

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 10, 2023

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business.  
Mayor Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Britt offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Ms. Huchel, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (6)  
Absent: Mr. Capriotti (1) vacation.

Ethan Imhoff, City Manager; Alex Ashcom, Assistant City Manager; Robert Ritter, Finance Director; John Dubnansky, Economic Development Director; Dave Williams, Codes Enforcement Manager; Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor; Robert Statler, Fire Chief; Richard Pritchard, Police Chief; Tony Penna, Recreation; and Amber Berezansky, HR, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Britt made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023; Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2023; and Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Ms. Huchel, Mrs. Mock, Reverend King, Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Britt, Mr. Arnone (6).

Nays: None (0).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

Mayor Janakovic noted a proclamation for Military Spouse Appreciation Day will be presented on Friday, May 12, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, asked that Council vote in favor of Bill No. 1 of 2023, the Mom's House property, and asked that those same five, who voted yes for the first read to vote yes for the second read.

Charlene Stanton, Johnstown, presented her concerns regarding the demolition agreement between the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority and the City of Johnstown. She inquired if the Solicitor reviewed the agreement and would City staff monitor demolition and inspect properties for asbestos and asbestos

abatements if necessary. She inquired how 103 Adams Street was improperly demolished, that it was not checked for asbestos, which led her to file a complaint with the DEP.

Shawn Jones, 632 Ash Street, Johnstown, stated his bar was shut down due to code violations, and he lost 30 days of revenue. He referred to another club that had similar violations, which was not shut down.

## REPORTS

### CITY MANAGER:

Ethan Imhoff, City Manager, reported that work continues on Section 106 of the Main Street Project, and several meetings were held with Historic Preservation. Project sites were mapped out, and public meetings will be held in the near future. A meeting was held with Escape design team a few weeks, and public meetings will be forthcoming on the project.

Enterprise Software is being updated, which had been previously authorized by Council.

Mr. Imhoff thanked Dave Williams, Director of Codes, Public Works and volunteers, who helped out with the community cleanup during the month of April 2023. Over 30 tons of garbage was collected at very little cost to the City.

### MAYOR:

Mayor Frank Janakovic noted the opportunity to attend to recent events including the Star Summit at the Conference Center, which recognized recovering drug, alcohol individuals and those, who had been incarcerated.

He noted his attendance at the Pennsylvania Chamber presentation across the State of Pennsylvania for discussion how other cities and the state need to draw people back into Pennsylvania and Johnstown.

The Mayor announced that last week Johnstown exited Act 47 and noted the attendance of Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis and Acting DCED Secretary Rick Siger, who did the official presentation. Mayor Janakovic commended all those involved in getting the City to this point.

Mr. Janakovic reported the entire DCED staff recently spent the day in Johnstown taking tours, meeting with citizens, and "getting to know

Johnstown". U.S. HUD representative Matt Heckles also spent a day in Johnstown reviewing issues with the population, transient population, issues in Prospect. An application for funding will be submitted.

The Mayor referred to the last two weeks in the City of Johnstown as "very positive" moving forward. He commended Council members, who attended these meetings including the Act 47 celebration.

CITY SOLICITOR:

Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, noted Bill No. 3 of 2023, Fee Schedule, on the agenda was recommended to be tabled, so it could be adopted simultaneously with Bill No. 6 of 2023, which incorporates the Fee Schedule by ordinance. And being that Bill No. 3 was previously presented and read as an Ordinance for First Read at the last meeting, in the absence of an objection from any Council members, when that item is reached on the agenda, an abbreviated version would be read if there is a motion to table. That if not and it proceeds to a motion for Final Adoption, then it will be read in its entirety.

CITY ENGINEER:

None.

COUNCIL UPDATES/NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS:

Ms. Huchel reported a recent opportunity to attend the Westmoreland County Blight Summit, which was attended by representatives from their land bank to discuss strategies used to get properties rehabilitated or back into taxation.

Ms. Huchel reported that Pennsylvania Council on the Arts recently visited Johnstown for an open house held at the Oil House at People's Natural Gas Park.

Council woman Huchel stated she was "very encouraged" by the HUD representative visit.

Reverend King stated she is also "very encouraged by what's going on with HUD."

She reported working with the United Neighborhood Association to ensure that a residents' group is present in each neighborhood. All but one group had been established.

She noted her attendance at a House of Worship seminar recently held by the District Attorney regarding what to do when a church comes under attack and how to keep safe.

Reverend King also reported that a meeting of all the neighborhood associations and their leadership will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:30 at the Conference Center. All were invited to attend.

Mrs. Mock reported the West End Improvement Group will hold its Annual Trash to Treasures yard sale this coming Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13.

Work will begin on the community gardens with the next few weeks.

Mrs. Mock thanked all involved in the recent neighborhood cleanup. She called the community spirit "alive and well," and there was a need to "keep on going" with the neighborhood comradery.

She noted speaking with the Lieutenant Governor at the recent Act 47 ceremony regarding the Governor's plans for neighborhoods, referred to as the Elm Street Project, and Johnstown would not be "left out" of the Elm Street funding.

Mr. Arnone provided an update on statistical information related to the population of public housing communities located within the City of Johnstown. He reported that as April 30, 2023, the population of the public housing communities was 1,108 and along with Section Eight totaled 3,531 families. Currently 47 percent of the people living in poverty in the City of Johnstown are being assisted.

Mr. Arnone reported that the JHA was proud to be part of a recent visit by HUD official, Matt Heckles. He stated Johnstown is looking forward to receiving upcoming technical assistance to help in determining evaluation options for the JHA.

Mr. Arnone noted a GEO tech survey did not reveal any serious concerns regarding the Prospect Housing Project. Administration is meeting weekly with HUD in Pittsburgh for discussion of possible steps moving forward as well as updates.

Mr. Arnone noted application was made for a grant through HUD to make changes to the Oakhurst community with regard to design and as well as other changes inside to make it medium to low level housing and not just low income.

As Council's representative on the GJWA, 19 lead service lines have been replaced in April for a total of 89. During the Month of April, 9,000 feet of main line was inspected and 22,100 feet of main line was jetted.

Work in the Central Business District by Snyder is 98 percent completed, that overall the project is 90 percent completed. Pressure test levels for the City are 63.47, which when the system was sold, was just under 50 percent. He stated progress is being made slowly.

Mr. Britt commended all those involved in the recent dedication of the Dee Dee Osborne Field at Roxbury Park.

He noted that repainting near Franklin and Market Streets downtown will be done with private donations.

Mr. Arnone further reported that on Memorial Day at 0900 at the Osborne Field in Roxbury Park a 30-foot flag pole will be dedicated to the men and women of the City of Johnstown, who have served honorably in service of our country provided by the American Legion.

PETITIONS:

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ AND ADOPTION

BILL NO. 23 OF 2022, (TABLED) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND SETTING FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND LICENSING TAX TO BE CODIFIED WITHIN CHAPTER EIGHT (BUSINESS REGULATION AND TAXATION CODE) TITLE FOUR (TAXATION) OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS A NEW CHAPTER 804 ENTITLED "MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES".

Mr. Arnone made a motion to remove from table. The motion was seconded by and then rescinded by Mr. Britt. Mayor Janakovic seconded the motion, which passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Ms. Huchel (5)

Nays: Mr. Britt (1).

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

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Ms. Huchel (5)  
Nays: Mr. Britt (1).

**BILL NO. 1 OF 2023, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, ORDINANCE NO. 4964 ADOPTED APRIL 13, 2005, AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 5086, PASSED JUNE 22, 2011; ORDINANCE NO. 5119 PASSED JANUARY 23, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 5139 PASSED NOVEMBER 27, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 5191 PASSED DECEMBER 9, 2015; AND ORDINANCE NO. 5330 PASSED MARCH 9, 2022, BY REZONING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE 8TH WARD OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.**

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock.

Ms. Huchel commented that it would be a disservice to the community to not enforce proper zoning regulations as previously set forth and is "puzzled" that fellow Council members are voting to approve against the recommendation of the Planning Commission. She is not against Mom's House moving forward but stated an R-1 is not the correct zoning for the project.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (4).  
Nays: Ms. Huchel (1).  
Mr. Arnone did not vote on the motion.

**BILL NO. 3 OF 2023, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCES 26 (PASSED 3-28-1914); 3703 (PASSED 10-27-66); 4276 (PASSED 5-26-82); 4318 (PASSED 11-22-83); 4389 (PASSED 9-10-86); 4390 (PASSED 9-10-86); 4419 (PASSED 12-31-86); 4528 (PASSED 2-28-90); 4544 (PASSED 9-26-90); 4670 (PASSED 7-13-94); 4698 (PASSED 12-21-94); 4701 (PASSED 12-21-94); 4704 (PASSED 12-21-94); 4705 (PASSED 12-21-94); 4706 (PASSED 12-21-94); 4723 (PASSED 4-26-95); 4724 (PASSED 4-26-95); 4770 (PASSED 3-12-97); 4795 (PASSED 2-11-98); 4805 (PASSED 8-19-98); 4810 (PASSED 9-9-98); 4818 (PASSED 1-27-99); 4820 (PASSED 2-28-01); 4837 (PASSED 12-8-99); 4850 (PASSED 3-22-00); 4863 (PASSED 11-**

8-00); 4864 (PASSED 11-8-00); 4869(PASSED 1-10-01); 4920 (PASSED 10-12-05); 4938 (PASSED 4-28-04); 4955 (PASSED 12-8-05); 4965 (PASSED 4-13-05); 4968 (PASSED 8-10-05); 4972 (PASSED 10-12-05); 4975 (PASSED 10-12-05); 4979 (PASSED 10-12-05); 4986 (PASSED 2-22-06); 5021 (PASSED 7-9-08); 5054 (PASSED 2-24-10); 5055 (PASSED 2-24-10); 5064 (PASSED 3-24-10); 5068 )PASSED 5-26-10); 5087 (PASSED 6-22-11); 5090 (PASSED 9-24-11); 5102 (PASSED 3-28-12); 5139 (PASSED 11-27-13); 5144 (PASSED 3-5-14); 5146 (PASSED 4-24-14); 5148 (PASSED 5-14-14); 5182 (PASSED 9-9-15); 5191 (PASSED 12-9-15); 5198 (PASSED 4-20-16); 5221 (PASSED 2-8-17); 5238 (PASSED 9-13-17); 5252 (PASSED 4-11-18); 5279 (PASSED 12-11-19); 5288 (PASSED 6-10-20); 5294 (PASSED 8-12-20); 5302 (PASSED 11-18-20); 5319 (PASSED 10-13-21; 5334 (PASSED 4-20-22); 5338 (PASSED 9-14-22), REPEALING VARIOUS OUTDATED CODES, ESTABLISHING NEW FEES FOR SERVICES, SETTING POLICY FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE WITHIN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

Ms. Benjamin explained this bill is proposed to amend multiple ordinances as noted above and published. Current recommended action is a motion to table this bill so it can be passed simultaneously with Bill No. 6 of 2023, which will establish the Fee Schedule in place of what was being amended by this ordinance.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).

Nays: None (0).

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ

BILL NO. 4 OF 2023, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PENSION PLANS ESTABLISHED FOR THE BENEFIT OF CITY UNIFORMED AND NON-UNIFORMED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PENSION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW.

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

Mr. Imhoff explained there are existing discrepancies between Third-Class City Code and the bargaining agreements for nonuniformed and prior pensions. He stated two audits by the Auditor General highlighted these discrepancies. Amber Berezansky and staff have compiled this bill, which reconciles differences over the years and corrects the audit findings.

Ms. Berezansky explained how the City's pension plans would be brought into compliance with the Third-Class City Code and the City's fire, police and nonuniformed collective bargaining agreements. Mr. Imhoff noted guidance from labor counsel with regard to the matter.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).  
Nays: None (0).

**BILL NO. 5 OF 2023, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, VACATING WAGONER  
PLACE FROM HAY AVENUE TO SUPPES AVENUE AS A PUBLIC  
THOROUGHFARE.**

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

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt,  
Mayor Janakovic (6).  
Nays: None (0).

**BILL NO. 6 OF 2023, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A FEE  
SCHEDULE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.**

Mr. Britt made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock.

Mrs. Mock would like to have a special meeting scheduled to vote simultaneously on the two ordinances to become effective at the end of the month, beginning of June.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt,  
Mayor Janakovic (6).



Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING A MINOR  
SUBDIVISION LOT MERGE CONSOLIDATING SEVEN PARCELS ON  
HORNER STREET IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to remain tabled.

Mr. Imhoff explained the reason for the motion to remain tabled is there has not been  
any reply from MSP Properties regarding a meeting per Council's direction at  
the last meeting.

Resolution No. 10566

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AND TAKE  
ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO SIGN A COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
(DEMOLITION SERVICE) WITH THE JOHNSTOWN  
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock.

Mr. Imhoff explained Public Works has been the primary overseer of this agreement.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic,  
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (6).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10567

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE  
SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION AND BUSINESS PLAN (A&BP)

THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE  
CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP) FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN  
CONNECTIVITY PROJECT.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Reverend King.

Mr. Imhoff explained this is in connection with the RAISE grant whereby \$2 million would go towards the Main Street Project and \$1 million to the train station project. An application and business plan are required within six months to be eligible for the funding.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock Ms. Huchel,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10568

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE FY 2023  
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT  
PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS.

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

Ms. Huchel noted her attendance at the public hearing held yesterday, May 9, 2023.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock Ms. Huchel,  
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10569

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE  
AGREEMENT WITH TETRA TECH FOR ADDITIONAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING  
THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE EXISTING AGREEMENT FOR  
AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$59,150, A NEW TOTAL FEE OF

\$595,500.00 ALONG WITH EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT END DATE  
FO MARCH 30, 2024.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock.

Mr. Imhoff explained the additional amount would go towards phase one and phase two of the study on the Moxham bus barn site and Mr. Gas site, Cresson.

Mr. Dubnansky explained this is a shared grant with the Cambria County Redevelopment Authority and the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, and all funding runs through the City of Johnstown.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone (6).

Nays: None (0).

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

##### 1. Public Works

Mr. Imhoff noted a staffing issue tonight at a baseball game at Sargent's Stadium, which required Mr. Campagna attendance there.

##### 2. Police Department

Chief Richard Pritchard reported that 17 search warrants were executed, multiple drugs, firearms, and cash were seized and numerous arrests were made.

He had discussion regarding a regional police academy and the nine-week program, which will start soon. A new website is currently being designed and a link for applications to the academy will be provided.

A bike rodeo will be brought back this year after being successful two years ago. Chief Pritchard indicated numerous bikes would be given away.

Free license plate replacement will be held on July 13, 2023. The location will be announced.

Chief Pritchard noted his attendance at the award ceremony for Officers Hess and Cypher, who received the Friends of Education Award from the Greater Johnstown School District.

Mrs. Mock, Chief Pritchard and the DA will be meeting with regard to the license plate readers. The group will be working with legislators with regard to matching funds to target illegal activities by monitoring all highways in and out of the City. Chief Pritchard indicated the program began in Allegheny County, and vehicles cannot come and go without information being captured. The Chief explained he reviewed the Flock program, which can be accessed at the station. There was further discussion regarding the advantages of the program.

### 3. Fire Department

Chief Robert Statler reported hiring one full-time and one part-time firefighter, who have completed their training.

Cleanup work at the training site has begun, trees being cleared to have the building back up in late summertime.

Mrs. Mock thanked those, who helped repair the vandalism at the Honan Avenue Park.

### 4. Finance

Robert Ritter reported working with Wessel on the Business Privilege Tax and thus far the City has received \$100,000. He would provide updates to Council.

Finance and Payroll Programs were received with regard to how to put invoices through the system. He stated, once everyone knows the system, the next step would be for Codes, GIS system, and accounts receivable converting data. Mr. Ritter noted that would complete the Enterprise system for the City. There was further discussion regarding the new finance software.

### 5. Community Development

John Dubnansky, Economic Development Director, reported the opening of a new business downtown called The Write Cup. A retail shop will be opening up next to the Fish Boat and as well the Grub Shack on Franklin Street. Mr. Dubnansky noted that on May 23, 2023 from 12:30 to 6:00 a popup event will occur at the library downtown hosted by Michael Baker, the national group doing a lot of the historical work for our RAISE projects.

On May 31, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Escape will host its first public meeting/open house. A location will be announced.

Mr. Dubnansky and his wife participated in a tree planting this past weekend with the West Penn Conservancy. Tree locations were discussed.

Mr. Dubnansky noted there is budgeted in the capital plan this year and upcoming years approximately \$25,000 per year to do some "special demolitions". He offered clarification on a comment that was made earlier, noting that for every commercial demolition, the City is required to do an asbestos assessment. Requirements regarding general demolition projects were also clarified. He noted a lot of business activity coming into the Central Business District.

Mr. Dubnansky stated Bitwise Industries from California will be here tomorrow, May 11, 2023, at the Central Park Complex to explore setting up tech-focused training centers to help grow an IT business here.

## 6. Code Enforcement

Dave Williams, Codes Enforcement Manager, reported that in the month of April there were 195 service requests issued for code violations and 42 building permits.

Mr. Williams also noted his attendance at the Westmoreland County Blight Remediation Summit. He reiterated there was 30 to 35 tons of garbage cleaned up in the month of April.

Three properties will have charges filed with the district magistrate.

Seasonal crews have started, including two three-man crews, who will start on the 22nd of this month. Neighbors have taken an interest in maintaining properties once the first cut is done.

Mr. Williams commended the work of the Code Office staff.

7. Recreation

Tony Penna, Recreation Director, noted a successful cleanup day on April 15, 2023, which focused on five playgrounds, Park Avenue, Wood, Oakhurst, Dorothy and Broad Street. All playgrounds are up and running except for Prospect and Iolite, which will be awaiting bolts for the swings.

He noted discussions with the YMCA regarding summer leagues for hockey, pickle ball and basketball and possibly soccer.

Mr. Penna reported working with the Mill Rats to get their season started off and is also making sure the stadium looks good. There have been a lot of teams being booked to play there.

Mr. Penna reported that Dan Pierce the new DCNR rep in charge of playgrounds will visit Johnstown on June 6 and June 7, 2023 regarding information about land and water playgrounds and passive green spaces.

He noted discussion with Mr. Dubnansky regarding a boxing match at Sargent's Stadium possibly in the fall.

Mr. Penna talked about applying for matched funding for a new press box and scoreboard and possible upgrades to the Osborne Field at Roxbury Park. Mr. Penna noted a flag at the field would be a nice addition when the National Anthem is played. There will be a search for long-term advertisers on the new scoreboard once it is installed.

Mr. Penna noted waiting for the group to provide pointers for the hockey rink at Roxbury Park. He stated the water issue had been addressed. He commented that a partnership with the YMCA would be a great arrangement. He noted currently there is a delay in the public walking program due to staffing.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONAGENDA ITEMS

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, had concerns regarding the Main Street Committee and inquired if it has a board, a chairman, rules, if they meet and the length of their terms of office. He asked that these questions be answered along with whom the 75 people are getting confidential information regarding the spending of millions of dollars and where the committee is publicly meeting or would he have to "take legal action against the City again".

He also inquired when Council was going to amend the zoning ordinance.

Mrs. Mock responded that the committee is an ad hoc group of people, which is not at the point of meeting just yet and "benign" emails just provide an update. A Right to Know Request is not necessary to view the email. She indicated the very diverse group consists of business people, residents and people in the community, who do not meet secretly.

Mayor Janakovic referred to the emails as an attempt "to let the public know that we want to have them involved". There was further discussion.

Charlene Stanton, Johnstown, had concerns regarding Codes and read into the record quotes made by City Council and staff members. She stated "the only thing the City has done is get dumpsters put into neighborhoods," and no magistrate charges were filed for 2022 and 2023. Mrs. Stanton referred to a site that was in violation with rats "multiplying at the site".

Mayor Janakovic reiterated the amount of garbage recently collected by neighborhoods and volunteers.

#### RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:32 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD WITH REGARD TO PENDING LITIGATION

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10, 2023  
Stated Meeting, continued

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