANY OF HIS DESIGNEES TO ENTER INTO AND  
TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE A  
CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ROCK SALT DEPARTMENT OF  
GENERAL SERVICES COSTARS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AND  
DELIVER TO THE CITY ROCK SALT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR  
AUGUST 2020 THRU AUGUST 2021.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by  
Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10325

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY  
MANAGER AND/OR ANY OF HIS DESIGNEES TO EXECUTE AND TAKE  
ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE A CONTRACT  
WITH LIGONIER STONE AND LIME, D/B/A DERRY STONE AND LIME  
TO PROVIDE AND DELIVER TO THE CITY ANTI-SKID MATERIAL, AS2  
ANTI-SKID FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020-2021.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by  
Mr. Arnone.

It was noted that this contract would be a savings of \$4 a ton.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10326

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN  
ACCEPTING THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES UPDATED FOR  
THE YEAR 2019 AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER  
AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS TO  
EFFECTUATE SAME.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by  
Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10327

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF  
AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS  
DESIGNEE TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CONFIRM  
HIS CERTIFICATION OF THE CALCULATIONS OF THE MINIMUM  
MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR EACH OF THE CITY'S PENSION FUNDS  
FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by  
Mr. Britt.

Interim Manager Trant stated, as discussed earlier, there would be new MMO coming  
to Council for approval later in the year to recognize the benefit of the pension  
super funding through the note issuance.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt,  
Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10328

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND RELATED GUIDELINES TO ENHANCE AND ENABLE SAFE, ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL FOR ALL POPULATIONS AND MODES OF TRANSPORTATION WHICH SHALL BE APPLIED TO SPECIFIED TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10329

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN COMPLETING A SALES AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TO RDM JOHNSTOWN, LLC.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10330

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURSUE AND TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE ADVERTISEMENT AND POSTING OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND/OR VEHICLES FOR SALE VIA ONLINE ELECTRONIC AUCTION AND TO AWARD THE PROPERTY TO THE BEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.

Mr. Campagna noted the sale would involve the bulldozer.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic,  
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10331

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM  
CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO  
ELIMINATE THE RESPECTIVE 2020 CITY OF JOHNSTOWN OPERATING  
BUDGET DEFICIT BALANCES AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, BUDGET  
EXHIBIT (A) AS DETAILED BELOW.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by  
Mr. Vitovich.

Ms. Benjamin explained there are certain types of transfers that can occur via  
resolution, and these transfers are the type that fall into a resolution.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone (7).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10332

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER  
AND/OR ANY OF HIS DESIGNEES TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS  
NECESSARY TO SEEK AND OBTAIN PROPOSALS FOR THE PURPOSES  
OF MILLING AND PAVING OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PORTIONS OF  
PLAINFIELD AVENUE.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by  
Mr. Arnone.

Interim Manager Trant commented that with regard to the capital plan, the goal was  
to do a super funding on the capital side to this first year and then plan for a level  
investment over a multi-year period in capital which would include the paving

program. He stated this would be an opportunity to capitalize and get some "good paving numbers" by local contractors who are interested. There was further discussion regarding the condition of other City roads.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (7).  
Nays: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

MOTIONS

- 1. Motion to confirm and ratify a directive to forego live interviews of applicants for appointment to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority in favor of review of written applications submitted, effective as of August 1, 2020.**

Ms. Benjamin offered clarification by indicating that previously in March of 2020 there was a motion passed advertising for applicants to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority and to conduct live interviews. She stated that COVID hit shortly after that and live meetings were not held until July or August. In follow up to one of those meetings the question was raised as to what should be done, and Council informally indicated to the City Manager to forego live interviews and look at applications. Ms. Benjamin stated an appointment was made at the last meeting but there was never any formal action to ratify the decision regarding the live interviews, and this ratifies what is ultimately "Council changing its mind" and is retroactively making it effective to August 1 of 2020.

Ms. Benjamin recommended a motion.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Capriotti and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti (7).  
Nays: None (0).

2. **Greater Johnstown Water Authority - Appointment of At-Large Member (subject to confirmation of other member municipalities.) For information: This appointment requires the joint agreement of Westmont and Southmont Boroughs which was not achieved as of the last Council meeting due to a difference in the municipalities' selected appointees. The vote may be reconsidered upon a successful motion to do so, in order to identify and/or re-confirm the City Council's proposed candidate until such time as an identified appointee is jointly agreed upon by the member municipalities.**
  - a. **Motion to reconsider and open nominations for appointment of a City resident as At-Large Member of Water Authority.**
  - b. **Motion to close nominations (following nominations of candidates, if any).**
  - c. **Vote on nominees for appointment.**

Ms. Benjamin clarified by noting that these are just instructions explaining that Mr. Arnone was appointed by the City, that Westmont Borough appointed a different appointee, Mr. White. Until all of Council agrees on the same appointee there will not be an appointment made to the Water Authority.

Mr. Arnone explained that he had sent a cover letter to both Westmont and Southmont Boroughs describing who he is, what he is and what he would be, and provided a contact number. He noted his attendance at Westmont's Council meeting last night and met with Mayor Don Hall who said he would consider the appointment.

Mayor Janakovic noted he had spoken with Mr. Hall and will meet again with him next week. He stated that Westmont, Southmont and the City have to a unison approval.

Ms. Benjamin stated this motion is optional with regard to any action Council does or does not want to take. But indicated that if no action is taken, the prior appointment stands.

There was no motion made. The motion failed.

Mayor Janakovic noted that as per the Workshop held prior to this meeting, volunteers from Council are requested to participate in the pension committee meeting on September 22, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, and Reverend King volunteered to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT-NONAGENDA ITEMS

Katie Kinka, Senior Planner, Cambria County Planning Commission who resides at 141 Franklin Street, Apartment One, Johnstown, addressed Council in her capacity as a City resident concerning the ordinance that prohibits leased dogs from being within City designated green spaces and parks and asked Council to consider amending that ordinance. She asked how the City is enforcing the rules that exist and requested that ordinances be changed for the betterment of the community. It was noted the matter would be reviewed.

Quan Britt, 1159 Boyd Avenue, Johnstown, Director, YMCA, addressed Council about the desperate financial crisis that it currently faces due to COVID. He indicated that membership has decreased tremendously along with programs that gyms cannot provide and offered further explanation of the kinds of programs offered. Mr. Britt commented that if emergency funding is not acquired immediately, that COVID-19 will close the doors to the YMCA within the next 30 days indefinitely.

Shawn Sebring, CEO, YMCA, was also present. He noted that PPP funds received from the federal government lasted through mid-July, and the YMCA is awaiting emergency funds from the County.

John DeBartola (via telephone), 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council regarding the second motion concerning the GJWA at-large appointment.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2020.



Wednesday, September 9, 2020  
Stated Meeting, continued

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