

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 13, 2023

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:01 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. Capriotti, Ms. Huchel, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (6).
Mr. Britt (1) was absent.

Ethan Imhoff, City Manager; Alex Ashcom, Assistant City Manager; Ronald Repak, Esquire, Interim Solicitor; Sara Williams, Executive Secretary; Robert Statler, Fire Chief; Richard Pritchard, Police Chief; Jared Campagna, Director, Public Works; Dave Williams, Codes Enforcement Manager, were also in attendance.

Mayor Janakovic noted for the record that an Executive Session was held prior to the commencement of this meeting with regard to personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2023 and Special Council Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION-

Mayor Janakovic read the following Meritorious Award into the record as follows:

The City of Johnstown formally recognizes and thanks the Johnstown Christmas Market Committee, Johnstown Public Works Department and the Johnstown Fire Department for meritorious service and outstanding performance at the 2023 City of Johnstown Christmas Market.

Alex Ashcom, Assistant City Manager, accepted the award on behalf of himself and others.

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER:

Ethan Imhoff, City Manager, reported the Christmas Market was a wonderful two evenings and vendors have grown significantly over the first year.

Robert Forcey, Vision 2025 updated Council members on some of the recent activities. Quan Britt was also in attendance.

Robert Forcey, 174 Floyd Street, Johnstown, Vision 2025, noted this is his first opportunity to offer a report but is looking forward to providing an update on a monthly basis.

Mr. Forcey reported that he and Mr. Britt took over for the previous executive director in February of 2023 with the Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt, supporting the Money Man at the Point. He reported helping with wood chips at two West End Parks and clean-up days around town. Community events including block parties which provided free food were held during the summer and were attended by CamTran and CareerLink.

A social organization from UPJ reached out to the Vision group offering assistance with projects around town.

Mr. Forcey noted reports from capture teams would be offered tomorrow, December 14, 2023 at the Holiday Inn downtown. Barb Zabloutney, United Spinal Association, will be reporting at the Convention Center along with the West End Community Group and Roxbury Community Group.

Health and Wellness efforts will be reported by Angie Berzonski and Jeannine McMillan. The mobile health unit will also be available and will be parked in front of the Holiday Inn.

Mr. Forcey reported that Vision 2025 will be conducting a planning session on February 18 and 19, 2024 and all were invited to attend.

Mr. Arnone indicated the American Legion has a collection of walkers, potty and shower chairs and wheelchairs which he offered to Vision for distribution. Mr. Forcey indicated the Health and Wellness group works with

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approximately 30 different health organizations and would email Mr. Arnone regarding the matter.

Mr. Forcey had discussion with regard to the new ownership of the Masonic Temple. He talked about some of the current capture team projects.

MAYOR:

Mayor Janakovic reported the City received the inaugural Community Recognition Award from DCED Secretary Rick Siger for work done by Council, individuals and groups to move Johnstown forward.

He reported the Army Corps of Engineers will continue river cleanup and noted there are programs available for storm water.

He noted his attendance at the Transit Authority charrette for discussion of plans moving forward.

The Mayor noted his attendance at the recent Western Pennsylvania Mayors' Association meeting via Zoom.

He attended the Beginnings and Catholic Charities recent open houses.

Mrs. Mock inquired about the status of repairs to the parking garage. Mr. Imhoff indicated repairs continue and are federally funded. The transit center is receiving ideas from the public and the city is also providing input.

INTERIM CITY SOLICITOR:

Ronald Repak, Esquire, Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter and Graham, LLP, reported an Executive Session will be held following the conclusion of this meeting with regard to the City Manager contract and personnel matters. He thanked all for the opportunity to serve the City and its Council.

CITY ENGINEER:

Members were referred to the attached report.

COUNCIL UPDATES/NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS:

Mr. Capriotti reported his participation on behalf of the Mayor at the Hall of Fame Induction for the veterans at the 1st Summit Arena (Cambria County War

Memorial) where he presented numerous proclamations for individuals past and present.

He noted his attendance at the Christmas Market and Light-Up Night and commended all those involved for their efforts.

Mr. Arnone, the City's Johnstown Housing Authority representative, updated statistical information related to the population of the public housing communities located within the City of Johnstown. He reported that public housing consists of 2,225; Section 8 voucher holders, 1,179, which amounts to a total of 3,404. Currently 45 percent of those living in poverty in the City were being assisted.

Mr. Arnone indicated the Prospect relocations has affected the population statistics. He noted the Housing Authority is proceeding with repairs in the Prospect Homes and expects to sign a contract with a general contractor within the next few weeks. Residents would receive new kitchens, new bathrooms and full paint of the property.

Mr. Arnone announced a partnership with JARI, Penn Highlands and CareerLink and a kickoff event will be held tomorrow, December 14, 2023 at Oakhurst. JARI was awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$2,500 to provide training to residents on JHA property and could begin in January 2024.

As the City's representative on the GJWA, Mr. Arnone reported that as of the end of November 2023 the City was 66 percent pressure tested and the Customer Service Department received 128 new service applications and 35 inactive accounts were reactivated during that month. He noted 129 fire hydrants were winterized. Over 1,936 sewer mains were jetted and 12,699 feet of the main was inspected.

In the recent months 42 pressure tests were completed for a total of 573 for the year thus far. There was only one overflow in the City. All reservoirs were full and water quality is great.

Mr. Arnone reported the Marines loaded \$3,000 worth of toys from the American Legion.

Those residents who have contracts in place were provided three additional months for completion of the sewage project. He noted there were approximately 1,100 dead water lines, and some of those have made no effort

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to complete the project. He indicated monthly surcharges would increase to \$50 per month starting January 2024 and increase \$25 every six months.

Ms. Huchel reported that JRA has made Land Bank purchases at the November tax sale as advertised in the Tribune Democrat and encouraged others interested in Land Bank purchases through the JRA to do so.

She reported that the Johnstown's nonprofits were having another great month. Jasmine Cain will have a concert at Columba Theater Project, the former St. Columba Church in Cambria City.

Ms. Huchel reported the opening of a doll house exhibit at the Gallery on Gazebo will be held on December 19th and the Grand Halle will be providing a Lessons and Carols Concert on December 22nd.

She noted continued savings due to the O&M contract for the Dornick Point Sewage Treatment Plant.

Mayor Janakovic noted he would be participating in the Lessons and Carols Concert.

Reverend King reported her participation in the Christmas Market and commended Sara and Amber and other employees involved who helped to make it a success.

She indicated the next United Neighborhood Meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 31, 2024.

Reverend King participated in the CamTran survey regarding the Transit Center project.

She noted her attendance at the recent Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania Conference in Hershey regarding affordable housing during which a representative from the Federal Home Loan Bank had a presentation regarding applying for funds for next year. She suggested that Mr. Imhoff schedule a meeting to discuss monies available and how to apply for funding.

Reverend King announced that a Christmas Give-Away of clothing will be held this Saturday, December 16, 2023, at Christ Centered Community Church. December 25, 2023, the church will hold its 14 Annual Community Christmas Dinner starting at 1:00 p.m.

A blessing of the City will be held on December 31, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Central Park.

She indicated a dinner for First Responders on duty will be held on December 30, 2023.

Mrs. Mock reported the West End Improvement Group recently held its Christmas party.

Projects and ideas were being considered through the City's neighborhood grant initiatives for next year.

Mrs. Mock reported flowers have been ordered for next year's flower boxes.

Celebration Johnstown will be held on December 31, 2023 starting at 5:30 in Central Park. She noted events will be held at different places throughout the City including the State Theater. Shuttles were being considered to transport people throughout the City. Fireworks will be held at 9:45 p.m. Downtown businesses are encouraged to remain open during the celebration.

Mayor Janakovic commended Discover Downtown, Melissa and the Konicky Family for Light-Up Night, the houses in Central Park, events and activities held during the Christmas Holiday.

The Mayor commended Senators Casey and Fetterman and Senator Langerholc who have provided \$147,000 to extend the Pittsburgh to Philadelphia through Johnstown second train route.

PETITIONS:

None

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ AND ADOPTION

BILL NO. 10 OF 2023, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP 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; ORDINANCE NO. 5330 PASSED MARCH 9, 2022; AND ORDINANCE NO. 5352 PASSED MAY 10, 2023 BY REZONING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE 11TH WARD OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

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

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

Nays: None (0)

BILL NO. 11 OF 2023, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES ON PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF CERTAIN DISCOUNTS AND PENALTIES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024.

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

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

Nays: None (0)

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 105633

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTIMATING THE AMOUNT OF REVENUES TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FROM VARIOUS SOURCES AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS, BUREAUS, DEPARTMENTS, THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE AND THE PENSION FUND OBLIGATIONS FO THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FUND SECTIONS AND THE RESPECTIVE FUNDS "BUDGET EXHIBIT DETAILS."

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

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

Resolution No. 105634

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO MAKE ANY/ALL LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023 TO BRING SAID LINE ITEMS INTO A POSITIVE BALANCE, SUBJECT TO A LIMIT OF THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUDGETED FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. 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. Capriotti (6)
Nays: None (0)

Resolution No. 105635

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$917,600 TO BE USED TOWARDS THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

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

There was further discussion regarding when the East Side fire station in Hornerstown would be updated. Mr. Imhoff indicated temporary improvements would be made, and it was just a matter of "seeking out funding" to do so.

Chief Statler explained this involves a pretty extensive renovation and complete redesign of the West End fire station, including the apron, doors, windows, and a building addition. Mr. Capriotti inquired if a portion of the grant could be utilized at the Ash Street fire station. Chief Statler explained that due to the way the grant was set up it is only for the West End station, that relocation

to the Ash Street station and needed repairs would have gone over the amount received.

Mrs. Mock suggested that an emergency request be made to the state due to the condition of the sinking floor at the Ash Street station.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 105636

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER UNDER THE 2023 TRAINING CENTER CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 TO BE USED FOR THE NEW FIRE TRAINING FACILITY.

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

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

Resolution No. 105637

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, LOCAL NO. 630 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Capriotti. Mr. Imhoff indicated both sides were happy with the agreement. Mayor Janakovic stated that during his tenure as Mayor and part of Council, that he "appreciates the department working with the City and working through these contracts."

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Mr. Capriotti noted negotiations included the Solicitor, and a substantial amount of money was saved in the process.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 105638

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ANY/ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN THE PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FROM KAZA'S FIRE EQUIPMENT.

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

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

Resolution No. 105639

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MOCKENHAUPT BENEFITS GROUP FOR HEALTHCARE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SERVICES, TO DESIGNATE MOCKENHAUPT BENEFITS GROUP AS THE CITY'S BROKER OF RECORD FOR ITS HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN.

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

Mr. Capriotti inquired how this would affect the current healthcare benefits, i. e., the same card or entirely different and what would be different for retirees. Mr. Imhoff explained that one benefit of this agreement is that the difference card is eliminated. He further explained the savings is due to the health insurance provider. There was further discussion regarding retiree deductibles.

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Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Arnone
Mr. Capriotti (5)
Nays: None (0)
Ms. Huchel (1) abstained due to her employment in the insurance industry.

Resolution No. 105640

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING A MINOR
SUBDIVISION/LOT MERGE OF PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1325 AND
1339 FRANKLIN STREET.

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

Ms. Huchel indicated that the City Planning Commission had recommended this for approval but she is not convinced that whatever project is planned would be consistent with residential usage.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Board, Authority and Commission Seats

City Manager Imhoff indicated there were currently five board, authority commission seats that will be expiring.

Since additional information regarding other interested individuals was to have been included in member packets was not included, a motion to table was requested.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to table the board, authority and commission appointments until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Capriotti and passed by the following vote:

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

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Tax Assessment Appeal Settlements

City Manager indicated the following two tax assessment appeal settlements would need approval:

Buckeye Community Fifty-Six LP, the Roxbury Apartments property, 1308 Franklin Street, Johnstown, first appealed in 2019 but an agreement was not determined until this year. Settlement figures arrived at between, City, School District, County and property owner are \$950,000 for the 2019 tax year, \$1 million for the 2020-2024 tax years.

Everything Ice, 89 Poplar Street, settlement amount is \$215,000. It was noted the property sold for \$115,000 in May and the current fair market value of the property is \$282,000.

The City legal team has recommended approval of both appeals.

There was further discussion regarding the appraisal process.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the tax appeal settlement in the amount of \$215,000 for Everything Ice which has already been approved by the County.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Capriotti and passed by the following vote:

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

Ms. Huchel made a motion to approve the tax appeal settlements in the amount of \$950,000 for the 2019 tax year and \$1 million for the 2020-2024 tax years for Buckeye Community Fifty-Six, LP, Roxbury Apartments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Public Works

Mr. Campagna reported meeting with the Transit Center contractor who hopes to have the center back in full occupancy by Monday or Tuesday of next week, December 18 and 19, 2023. He noted that CamTran was notified of the update.

Mr. Campagna noted there were 500 tons of salt left over from last year's contract.

He noted work continues on the ramp at the Roxbury hockey rink.

2. Police Department

Richard Pritchard, Police Chief, reported there were four new officers on the street in training, and a fifth one started this past Tuesday and expects to be out on the street in training by Friday. He noted two recruits will start the academy.

Chief Pritchard commended Officer Chad Cypher who has worked diligently on his Shop with a Cop program to make Christmas happier for some children.

He indicated an open house at the office of Representative Frank Burns will be held on Friday, December 15, 2023 from 11:00 to 2:00. The Special Operations multi-use van sponsored by Representative Burns will be on display.

Chief Pritchard indicated another SRO is being sought to take the position of Officer Hess. Currently Officer Cypher is in that position. A safe rules meeting will be scheduled soon. The Chief indicated there were currently 8 or 10 officers trained in crisis intervention.

3. Fire Department

Robert Statler, Fire Chief, noted the training facility grant was approved in the amount of \$100,000. Building and fencing plans were moving forward, and the Chief was hopeful for a spring start.

The park project is moving forward.

4. Finance

Robert Ritter, Finance Director, provided a pension update. He noted that results through November of 2023 have been sent and there is a 12.9 percent increase in the pension funds. He reported the police are 100 percent funded, fire is 90 percent, employees are 94 percent and sewage is 95 percent.

The three-year history for Codes violations is being updated. The GIS system is also being configured to work with Codes. Mr. Ritter is hopeful to have all completed by year's end.

Mr. Capriotti inquired as to whether there was a breakdown on the amusement tax money. Mr. Ritter indicated approximately \$42,000 had been brought in thus far, and 44 of the 47 remaining facilities had not replied. Letters would be sent to the remaining establishments pending inventory from Codes. One of the Codes officers was monitoring the matter internally.

5. Community Development

Mr. Imhoff indicated that Mr. Dubnansky has moved on as of December 5, 2023, and an ad was placed for his position. The City Manager is hopeful that by year's end interviews can be scheduled for January 2024.

6. Code Enforcement

Dave Williams, Codes Enforcement Manager, reported that as of November 2023, 106 Code violations were issued; 36 building permits were issued and 44 establishments were checked for mechanical amusement devices. He stated if the establishment was closed, a letter was posted on the door and Codes would follow up.

Regarding rental registrations, Mr. Williams reported that within the last two days 11 units were investigated.

Mr. Williams indicated Codes staff will try to make more phone calls, do more talking to property owners, schedule more appointments, and talk to more tenants. Mrs. Mock suggested bumping up code violation investigations. She was invited to "ride along" during these investigations.

Mr. Williams reported 1,100 yearly code violations, and there were 1,250 as of last month.

Reverend King inquired about the status of the Save-A-Lot store. Mr. Williams reported the corporation has pulled out of the lease agreement. Mr.

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Capriotti stated Mr. Williams and Codes have more than enough to deal with, and Dave is "getting pulled in eight different directions."

Mrs. Mock suggested that Sargent's be contacted again regarding the skills machines in the remaining establishments that have not yet complied.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kala Penrose, 740 Linden Avenue, Johnstown, and Vince Lovendusky, 101 Rolling Hills Road, Johnstown, SEADS Gardening, were present before Council regarding their recent purchase of the franchise Miracle League, to form a nonprofit corporation and are interested in the corner of Derby Street and Berkley Hills Road for the development of a field made for special needs adults and children with wheelchairs, walker or mental disabilities. Mr. Lovendusky indicated there is a huge need for something like this in our area, and it was a \$1 million investment with the corporation raising \$500,000 and the Pittsburgh Pirate Charities matching that amount.

The field is 115 feet from home plate to center field and would be open to the public. There are future plans for a playground, also. Ms. Penrose and Mr. Lovendusky requested guidance on the matter. A representative from the Pirate Charities is willing to help work on the project.

Mr. Imhoff suggested a meeting be set with himself and staff regarding the next steps.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:33 p.m.

A Reorganization meeting will be held on January 2, 2024 to swear in Mr. Capriotti and Mr. Arnone for their new terms and other appointments. Annual photographs will also be taken. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH REGARD TO CONTRACT MATTERS DIRECTLY FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT OF THIS MEETING.