



**CITY OF JOHNSTOWN  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
ANTHONY C. TRUSCELLO  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023**

**City Council**

Frank Janakovic, Mayor  
Michael Capriotti, Deputy Mayor  
Charles Arnone  
Ricky Britt  
Laura Huchel  
Rev. Sylvia King  
Marie Mock

REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NONE

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF

RECOGNITION: PUBLIC COMMENT: AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Limit 5  
minutes)

REPORTS:

1. CITY MANAGER
2. MAYOR
3. CITY SOLICITOR
4. CITY ENGINEER
5. COUNCIL UPDATES/ NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

PETITIONS:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ AND ADOPTION:

None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

**Municipal Assistance Program Application** - The City will be applying to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development's Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) for \$150,000 of grant funding to be applied to the development of a new City comprehensive plan. The application requires a match for which the City has set aside \$50,000 of its previously

allocated HUD funding. The City's current comprehensive plan dates to 1998 and is severely outdated. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the guiding law for comprehensive plans in Pennsylvania, recommends comprehensive plans be updated every ten years.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE(S) TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00 TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THEIR MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve an application to the PA DCED's Municipal Assistance Program in the amount of \$150,000 for the development of the City's comprehensive plan.

**Commonwealth Finance Authority Grant Application** - The City is applying to the PA Commonwealth Finance Authority for grant funds to make repairs in Roxbury Park, including the resurfacing of the tennis courts.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH FINANCE AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,488.00 THROUGH THE GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION PROGRAM TO BE USED TOWARDS IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN ROXBURY PARK, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve an application to the PA Commonwealth Finance Authority's Greenways, Trails and Recreation grant program in the amount of \$84,488 for improvements to be made in Roxbury Park.

**HOME American Rescue Plan Funding** - Earlier this year, the City conducted required public meetings to solicit input on the use of American Rescue Plan funding received through the HUD HOME program. The feedback received at the session favored the development of a non-congregate shelter. It should be noted the use of this allocation of American Rescue Plan funding through the HUD HOME program is much more restrictive than other Rescue Plan funding received by the City, and is primarily intended for housing projects.

The City subsequently released a request for proposals for the development of a non-congregate shelter, and received two proposals. Only one proposal met the criteria for use of the funds for the intended project. That proposal is from Victim's Services, which proposes to construct the non-congregate shelter at 307 Vine Street.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AN AGREEMENT WITH VICTIM SERVICES INCORPORATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$749,683.00 THROUGH THE CITY'S HOME AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER WITHIN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the proposal from Victim's Services to construct a non-congregate shelter with the use of \$749,683 of HOME American Rescue Plan funds.

**Minor Subdivision for Property at 1135 and 1118 Solomon Street** - The property owner at 1118 Solomon Street (O'Shea's Candy) proposes to merge two existing lots across the street. The lot to be merged will also transfer 1,800 square feet of land from 1135 Solomon Street into the new parcel. The City Planning Commission reviewed the proposed subdivision at their regularly scheduled July meeting and recommended approval of the plan. The Cambria County Planning Commission also reviewed the plan and recommended its approval.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING A MINOR SUBDIVISION LOT MERGE OF TWO PARCELS ON SOLOMON STREET IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

Recommended Action - Make a motion to approve the subdivision plan to merge two properties across the street from 1118 Solomon Street and part of the 1135 Solomon parcel.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Planning Commission Vacancy** - Three vacancies currently exist on the City Planning Commission due to resignations of existing members. City staff recently published a call for volunteers on City social media, the Tribune-Democrat and the City website. In response, staff received one application for the Planning Commission vacancies from Chad McLaren. The Home Rule Charter requires that Planning Commission members be City residents, and Mr. McLaren meets this requirement. The unexpired term runs through January 31, 2027.

Recommended Action - Make a motion to appoint Chad McLaren to the Johnstown Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term that runs through January 31, 2027.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Public Works
2. Police Department
3. Fire Department
4. Finance
5. Community Development
6. Code Enforcement

PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Limit 3 minutes)

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING - September 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

*Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available for public inspection the Friday before each regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall, located at 401 Main Street, Johnstown, Pa.*

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