



**CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

**ANTHONY C. TRUSCELLO
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

City Council

Rev. Sylvia King, Mayor
Charles Arnone, Dep. Mayor
Samuel Barber
Taylor Clark
Michael Hamacek
Nicholas Spinelli
Lorriane Brandon-Taylor

REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Special Meeting Minutes February 4, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 11, 2026, and Special Meeting Minutes February 18, 2026.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:

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

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER:

1. MAYOR
2. CITY SOLICITOR
3. COUNCIL UPDATES/ NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

PETITIONS:

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ:

ORDINANCE# 5379

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5375 ADOPTED DECEMBER 10, 2025
AMENDING THE SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF
JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

ORDINANCE# 5380

**AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE TOWHEE PLACE FROM VINE STREET TO ROWLEY ALLEY IN
JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AS A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE.**

RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION # 10757 A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO EXECUTE THE
ATTACHED STIPULATION TO WITH HELICON ENTERPRISES, LLC, TO RESOLVE A TAX
ASSESSMENT APPEAL REGARDING PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP PARCEL # 78-028.-205.000
AND TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.**

RESOLUTION # 10758

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED STIPULATION TO WITH DANIEL THOMAS, ON BEHALF OF CURE CHURCH, TO RESOLVE A TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL REGARDING PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP PARCEL # 88-009.-217.000 AND TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

RESOLUTION # 10759

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING A LAND MERGER OF TWO PROPERTIES ALONG MAPLE AVENUE.

RESOLUTION# 10760

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS IN THE MATTER OF JOHN A. DEBARTOLA v. CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AND CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION, G.D. NO. 2023-0777, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment to Planning Commission for remaining term ending 1/31/28 due to vacancy from resignation of Laura Huchel

OLD BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: See written submissions, questions of department directors:

- 1. Police Department**
- 2. Codes**
- 3. Public Works**
- 4. Finance**
- 5. Fire Department**
- 6. Community Economic and Development**

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

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING – April 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 4, 2026

The Greater Johnstown City Council met in a stated session for special business.

Mayor Sylvia King called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mayor Sylvia King, Charles Arnone, Samuel Barber, Lorraine Brandon-Taylor,
Taylor Clark, Nicolas Spinelli

Art Martynuska, City Manager; Aimee Willett, Solicitor; and Jennifer Burkhart,
Executive Secretary; were also present

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Charlene Stanton, 184 Sell Street, commented on Resolution 10752. She stated her opinion was that City Council would be in violation of Pennsylvania Statute if they appointed a person to the vacant seat. She believed the deadline for filling the position had expired. She announced she would initiate court action against the Council if they voted to fill the position.

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, expressed reservations about City Council appointing a person to fill the vacant position. He provided examples from the past when a vacant seat was open, noting in most of the cases, the courts decided who to appoint because the Council was split. He believed the current Council was not qualified to fill the position as they would choose someone who reflected their own positions and values. He questioned why none of the candidates were present at the meeting. He noted Ms. Komar had withdrawn her application.

Mr. DeBartola stressed the importance of the person filling the vacant seat. He reiterated the candidate should be chosen by the courts to avoid any hint of nepotism, impropriety or conflicts of interest. He suggested everyone should vote no on choosing a candidate.

Ms. Willett responded to the concerns presented by Ms. Stanton. Her legal opinion was that the new City Council started their terms on January 5, 2026, the first Monday in January. She stated the conservative argument raised by Ms. Stanton allows 30 days for a new person to be appointed to the vacancy. The rules of construction and counting the days under the law allow for the exclusion of the first day, January 5, 2026, and the last day February 4, 2026, thereby Council was within the 30 days to appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10752

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPOINTING THE VACANT
COUNCIL SEAT

Mr. Clark nominated Michael Hamacek. Ms. Brandon-Taylor nominated Jasmine LaRue. Mr. Spinelli seconded the nomination of Mr. Hamacek.

Ms. Willett noted seconds were not needed for nominations.

Mayor King made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Spinelli,
Ms. Brandon-Taylor (6).

Nays: None (0).

A roll call vote was taken to fill the vacant City Council seat with each member voicing the name of their selection.

Michael Hamacek: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Spinelli (5)

Jasmine LaRue: Ms. Brandon-Taylor (1)

PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA ITEM

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, stated he was there to support the next public speaker, Ms. Weaver. He noted she was disabled and needed help with her situation.

Sharon Weaver, 168 Delaware Avenue, presented the Council with a letter from her doctor and photos. She explained she was disabled and was asking for handicap parking in front of her house. She noted, when she bought her house in August 2023, there was no parking at all on her side of the street. The Public Works department took down the no parking signs after she asked City Council at that time. She shared her health has worsened, and she had offered to pay for handicapped parking. She added, when people park on the other side of the street, cars cannot safely get through if she is also parked.

Mayor King requested clarification that Ms. Weaver did not have a handicapped spot in front of her house.

Ms. Weaver reiterated she did not have a handicapped spot. She added someone from Public Works questioned the lack of a sign when they were repainting the nearby fire hydrant. She also noted she has spoken to a number of people with the City regarding the situation.

Mr. Spinelli stated he was a visual person and would like to set up a time to visit Ms. Weaver at her house to actually see what she was talking about. Ms. Weaver agreed to his visit.

Mr. Martynuska commented he understood prior administrations had eased parking restrictions on Ms. Weaver's side of the street. He apologized for any misunderstanding, noting he understood there was a handicap sign posted. He added he would double-check the signs. He also noted the street is very narrow. Parking has always been permitted on the other side of the street although the parking has been restricted in the last few months due to people parking too close to the curb and fire hydrant.

Terrence Andrews, 59 Boyd Avenue, shared he is a disabled veteran who was assaulted on October 31, 2025, at the Sunoco on Fairfield Avenue. He presented concerns on accountability as he felt he was not receiving justice under the law. He stated he had tried to speak to the Mayor, City manager, and finally went to the courts himself. He noted complaints to the City Manager had been sent to the Chief of Police who conducts internal affairs investigations in his department. He stated his assault was on scanner pages, and he had EMT reports but there was no coverage from local news. He stated there was not a police report regarding the incident, and he was not interviewed at the hospital.

Mayor King replied she had informed Mr. Andrews she was unable to interfere in police investigations.

Dustin Greene, 312 Chestnut Street, presented concerns about the possibility of a landfill being proposed as a source of revenue for the City. He noted the topic was brought up during a public meeting and covered by media. He questioned what was happening with the Rosedale property owned by JRA. He added he had asked JRA but did not receive an answer. He expressed frustration at being told information could not be added to the websites for JRA or the City due to the transition to new websites. He shared the history of Rosedale, which

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was a tragic story in the City's past and he thought a landfill would be another tragedy.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

The next regular scheduled meeting is February 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:51 p.m. with Council going into Executive Session.

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

The Greater Johnstown City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Sylvia King called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Reverend Antoinette Allen offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mayor Sylvia King, Charles Arnone, Samuel Barber, Lorraine Brandon-Taylor, Taylor Clark, Nicolas Spinelli, Mike Hamacek

Art Martynuska, City Manager; Mike Capriotti, Assistant City Manager; Aimee Willett, Solicitor; Jennifer Burkhart, Executive Secretary; John Rutledge, Economic Development Director; Mark Britton, Chief of Police; Jim McCann, Fire Chief; Carmen Truscello, Public Works Director; Lavonna Smith, HR Manager/Records Retention Manager; Brandon Palmer, EADS Group; and Joel Valentine, Wessel & Co., were also present

Ms. Willett noted Executive Sessions were held on January 8, 2026, and prior to the meeting on January 14, 2026, to discuss personnel and litigation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor King requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026 and Special Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2026. (listed on Agenda, not said in meeting 1:48 minutes in on digital)

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

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (7).

Nays: None (0).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, questioned what the Plumbing Board and Unified Construction Code Board of Appeals were. He requested the City Council appoint new Board Members instead of reappointing old ones to Johnstown Redevelopment Authority and Johnstown Housing Authority. Mr. DeBartola mentioned Section 8 housing inspections brought up at the Planning Commission meeting. He also mentioned the Public Safety Building report and stated money should not be pulled away from the Public Safety Building for a fire hall.

Mr. DeBartola questioned a parking lot tax line item from the budget. He congratulated Howard Bennett being appointed to the Loan Review Committee.

Mr. DeBartola presented his concerns regarding Resolution 10754 related to recording in public meetings. He questioned parts of the resolution including prohibiting people from recording before and after a meeting. He asked what the consequences would be if someone violated the rules. He asked how enforcement would occur without violating his First Amendment rights. He noted he did not intend to comply with the resolution.

Mr. DeBartola reiterated his concerns regarding Board appointments. He stated there were people in the room he believed trashed him during the election. He added, if the people he saw were appointed to Boards, he felt negativity would be reinforced. He specifically stated concerns regarding Bruce Haselrig being reappointed to JRA.

Charlene Stanton, 184 Sell Street, stated she was speaking on Resolutions 10751 and 10754. She recapped the budget process since December 10, 2025. She stated Resolution 10751 regarding the budget showed the budget was unbalanced and therefore could not be passed. She stated the Home Rule Charter and state statutes dictate revenues must equal expenditures. In particular, Ms. Stanton expressed concerns regarding ARPA funds. She stated the Liquid Fuels was the only balanced fund. She stated the biggest responsibility of City Council is to adopt the budget and their decisions directly affect people.

Ms. Stanton cited concerns with Resolution 10754, adopting regulations for recording at public meetings. She stated she did not see anything in the Sunshine Act for recording open meetings where someone can be told they are not allowed to record in Council Chambers prior to a meeting. Regarding not recording private conversations, she also stated in a public building anyone is

subject to being recorded. She also questioned how the rules would be enforced.

Dustin Greene, 312 Chestnut Street, commented on Board appointments. He shared past experiences he had with JRA and stated people needed to be cycled through to create change. He added he was happy to see new faces in the gallery for the meeting.

Mr. Greene echoed previous concerns regarding Resolution No. 10754. He believed the Resolution should be revised. He added any public space can be recorded. He added, if a private conversation is needed, then the people needed to go to a private space. Mr. Greene mentioned past events where photos and videos were taken of award presentations that would violate the rules. He stated the rules would need to be standardized for everyone including City staff. He added the public should be allowed to take photographs if they wish.

Mr. Greene expressed frustration with the Conference Center receiving new LED lighting from the Public Works report. He added the City should stop putting money into the Conference Center.

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Art Martynuska, City Manager, expanded on a codes report from Laurel Management presented in Council's packet. Laurel Management reported, between January 2025 and January 2026, there were 1,083 codes violations cited in the City. Mr. Martynuska noted the number was in addition what was done with the City Codes and Fire Department.

Mr. Martynuska recently met with the Raise/Build Committee regarding the Main Street Project, Transit Project, and the Heritage Project. He added meetings are taking place more often with moving towards the end of the Central Park Project. He also met with students from Johnstown High School who are planning a Central Park celebration in September to recognize the park and the City.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Aimee Willett, Solicitor, did not have a report for public session. She noted she would provide litigation updates to Council during Executive Session after the

meeting. When asked by Mr. DeBartola, she stated the case was *Gibson-Thomas v. City of Johnstown*.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor King stated there was an Executive Session on January 14, 2026, a Special Meeting to interview for the Council seat on January 15, 2026 and a Workshop on February 4, 2026. She welcomed Mike Hamacek to the Council.

Mayor King reported on attending the West End Business Meeting on January 22, 2026. She also recently participated in the Chamber of Commerce leadership class. She explained Pro-Disposal had given her a schedule of trash pick-up including days, neighborhoods, and streets. She asked for the information to be added to the City's website.

Mayor King read a message composed with the assistance of Erika Brosig from Victim Services. The message read:

"The City of Johnstown extends its deepest condolences to the family of Ms. Kammi Ritchwood. Intimate partner violence is a dangerous and pervasive academic with far-reaching impacts. In the United States, approximately three women are killed by intimate partners every day. Survivors are often judged for staying in abusive relationships, but it is essential to recognize that intimate partner violence is a complex issue that extends far beyond the relationship itself. Survivors often face significant barriers to leaving, including housing instability, financial dependence, lack of control over decisions, fear of losing their children, and direct threats or coercion from the offender. Research shows that on average a survivor attempts to leave an abusive relationship seven times before they can escape permanently. Help and support are available if you or someone you love is experiencing intimate partner violence and they do not know where to turn. Please contact Victim Services at 814-288-4961 to speak confidentially with an advocate and take the first steps towards safety."

Mayor King thanked Victim Services for the message. She acknowledged the fears of Moxham residents but stressed there was no direct threat to the community. She stated it was a time for compassion. She encouraged people to speak to one another and not judge as you never know what may be happening in a person's household.

COUNCIL UPDATES/NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Mr. Clark extended appreciation for Mayor King's remarks concerning domestic violence. He reported on the Downtown Business Owners meeting. Topics discussed at the meeting included Central Park, the Main Street Project, Conference Center updates, and the new parking system. He noted there were concerns regarding the empty Main Street East building. Concerns from residents and business owners included safety precautions with the empty fountain. Mr. Clark noted attending the West End Business Owners meeting. He stated it was nice to see residents starting to do things in their community with the help City Council can provide. Mr. Clark attended the grand opening of Solid Platforms.

Regarding the Special City Council Meeting on February 4, 2026, Mr. Clark reported on visiting Ms. Weaver at her house with Chief Britton. He noted it appeared a handicap spot could be placed on her street for her use. He stated he would deliver paperwork from the City to her. Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Truscello and the Public Works department for their hard work during the recent snowstorm.

Mr. Barber reported on attending the ribbon cutting at Solid Platforms. As the son of a steelworker, he appreciated a top-notch company coming into Johnstown with good paying jobs. Mr. Barber reported on participating in a ride-along with Public Works to see how snow plowing was accomplished. He noted there were many matters which go into plowing that the public may not understand.

Mr. Barber shared his recently witnessing first responders from the police and fire departments when a child was playing in his neighborhood and got stuck on the river wall. He noted the effort to rescue the little girl was phenomenal, and he thanked the first responders.

Mr. Arnone provided updates as the representative to the Housing Authority. He reviewed the population numbers in public housing, noting as of January 31, 2026, units within the City were 96 percent occupied with 2,561 people across 1,338 apartments. Section 8 utilization was at 76 percent with a population of 936 people in 420 units within the City's boundaries. He added JHA is not issuing vouchers to new families due to current monthly funding. In addition, JHA has stopped accepting applications for Section 8 as of February 1, 2026, due to the length of the waitlist. He stated JHA was accepting bids for roof replacements throughout Oakhurst. He noted HUD was funded through September 2026, so JHA expects stable funding on a monthly basis.

Regarding the Water Authority, Mr. Arnone shared statistics noting in January the Customer Service Department received 64 new service applications for property transfers; 11 services were renewed; seven mainline leaks were repaired; and 317 hydrants were winterized. Crews started work on lead line replacement on Chandler Avenue but were paused due to the weather. Mr. Arnone reported 1,430 feet of sewer main was jetted in January, and 1,021 feet of main line was inspected. 22 pressure tests were completed with the City being 74.14 percent complete at the end of January.

Ms. Brandon-Taylor reported on also attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at Solid Platforms. She was happy to see American-made products represented. She attended the West End Business Owners meeting on January 22, 2026. She stated one of the topics included a possible vendor market in the West End. She also reported there was an upcoming neighborhood meeting on February 18, 2026, in Prospect where there would be a discussion on how to spend money in the neighborhood.

Mr. Spinelli extended appreciation for resolutions being posted online prior to the meeting, noting it was a good practice in the spirit of transparency. He thanked Mr. Clark for following up with Ms. Weaver. He noted it shows City Council is listening to residents' concerns and helping where it can. He reported on participating in a ride-along with Public Works during the snowstorm. He commended their efforts, noting much more goes into snow removal than the average person may recognize. He stated a better job can always be done and encouraged everyone to be open to improvement.

Mr. Hamacek thanked City Council for his nomination to the Council. He looked forward to serving Johnstown.

PETITIONS:

None.

ORDINANCES

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10753

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT
TO THE LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Mayor King read the details of the Resolution, noting the appointment was for
Howard Bennett to a three-year term.

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

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Spinelli,
Ms. Brandon-Taylor (6).

Nays: None (0).

Abstain: Mr. Clark (1)

Mr. Clark abstained due to Mr. Bennett being his employee.

Resolution No. 10754

RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF JOHNSTOWN
CITY COUNCIL, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGARDING
RECORDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Mayor King made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Spinelli seconded the
motion.

Ms. Willett explained she had been asked to prepare a resolution to address the taped
off area for videotaping. Regarding comments about taping before and after a
meeting, she noted, when a person enters a public meeting, there is an
expectation that they may be recorded. However, the same presumption does
not exist before or after a meeting. She stated, while there was not a provision
in the Sunshine Act referring to audio or visual recording before or after
meetings, her opinion was that part of the resolution related to the Crimes
Code.

Mr. Spinelli asked what enforcement was available to the Council for non-compliance
with the resolution.

Ms. Willett replied enforcement lies in the manner in which City Council holds their meetings and tries to maintain order. If there was a problem with non-compliance, the Mayor, as the person in charge of meetings, could ask the individual to be escorted out or ask them to modify their behavior.

Mr. Spinelli stated he would like to make a motion to amend the resolution to remove the language regarding recording before or after a meeting but keep in place the language regarding Executive Session.

Ms. Willett stated, because there was already a motion, the individual who made the original motion would need to amend the motion. She recommended, if the suggested language was removed, notices be placed in the hallway and in the room indicating that recording could take place at any time. She added it would allow people to be on notice that if they uttered a word in the room, it could be audio recorded and the City would not have control over the recording.

Mayor King requested clarification about recording inside of public buildings.

Ms. Willett stated, if the resolution was modified to allow audio recording before and after the meeting, then City Council would be embracing the possibility that conversations could be recorded. She added the language was included so people would not be caught off guard, because in Pennsylvania, you have to have an individual's permission to audio record them unless they are in a public meeting where there is an expectation that there could be recording.

Mr. Spinelli commented there was not an expectation of privacy during a conversation in the Council Chamber before a public meeting. He added there are ways to have a private conversation.

Mayor King motioned to amend the resolution.

Mr. Clark requested clarification on how the resolution was being amended.

Mr. Spinelli stated in the line, which quoted, "no recording devices shall be permitted", the part stating "prior to commencement of the public meeting, following adjournment of a public meeting, during a recess of a public meeting" would be removed. The new line would read, "no recording devices shall be permitted during an executive session held pursuant to Section 708 of the Sunshine Act."

Mayor King stated one of the purposes of the resolution was due to people recording while standing up and blocking the view of other people in the gallery who

where then unable to see or hear the Council. She also noted when there are events such as proclamations, picture taking is allowed.

Mr. Spinelli noted the resolution is also responsive to the public asking for a formal policy on recording during meetings. He noted the resolution sets clear ground rules while listening to the public and meeting the public's needs.

The motion to amend the resolution passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (7).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10751

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, AND THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FUND SECTIONS, AND THE RESPECTIVE FUNDS BUDGET EXHIBIT DETAILS.

- A. LIQUID FUELS FUND
- B. CDBG FUND
- C. STATE HOME FUND
- D. UDAG FUND
- E. STATE GRANT FUND
- F. AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUND

Mayor King made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Arnone seconded the motion.

Joel Valentine, Wessel & Co., stated his company had been asked to review the budget as presented. He reinforced the amount of fund balance and deferred revenue of the City. He explained the fund balance is created by creating excess revenue over expenses over time. Deferred revenue is created by receiving grants in advance of spending them. He added some funds, such as

the ARPA fund, have to spend down money that was already received in advance.

Mr. Barber commented the budget was balanced and did not appear that way on paper until the money comes in. Mr. Valentine confirmed there were enough reserves to cover anything in the budget, and it was balanced with the use of reserves and deferred revenue.

Mayor King asked if there was another way to show the balance. Mr. Valentine stated, in a basic sense, the City has been saving money over the years to be able to spend on the current projects. He added the money is there to spend the dollars down, in effect creating a balanced situation.

The motion to approve the resolution passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (7).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10755

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO ENGAGE PROFESSIONAL
ACCOUNTING SERVICES WITH MAHER DUSSEL

Mr. Spinelli made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor King seconded the motion.

Mr. Martynuska explained he had talked with Wessel & Co. regarding some of the needs for accounting services with the City's finance department. He stated they discussed the possibility of a fractional controller who would not replace a permanent finance director but would provide the assistance of a professional firm. He stated two firms were interviewed, YPTC Part-time Controller and Maher Dussel. Maher Dussel provided a proposal while YPTC did not. After reviewing the proposal, City staff felt Maher Dussel would be a good fit and recommended a contract.

Mayor King stated the financial difference would be a little less with a firm compared to the package of a fulltime finance director.

Mr. Clark confirmed, after doing some quick math, the firm would cost a few thousand dollars less. Mr. Martynuska agreed with Mr. Clark.

Mr. Barber asked if the City had reached out to any other firms. Mr. Martynuska replied the City did not reach out to anyone else.

Mr. Hamacek asked what the time period was since Mr. Martynuska had reached out to YPTC. Mr. Martynuska stated they reached out to the two firms within one day of each other. He noted YPTC never followed up, and their wheelhouse was more non-profit than governmental.

Mr. Clark highlighted some of the cities Maher Dussel works with.

Mr. Spinelli stated, while he shared the underlying concerns from Mr. Barber and Mr. Hamacek regarding the bid process, he thought the situation was a bit different as the City Manager had the sole authority to hire a finance director. He added the only reason City Council was giving input was due to the contract being with an outside firm.

Mr. Barber asked if any individuals had been interviewed.

Mr. Martynuska confirmed three people were interviewed and turned the position down due to the wages.

Mr. Valentine provided clarity to the situation. He noted Wessel & Co. cannot provide the accounting services, because they are the auditors. He understands the city finances are a complex situation which requires experience. He further added companies that do governmental accounting are becoming fewer and fewer across Pennsylvania. He noted Wessel & Co. has worked with Maher Dussel and verified they were a good company, which provides a lot of value while allowing the City to maintain their independence.

Mr. Clark stated hiring Maher Dussel was a step in the right direction in having another set of eyes on the City finances.

Mr. Arnone noted hiring a company with experience helps to eliminate human errors.

Mr. Barber shared his concerns lay in not having any other contracts to compare the cost.

Mr. Spinelli stated the cost can be compared to the salary that would be paid to a finance director. He added it would be good to have independent eyes on the finances.

Mr. Martynuska stated the City met with the firm both remotely and in person. He added the package was created based on the City's needs and requirements.

Mr. Hamacek asked about how the monthly charges were determined. Mr. Martynuska stated the monthly amount would be based on how much the City needs their assistance. He expected the firm would take on more of an overseeing role as staff became more familiar with the firm's work and as the firm became familiar with the City. He noted at the top of the list of concerns presented to the firm was to make sure the budgeting process was seamless this year.

Ms. Willett added City administration has already started working on a budget timeline for the second half of 2026 to smooth out problems from the end of 2025.

Mr. Capriotti stressed, with the contract, the City would be getting a team of people and not just one. He noted that the firm really impressed that it has individuals who work in selected areas with municipal governments to help in specific situations.

Mr. Barber asked about the contract length. Mr. Martynuska stated it was a one-year contract with renewable options.

The motion passed by the following vote:

The motion to amend the resolution passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Spinelli,
Ms. Brandon-Taylor (6).
Nays: Mr. Barber (1).

Resolution No. 10754

RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF JOHNSTOWN
CITY COUNCIL, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGARDING
RECORDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS.

It was noted the previous motion on Resolution No. 10754 was recorded as approval of amending the resolution but was not approval of the resolution.

Mr. Arnone motioned to approve the resolution with specific revision to paragraph 1(c) and 1(i). Mr. Spinelli seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the resolution as amended passed by the following vote:

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Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (7).
Nays: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals

Mr. Arnone nominated Dorothy Clark to the term ending on December 31, 2026.

The motion to approve Dorothy Clark passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (6).
Nays: None (0).
Abstain: Mr. Clark (1)

Mr. Clark abstained due to being related to Dorothy Clark by marriage.

Mr. Barber nominated James Carthew for the term ending December 31, 2027.

The motion to approve James Carthew passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (7).
Nays: None (0).

Mr. Hamacek nominated Donald Buday for the term ending December 31, 2028.

The motion to approve Donald Buday passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (7).
Nays: None (0).

Planning Commission

Mr. Hamacek nominated himself for the term ending January 31, 2029.

Mayor King nominated James White for the term ending January 31, 2029.

James White was selected via a roll call vote with each Council Member stating their selection:

Mike Hamacek: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Spinelli, Mr. Hamacek (3)

James White: Mayor King, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (4)

Mr. Arnone nominated Mike Hamacek for the term ending January 31, 2030.

Mr. Barber nominated James Carthew for the term ending January 31, 2030.

James Carthew was selected via a roll call vote with each Council Member stating their selection:

Mike Hamacek: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Spinelli, Mr. Hamacek (3)

James Carthew: Mayor King, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (4)

Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Barber nominated Nadirah Jenkins for the term ending January 1, 2027.

The motion to approve Nadirah Jenkins passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (4).

Nays: Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Spinelli (3)

Mr. Clark nominated James Mizik for the term ending January 1, 2028.

The motion to approve James Mizik passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hamacek,
Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (6).

Nays: Mr. Spinelli (1)

Mayor King nominated Howard Bennett for the term ending January 31, 2029.

The motion to approve Howard Bennett passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Barber, Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (4).

Nays: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Hamacek (2)

Abstain: Mr. Clark (1)

Mr. Clark abstained due to Mr. Bennett being an employee of his.

Civil Service Board

Mayor King nominated Michael Allen for the term ending January 1, 2027.

The motion to approve Michael Allen passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hamacek,
Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (7).

Nays: None (0).

Johnstown Redevelopment Authority

Mr. Arnone nominated Mike Hamacek for the term ending January 1, 2029.

Mayor King nominated Bruce Haselrig for the term ending January 1, 2029.

Mr. Barber nominated Tony Kassander for the term ending January 1, 2029.

Mr. Clark nominated himself for the term ending January 1, 2029.

With four nominations and one open position, a roll call vote was taken with each Council Member voicing their selection.

Mike Hamacek: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Spinelli (3)

Taylor Clark: Clark (1)

Bruce Haselrig: Mayor King, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (2)

Tony Kassander: Barber (1)

It was noted a majority of four was needed for approval.

Bruce Haselrig was selected in a second roll call vote with each Council Member voicing their selection from the top two choices from the previous vote.

Mike Hamacek: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Hamacek, Mr. Spinelli (3)

Bruce Haselrig: Mayor King, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (4)

Johnstown Housing Authority

Mr. Clark nominated Bill McKinney for the term ending January 1, 2030.

The motion to approve Bill McKinney passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hamacek,

Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (7).
Nays: None (0).

Plumbing Board

Mayor King noted the Plumbing Board appointment was made by the City Manager.

Mr. Martynuska stated there was one applicant, Jim Frederick, who had worked in the City since 1977, been a Master Plumber since 1999, and met the qualifications to serve on the Plumbing Board. He explained the Plumbing Board had a number of tasks but the most important was the certification testing for plumbers to operate in the City. The Plumbing Board also looks at plumbing code issues.

Mr. Barber asked Mr. Martynuska to also explain the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals (UCC). Mr. Martynuska stated UCC looks at applications for appeals on codes issue and determines if the initial codes recommendation stays or if there would be changes.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to accept the City Manager's recommendation of Jim Frederick for the Plumbing Board. Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hamacek,
Mr. Spinelli, Ms. Brandon-Taylor (7).
Nays: None (0).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mark Britton, Chief of Police, reported in January 2026 officers handled 2,503 total dispatches including in contracted areas. 20 people were taken into custody with outstanding warrants. One search warrant was executed in the Cambria City section of Johnstown. He added suspects had been charged and taken into custody in two recent, unrelated arson incidents.

Chief Britton stated four candidates completed testing at the end of January and are Act 120 certified. He noted the department is working to fill the vacant position and will retain a certified hiring list once the position is filled.

The Johnstown Police Department helped provide Victim Services with active threat training. The training allowed the department to train staff and ultimately survivors with awareness and response, strengthening the partnership with Victim Services.

Mr. Spinelli asked what services were provided to officers who responded to traumatic scenes like the recent homicide in Moxham.

Chief Britton stated, through the relationship with Victim Services, officers are provided help when needed. He stated, for each traumatic incident, a list of names is collected on a referral sheet. The officers talk to Victim Services to check on the victims' well-being. He added, while officers may say they are fine the day of the incident, the department follows up with them over the next few weeks as well.

Mayor King requested confirmation of the department having a chaplain. Mr. Spinelli stated the chaplain was Father Tim Harris from St. John Vianney. Chief Britton confirmed Father Harris works with both the police and fire departments. Mr. Martynuska added there is also an internal employee assistance program.

Mayor King asked if the police vehicles always keep their lights on.

Chief Britton explained that studies have shown keeping daylight running lights turned on the vehicles tends to not be safe for officers. Mayor King stated she was talking about keeping the lights on so people would see the vehicles in their neighborhoods. She noted people can tell if a vehicle is a cop car with or without the lights.

Chief Britton stated he understood her point. He reiterated the safety issues and noted there has been an upbeat in crime in the United States against police officers. He added officer deaths caused by violence is about 30 to 40 percent higher than in previous years.

CODES

Mike Capriotti, Assistant City Manager, noted the Council had been provided a codes report. He explained, so far in 2026, 11 building permits had been issued. For property maintenance violations through Laurel, 16 complaints were

received with 13 cases being opened. Out of the 13 cases, six were closed with compliance being met. Internal codes had 21 violations for the month. He reported the packet had a list of violations still open dating back to November 2025; however, a few significant ones had recently been closed. In addition, interviews were being conducted to hire two additional code officials for internal codes in the City.

Mr. Spinelli asked if there were any citations or tickets written with recent weather for people not clearing their sidewalks.

Mr. Capriotti responded a handful of citations were written but were not included in the January 2026 report as they occurred in February 2026. He noted most were focused in the downtown area where people are trying to walk between businesses. He added they are looking to identify a means to address residential areas with the biggest issue being the vacant or unoccupied structures. He explained, by the time the violation is submitted and the person is given 30 days to comply, the snow is melted and the violation is gone.

Mr. Spinelli stated everything ties together and people may start claiming selective enforcement if they are required to clear their sidewalks while the City does not have all their properties cleared. He added clearing snow is one of the matters where everyone is in it together.

Mr. Capriotti noted the City is responsible for its properties and places like where bridges go over waterways. He added sidewalks along downtown business district and elsewhere are the responsibility of the business.

Mr. Spinelli pointed out, at some point, there needed to be a conversation regarding the vacant lots. He suggested, while trying to figure out how to get the property owner to clear the sidewalk, the City may need to help somehow in the meantime.

Mr. Capriotti agreed the situation needed addressed. He noted, with the amount of work Public Works does with its current staff, it would be extremely taxing for them to clear private properties after clearing streets and city owned areas.

Mr. Spinelli stated he has been speaking with Mr. Truscello to look into different ways to shift resources or hire part-time people to help.

Ms. Brandon-Taylor asked if the two new codes hires would be working alongside Laurel and the fire department.

Mr. Capriotti confirmed everyone would be working together with Laurel focused on the more severe, significant cases which may need to go in front of the magistrate while code officials and the fire department focus on property maintenance and rental inspections.

Mr. Barber asked why citations now take 30 days.

Mr. Capriotti stated, at some point in the last year, the City adopted the International Property Maintenance Code (IMPC) regulations, which is a 30-day time limit. IMPC was adopted to ensure the City was using the same policy as Laurel so violations were handled uniformly.

Mr. Barber questioned the difference between disposal of garbage, disposal of rubbish, and accumulation of rubbish and garbage, noting the three violations seemed to be relatively the same.

Mr. Capriotti stated he could not speak to how the codes officer is classifying each violation but suggested it may depend on what was happening such as bags of trash, random junk or bags of leaves.

Mr. Barber continued to question the different codes for garbage.

Mr. Capriotti stated he would try to obtain a more succinct answer for Mr. Barber with regard to how each of the codes are being classified.

Ms. Willett noted IMPC has specific definitions for each of the codes.

Mr. Barber expressed frustration at the 30-day timeline given to correct violations instead of previous ordinances establishing different timelines based on the violation.

Mr. Capriotti reiterated it was a City Council decision which Council could address.

Mr. Hamacek noted with criminal violations that Laurel deals with, the 30-days is required.

Mr. Capriotti stated IMPC language gives 30-days regardless if the violation is civil or criminal. He noted it was decided to have the City's code enforcement mirror Laurel's enforcement so the public did not become confused with two different sets of rules. He added the Council could decide at any point to make changes they deem fit.

Ms. Willet provided a background of when and why Laurel Municipal was adopted to help with code enforcement.

Mayor King suggested reminders prior to impending storms may help with snow removal from sidewalks.

Mr. Capriotti provided a reminder that the snow removal ordinance stated you have 24 hours from the time the last snowflake falls to clear your sidewalk. He added in situations where snow has been stamped down and is not easily removed, a provision exists allowing for abrasive material such as sand to be put down.

Mr. Hamacek commented the main problem does not exist with a lot of the regular businesses. He pointed out issues seem to be in areas where there may be businesses but limited foot traffic such as Roosevelt Boulevard. He added the sidewalks there may need to be maintained by the City.

Mr. Capriotti stated staff would do as directed by the Council but cautioned against directing them to clear areas along private properties. He noted the City needed to make sure folks are being held accountable. He added ordinance language could be changed to allow for billing or another process for accountability.

Mr. Spinelli noted the goal should be compliance and not punitive.

CITY ENGINEER

Brandon Palmer, EADS Group, provided a brief update on projects within the City. He stated the Walnut Street Project is being done in conjunction with the Amtrak project. Amtrak is putting in stormwater management, which requires the City to install a larger outflow pipe. Amtrak is paying for the project cost and engineering with the City just acting as a pass through for the project. He noted Army Corps has approved the new upsized outflow.

Mr. Palmer also noted the City received good news regarding the Dellwood Street Bridge in Woodvale. PennDOT's Transportation Improvement Program will be helping with bridge repairs in conjunction with the City. He noted the work was not scheduled until 2029 but there was a lot of planning involved, which will be taking place over the next couple of years.

PUBLIC WORKS

Carmen Truscello, Public Works Director, recognized the hard work of the men and women in the Public Works Department who worked tirelessly to clear roads, sidewalks, bridges, and alleys in the City. He noted places like Broad Street are cleared by the state plows and the snow winds up on the sidewalks. He added it is a never-ending task to try to clear the sidewalks along Broad Street and similar areas. He shared Public Works is responsible for clearing 15 bridges and start out at Johnstown High School along Central Avenue to clear the bridge for kids going to school. He added the fire department is often overlooked with snow removal but they repeatedly clear out areas around fire hydrants.

Mr. Truscello reported Public Works started working in three shifts in January to have people working around the clock Monday through Saturday. In January, Public Works assisted with the removal of the Christmas tree and houses in PNG Park. He shared Public Works was also working to clear snow from the Central Business District. He noted the cleared snow was being dumped onto a piece of City property near the train station and onto the Hudson Street school ground. He stated snow was not being dumped into the river.

Mr. Truscello provided an update on the work progress at the Conference Center. He noted the LED lighting installed had also been completed at other City locations such as the Public Safety Building and City Hall. He also noted he met with the Department of Labor and Industry (DL&I) regarding the Public Safety Building. He stated eight of the 14 items on the compliance report had been completed. He noted it would be better to have the contractors work on larger items like the HVAC system.

Mr. Arnone noted the lighting changes was to save energy. Mr. Truscello added he come in towards the end of the project but that there was also reduced pricing with the LED lighting.

Mr. Clark stated the next inspection from DL&I was scheduled for March. He asked if there was a time scheduled throughout the year for inspections.

Mr. Truscello stated the times are not generally scheduled ahead of time. He also noted DL&I was not going to provide the compliance report but Mr. Truscello asked for the report so he would know where the deficiencies were.

Mr. Clark asked if for additional details on the air quality testing.

Mr. Truscello confirmed the City was responsible for air quality testing in the building. He noted most of the issue likely came from the basement. He added he would be talking to someone regarding the test but added when the project is done for the building, there would be an asbestos test. He also noted there was a contract for the roof and electric.

Mr. Clark noted some of the do not comply lines on the compliance report would remain as the City was waiting on funding for them. He stated the report was not a good representation of the work that has already gone into the building. He added there was a need to be mindful that there was still a lot of work to be done with different resources and revenue sources for the work to be done. He added some lines as the air quality testing could potentially remain as do not comply until the building was complete.

Mr. Barber sked if Mr. Truscello had a wish list of what machines could be used to help clear sidewalks, what would be on the list. He added he has seen the individuals working at 5:00 a.m. with the snow blower and shovels, noting they can only clear a small amount every hour because of the amount of snow and how hard the process is.

Mr. Truscello replied the first issue would be having the people to be able to work equipment. He stated smaller skid steers that fit on sidewalks could be bought but then there was the issue of where to put the snow. He reiterated the snow could not be dumped in the river.

Mr. Barber stated he was asking for specifics so the Council could look into maybe getting the equipment needed.

Mr. Truscello replied he would look into it further for specifics but skid steers would probably be the easiest option. He noted bigger snowblowers on tracks also might be an option. Mr. Truscello explained issues with clearing large amounts of snow from roads and sidewalks as well as considerations, which may arise with new equipment.

Mr. Martynuska added at one point the city had 100 people in the Public Works Department. He noted the number of roads to clear has not decreased. He reported regular conversations with Mr. Truscello to find solutions. One possible solution would be to get a dump trailer to assist with clearing snow, particularly from parking garage roofs to help avoid deterioration of the garage.

Mr. Truscello noted a nice sized trailer would help offload snow.

Mr. Spinelli circled back to the Public Safety Building. He asked if Mr. Truscello had participated in the contractor walkthroughs.

Mr. Truscello stated he thought the walkthroughs went well. He expected the City to receive quotes on the project. When asked, he explained his main concern was not having enough money to complete all of the work needed. He stated the focus is on the most important areas.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Lavonna Smith, HR Manager/Records Retention Manager, provided HR updates. She stated HR is working to fill vacant City positions. In addition, HR is making sure all employees have EPRs. She noted she is working with all department heads on polices.

Mayor King stated she knew Ms. Smith was working on right-to-know requests but asked where she was with job descriptions.

Ms. Smith stated she had finished the job descriptions and sent them to the City Manager for review. Mr. Martynuska confirmed the descriptions were under review.

Mr. Clark asked about recent training for Ms. Smith, Mr. Martynuska and Mr. Capriotti.

Mr. Martynuska stated there was a civil service program that had just started and six people were attending every Wednesday for four weeks. He added there have also been right-to-know trainings. Ms. Smith confirmed the HR generalist and herself have also been doing HR trainings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jim McCann, Fire Chief, reported in January the Fire Department received 161 calls for service with 74 percent for fire and 26 percent for EMS. He noted there were several fires but only one of note on B Street which was a vacant structure.

Chief McCann noted the department has also teamed up with Victim Services to assist with the mental health of firefighters. He noted everyone in the department is also EMS or paramedic trained and responds to calls where they work hand in hand with police and EMS partners.

Chief McCann thanked Public Works for their assistance in helping with equipment in the cold weather.

Chief McCann noted with the river freezing, people, especially youth, are interested in investigating. He reminded everyone while the river surface may be frozen, the ice is extremely thin and the river is still flowing underneath creating a dangerous situation. He stated the department has been diligent with checking areas of concern and has had to speak with several people about not being in the river.

Chief McCann shared the Fire Department has continued to work with County EMA who helps supply other agencies. In addition, the department continues to work with the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen and the Salvation Army to assist those in need. He shared his experiences in volunteering, noting it was a humbling experience. He acknowledged people who help those in need, stating the response he receives for appeals for help has been incredible. He particularly noted The Chamber of Commerce, Vision Together and Visit Johnstown had teamed up to help supply socks for homeless shelters. He also acknowledged Marie Mock, Melina Sims, Melissa Komar and Melissa Radovanic for getting much needed supplies to the Salvation Army.

Chief McCann stated work with the Red Cross continued on the smoke detector program. He noted certain areas are being concentrated on. He added firefighters are also continuing with training when not responding to calls or shoveling out hydrants. He noted there was a training committee which helped with continuity of training across the four platoons. He also added several individuals are working towards fire officer certifications.

Mayor King thanked him and stated Chief McCann was the right person for the right job at the right time. She noted she had received emails about the work Chief McCann has been doing in the community.

Chief McCann noted his appreciation. He reiterated the work is humbling and he still tries to get to the soup kitchen on a daily basis to talk to people. He added people often just need a hand up.

Mayor King noted the soup kitchen has resource fairs where people can talk to various vendors who can assist with their needs.

Chief McCann commented resources exist but often people just do not know how to access the resources.

Mr. Spinelli asked if EMTs or paramedics have higher certification. Chief McCann stated paramedics have higher certification but all of the firefighters are EMT certified. Mr. Spinelli asked what it would take to certify everyone as paramedics. Chief McCann explained why it would be unrealistic, noting the training and money involved with paramedic programs.

Mr. Clark echoed Mayor King's sentiments. He added he did not think there was a better person for the job than Chief McCann.

Chief McCann noted he could not be prouder of the firefighters on the street in the City. He added they do an amazing job day and day out and always find a way.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT

John Rutledge, Economic Development Director, reported on meetings and trainings he attended during January. He noted DCED held their first public hearing for the 2026 CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Program on January 29, 2026. Despite notices placed in the paper January 12th, no public attended for comment.

Mr. Rutledge reported on CDBG projects funded in prior fiscal years such as turnout gear for the fire department, the final fire truck payment, public service projects and the Market on Main. He noted DCED is working with the Flood City Youth Fitness Academy which recently presented to the Planning Commission. Mr. Rutledge provided updates on owner occupied rehabilitation projects, first time home buyers, property demolition and the sewer lateral program.

Mr. Rutledge stated both HOME-ARP projects for Victim Services and the Women's Help Center are proceeding. One project is expected to start in February depending on weather for the lead-based paint project.

Mr. Rutledge reported training for the website revision happened on January 28 and February 4. Meetings are being set up with staff to go through departments. He has an anticipated go live date of March 20, 2026.

Mr. Rutledge provided an update on the loan program. He noted there were 24 active loans with 20 of the loans paid to current. Two older loans remain in collection payment plans with two loans past due with ongoing collection efforts.

The comprehensive plan was sent out to the Steering Committee, Council and Planning Commission. Public review was scheduled to start on February 16 for comment.

Mr. Hamacek asked how many contractors were working with the lead-based paint program. Mr. Rutledge believed there were seven on the list. He noted he has put in for another grant for the lead-based program.

Ms. Brandon-Taylor asked about the public review of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Rutledge explained notice would be in the paper. Hard copies of the plan would be at City Hall, the library and at the Housing Authority. Comments can be emailed or brought to Mr. Rutledge.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA ITEM

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, asked about the City Manager contract which was extended in the fall until the new Council was seated. He wanted to know if a two-year contract had been passed. He also asked about coverage in the *Altoona Mirror* of a lawsuit brought against the Johnstown Police Department for police brutality.

Mr. DeBartola noted the meetings can be stressful with himself showing up as a critic. He noted the City Council is one of his favorite things to talk about in posters and online. He felt the meeting was poorly run. He expressed frustration at the board appointment elections. He asked for the Council to do better as they would not like it when he made fun of them.

Krysta Riley, 560 Cypress Avenue, stated she did not expect the City Council to fix all of the City's problems as it would take a variety of people stepping up sustained efforts to correct old problems. She shared her experiences of setting down roots in Moxham and her concerns with issues in the neighborhood. She added the community is heartbroken to have lost a mother, daughter and friend over the previous weekend. She asked for more investment into violence prevention strategies not based in fear and politics but based in dignity and love. She added there is a need for collaborative and creative solutions and community-based approaches. She stated coordinated efforts for and with the residents of Moxham were needed. She added there was chatter about a police substation in Moxham and she wanted it known that she did not want a substation. She wanted her neighbors to be healthy and stable which would take real community action and support from the City. She thanked the Council for all of the work they do each day.

Terrence Andrews, 1159 Boyd Avenue stated he was there to advocate for accountability within the police department. He expressed concerns regarding civil violation lawsuits and what is considered assault. He added he should apologize for comments at a previous meeting. He noted the Council is the image of the City and takes the heat. He stated the problem was with the City Manager and the Chief of Police. He expressed frustration at how his assault had been handled. He added with he knew there was insurance to help with lawsuit settlements but questioned if there was money being paid out of the budget. He added he thought there was a systematic problem in the police department. He also noted police were needed and there were plenty of good officers. He also added if officers were afraid to do the job, then they should not take the job.

Dustin Greene, 312 Chestnut Street, expressed concerns with the microphones and encouraged Council to replace them. He thanked Council for having different people do the invocations and noted the message from Victim Services was nice to have. Mr. Greene shared his frustrations with the conference center. He noted when he managed the center, he did not receive the help he needed. He stated he was angry hearing how much was being done after not getting help when he was there. He felt the agreement to sell the center to the War Memorial or the agency at the War Memorial was outrageous. He stated he had so much written down that he could not process everything talked about in the meeting. He expressed concern over codes of conduct and politeness at the meeting.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

Mayor King stated the next regular meeting was scheduled for March 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. into an Executive Session.

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

The Greater Johnstown City Council met in a stated session for special business.
Mayor Sylvia King called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Mayor King offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mayor Sylvia King, Charles Arnone, Samuel Barber, Taylor Clark, Michael Hamacek, Nicolas Spinelli, Lorraine Brandon-Taylor

Art Martynuska, City Manager; Mike Capriotti, Assistant City Manager; and Jennifer Burkhart, Executive Secretary; were also present

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, stated Resolution 10756 needed to be passed. He hoped Council would provide information on costs, firms, and scope of repairs. He would like to avoid filing right-to-know requests. Mr. DeBartola also mentioned he had spoken with Mr. Clark who informed him the deadline for the ARPA funding for the building had been extended from September 30, 2026 to November 30, 2026. He hoped there was enough time to fix the building properly.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10756

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR JOHNSTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING.

Mr. Spinelli motioned to approve the resolution. Mr. Arnone seconded the motion.

Mr. Martynuska explained the RFP for the Public Safety Building had been advertised for the appropriate amount of time. Three responses were received. The responses were reviewed by City staff including Mr. Martynuska, Assistant City Manager Mike Capriotti, and Public Works Director Carm Truscello. Legal counsel and an independent architect reviewed the proposals and created a scoring matrix. The priorities for the building were listed in the RFP, which included the elevator, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, roof, and various other things as presented to the Council.

The proposals were from Kimmel Associates at \$264,320, UpStreet at \$380,800, and EADS at \$419,000. Based on the scoring matrix and requirements of the RFP, Mr. Martynuska recommended Council adopt the UpStreet proposal. Mr. Martynuska stated the scoring matrix categories were relevant project experience with federal and state agencies, strength of the project engineering, strength of the project team, knowledge of the city, prior city project success, and proposal fees. The totals were Kimmel at 25 points, EADS at 29 points and UpStreet at 33 points.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to accept the UpStreet proposal. It was not seconded as Council Members had additional comments and questions.

Mr. Barber reviewed the scores for prior success for the City of Johnstown and noted Kimmel had a 0. He asked if Kimmel had never had a project with the City. Mr. Martynuska confirmed they had not had a project specifically with the City government. Mr. Barber had concerns with giving more money to UpStreet over Kimmel. He noted \$120,000 could do a lot of work in the building. He questioned what UpStreet had done that would make them the better offer over Kimmel.

Mr. Martynuska explained, within the parameters of the RFP, Kimmel had shortcomings compared to the UpStreet proposal. He stated the City had worked successfully with UpStreet on a number of projects, including the Central Park project. He added UpStreet had been successful with value engineering Central Park to bring the project in under budget. In addition to other factors, he noted UpStreet was a local firm.

Mr. Spinelli also questioned if prior project success was relevant. He eliminated the category from his consideration of the matrix and proposals. He noted, by taking that category out of the mix, Kimmel and EADS tied with UpStreet still having an advantage. He was sensitive to the idea that Kimmel had the lowest bid. However, he also considered comments from the independent architect who noted there were too many unknowns in Kimmel's submission that could have been more extensive and thorough. He added UpStreet presented a more detailed breakdown of fees. His opinion was to select UpStreet.

Mayor King asked if the lack of detail meant there would be excessive change orders.

Mr. Martynuska responded the change orders was one of the concerns due to the lack of depth on the proposal. He reiterated UpStreet has a proven track record with the City. He noted there had been very few changes to the Central Park contract since the project started. He added UpStreet made efforts to minimize any changes related to the Park.

Mr. Barber stated there was a breakdown of proposed project fees in the bid from Kimmel. He added change orders only happen if something unexpected pops up, such as mold behind a wall. He had a hard time with change orders or not being local as reasons to not save money by choosing Kimmel. Mr. Barber noted a finance company out of Pittsburgh was selected at the prior Council meeting, so not being local could not be a reason.

Mr. Arnone commented the finance company was different as they were the only company who bid on the job.

Mr. Hamacek asked what other projects UpStreet had done for the City.

Mr. Martynuska stated he would have to check. Mr. Capriotti commented UpStreet had done the Fireman's Memorial Park, but anything else would have been before his time with the City.

Mr. Hamacek stated UpStreet had pretty high reviews but added Central Park was not done yet. He mentioned budget issues often come out at the end of a project. He added, if Central Park was complete, he might be able to justify the cost.

Ms. Brandon-Taylor asked what the difference was between prior project success and knowledge of the City.

Mr. Martynuska explained knowledge of the City would be projects or programs the company had completed within the City but not necessarily with the City government. Prior project success would be projects specifically done with the City government.

Mayor King clarified the question as to why prior success and knowledge of the City mattered.

Mr. Martynuska responded success and knowledge of the City was important when considering the cultural history, architecture, and infrastructure of the City. He added a number of different matters come into play with a contractor who knows about the City versus a contractor who does not.

Mr. Barber questioned why EADS, the City's engineer, had a lower score than UpStreet on knowledge of the City.

Mr. Martynuska replied he did not know how the independent architect had scored the category. He added, from his personal experience, UpStreet had demonstrated more knowledge when working on projects in the City.

Mr. Spinelli pointed out, if an independent architect with no financial interest had stated UpStreet had more knowledge, Council may want to address the City engineers in the future. He stated, if an independent perspective scored both EADS and UpStreet higher than Kimmel, he would prefer to move forward with UpStreet. He added City should help create a history with Kimmel for future projects, but given the timeline and feedback from the RFP, now was not the time.

Mr. Arnone asked how many bids were sent out for Central Park.

Mr. Capriotti stated more than 20 people grabbed the RFP information for the Park. Mr. Arnone noted, out of the 20, only one submitted an actual bid to show their interest in the City.

Mr. Barber stated the Central Park project and the Public Safety building could not be compared. He commented, leaving politics out of the discussion, the public wants to see City Council spend their money in the best way possible.

Mr. Clark noted his unique perspective among the Council members. He had been in hands-on meetings with UpStreet regarding the Central Park project. He shared, during the meetings, he observed the care and knowledge base they had of the City. He noted he may not be able to justify the price difference between Kimmel and UpStreet in his head. He could justify the facts of the level of professionalism of UpStreet and they were local. He has seen the level of care they personally take with the City. Mr. Clark agreed with other Council members in that in certain situations prior projects, specifically with the City, should not matter.

Mr. Barber pointed out, in looking over Kimmel's proposal, Kimmel stated they had completed over 100 municipal projects. In addition, while industrial average for change orders range between six and 10 percent of total project costs, Kimmel projects consistently average less than one percent.

Mr. Arnone made a motion for UpStreet to be awarded the Public Safety Building Project. Mr. Spinelli seconded the motion and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Clark, Mr. Spinelli,
Ms. Brandon-Taylor (5).

Nays: Mr. Barber, Mr. Hamacek (2).

PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA ITEM

Charlene Stanton, 184 Sell Street, presented comments on animal control in the City.

She noted the City does not have an animal control officer. She stated there was a need for trained professionals to handle complaints about stray, abused and dangerous animals throughout the City. She added a professional provides for public safety by helping to prevent animal bites. She noted the current system relies on the compassion of people and non-profits to step in and do the job of animal control. She shared there was no one else to call other than the police who cannot help.

Ms. Stanton stated there were numerous ordinances related to animal control dating back to 2005 that note the position of an animal control officer. She stated the ordinances are meaningless without an animal control officer. She urged City Council to hire someone for the position.

Hannah Richards commented on animal control issues in Johnstown. She stated, to solve a problem, the problem must first be identified and then steps implemented to solve the problem. She added the biggest problem in the City was the lack of an animal control officer. She asked why there was not an officer.

Mr. Martynuska replied there was not a specific reason. Mayor King noted there had been a previous alliance with the county. Mr. Barber agreed an animal control officer was needed and noted there had been a phenomenal one in the past.

Ms. Richards noted there had been money allocated in 2025 and 2026 in the budget for animal control, but the City failed to provide animal control services for years. She shared there were daily issues with animals running free and injured animals. She implored Council to hire an animal control officer.

Mayor King responded Council was not closing their eyes to the issue. She stated the issue of animal control was more complicated than just hiring an animal control officer. She added an effective plan is needed to not just have an officer but also a place to house the animals and veterinary care.

Mr. Arnone stated there was no argument that an animal control officer was needed. He added the City tried to work with the county with no success.

Mr. Clark agreed an animal control officer was needed. He recognized animal control has been an issue for a long time. He took a moment to thank the Johnstown Animal Welfare Society and City residents for what they have done in the meantime, noting it was time for City Council to also step up.

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, expressed concerns regarding engineering contracts. He shared his belief that Kimmel had been the City engineer 15 or 20 years ago. He disagreed with the decision to hire UpStreet for the Public Safety Building. He also presented concerns regarding a lawsuit the City has with Gibson-Thomas engineering. He asked where the transparency was regarding engineering and the City. He thought Council was wasting money by not choosing Kimmel for the Public Safety Building and the money could be spent elsewhere.

Mark Smoot, 426 Decker Avenue, shared he had been an animal control officer in rural Virginia. He added he is a volunteer with Lower Yoder Fire Department. He helps where he can with animal rescue in his neighborhood, despite being a combat veteran on a fixed income. He stated Lower Yoder Fire Department had two working dogs, one of which is an experienced cadaver dog and the other in training. He volunteered to assist any agency who needs help.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5:44 p.m. with an Executive Session following for personnel matters.

**CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 5379**

Bill 2 of 2026

Introduced in Council
March 11, 2026

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5375 ADOPTED DECEMBER 10, 2025
AMENDING THE SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF
JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, City Council previously enacted Ordinance 5375 fixing the salaries and wages to be paid all elected officials and employes of the various departments and bureaus of the City of Johnstown for calendar year beginning January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 5375 included the salaries for the employees of the Public Works, Fire & Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 5375 fixed the appropriate salaries for the employees of the Public Works, Fire & Police Departments, however, there was an inadvertent error in the sum total of salaries for the Public Works, Fire & Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, this Amended Ordinance confirms the salaries previously adopted for employees for calendar year beginning January 1, 2026, and correctly identifies the total sum of said salaries for the Public Works, Fire & Police Departments.

FIRST READ: MOTION: _____ **SECONDED:** _____

Roll Call:

Arnone			Barber			Clark			Spinelli			Brandon-Taylor			Hamacek			King		
Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A

SECOND READ: MOTION: _____ **SECONDED:** _____

Roll Call:

Barber			Clark			Spinelli			Brandon-Taylor			Hamacek			King			Arnone		
Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A

PASSED ON : APRIL 8, 2026

Rev. Sylvia King, Mayor or Charles Arnone, Deputy Mayor

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 5379 as the same was passed finally by City Council and signed by the mayor and/or the Deputy Mayor of the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Arturo Martynuska, City Manager or Jennifer Burkhart City Clerk

SALARIES AND WAGES		2026
General Government		Required Appropriation Total: 392,049.60
City Manager	1.00	133,900.00
Asst. City Manager	1.00	89,250.00
Human Resources/Title VI Officer	1.00	68,250.00
HR Generalist	1.00	35,349.60
Executive Secretary/City Clerk	1.00	65,300.00
	5.00	
City Council :		Required Appropriation Total: 16,700.00
Mayor	1.00	3,500.00
Councilpersons	6.00	2,200.00
	7.00	
Finance Department:		Required Appropriation Total: 236,310.00
Finance Director	1.00	81,810.00
Accounting Assistant	1.00	62,000.00
Accounts Receivable Specialist	1.00	58,500.00
Accounting/Parking Clerk	1.00	34,000.00
	4.00	
Fire Department:		Required Appropriation Total: 1,818,991.46
Fire Chief/EMA Coordinator	1.00	85,260.00
Fleet Manager	0.50	40,688.00
Public Safety Administrative Assistant	0.50	21,959.60
Assistant Fire Chief	4.00	64,946.53
Captain	8.00	61,523.61
Firefighter:		
Fourth Year	11.00	59,502.41
Third Year	-	52,881.28
Second Year	3.00	50,430.78
First Year	1.00	48,290.01
Parttime Firefighters	6.00	20.57
	35.00	
Police Department:		Required Appropriation Total: 2,593,918.60
Chief	1.00	95,160.00
Admin Capt.	1.00	83,262.40
Captain	1.00	83,262.40
BCI Sargent	1.00	79,684.80
Sargent	4.00	79,684.80
Patrol Officer:		
BCI Officer	4.00	74,776.00
Fourth Year	9.00	72,686.00
Third Year	6.00	62,753.60
Second Year	9.00	60,590.40
First Year	1.00	58,696.60
	37.00	
Police Department, Others:		Required Appropriation Total: 194,986.80

SALARIES AND WAGES		2026
Fleet Manager	0.50	40,688.00
Public Safety Administrative Assistant	0.50	21,959.60
Security Officer	1.00	32,000.00
Records Clerk	3.00	16.08
	4.50	
Department of Community & Economic Development:		Required Appropriation Total: 231,659.06
Planning & DCED Director	1.00	85,050.00
Residential Construction Coordinator	1.00	68,000.00
Fiscal Officer	1.00	56,650.00
Administrative Assistant	0.50	21,959.06
	3.50	
Department of Public Works:		Required Appropriation Total: 1,041,889.52
Superintendent of Highways	1.00	63,860.00
Public Works Administrator	1.00	21.49
Mechanic -- Tier One	1.00	62,722.40
Mechanic -- Tier Two	1.00	51,587.12
Equipment Operator	6.00	24.03
Maintenance Man/Electrician	1.00	25.19
Truck Driver	2.00	23.52
Laborer	1.00	23.91
Laborer Rate (Two Tier)	8.00	16.08
Parks Maintenance Tech	1.00	24.80
	23.00	
Recreation Department:		Required Appropriation Total: 120,275.79
Laborer (Sargent Stadium)	1.00	20.71
Recreation & Community Events Coordinator	1.00	24,803.79
Groundskeeper (Roxbury)	1.00	25.19
	3.00	
Codes Department:		133,458.27
Codes Officer	1.00	4,000.00
Codes Officer	1.00	37,499.21
Codes Officer	2.00	35,000.00
Administrative Assistant	0.50	21,959.06
	4.50	
Parking Fund- On Street Parking:		Required Appropriation Total: 118,382.40
Parking Meter Service Person	1.00	17.77
Clerk	1.00	6,000.00
Senior Meter Person	1.00	20.18
Parking Enforcement	1.00	16.08
	4.00	

CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 5380

Bill No. 3 of 2026

**Introduced to Council
March 11, 2026**

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE TOWHEE PLACE FROM VINE STREET TO ROWLEY ALLEY IN JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AS A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE.

WHEREAS, the property owners abutting Towhee Place in the 1st Ward of the City of Johnstown, have petitioned the City Council of the City of Johnstown to vacate Towhee Place, and;

WHEREAS, there are no existing utilities within Towhee Place, and;

WHEREAS, the property owner would maintain rights-of-way for access to said utilities. and;

WHEREAS, the vacation of Towhee Place from Vine Street to Rowley Alley would not be averse to the best interest of the public welfare of the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. That Towhee Place from Vine Street to Rowley Alley in the 1st Ward of the City of Johnstown is hereby vacated as a public thoroughfare.

SECTION 2. That the City of Johnstown is not liable for any utility or sewer relocation cost or any reuse cost incurred by the property owner.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon final Passage.

FIRST READ: MOTION: _____ **SECONDED:** _____

Roll Call:

Clark			Hamacek			Spinelli			Brandon-Taylor			King			Arnone			Barber		
Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A

SECOND READ: MOTION: _____ **SECONDED:** _____

Roll Call:

Hamacek			Spinelli			Bradon-Taylor			King			Arnone			Barber			Clark		
Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A

PASSED ON: APRIL 8,2026

Rev. Sylvia King, Mayor or Charles Arnone, Deputy Mayor

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. **5380** as the same was passed finally by City Council and signed by the mayor and/or the Deputy Mayor of the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Arturo Martynuska, City Manager or Jennifer Burkhart City Clerk

HIGHWAY PETITION

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN IN THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIA AND STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents:

That they are owners of property abutting on Towhee Alley between VINE ST & Ransley Alley and

in the 1st Ward of the City of Johnstown; and that they desire said highway between the points mentioned to be vacated

as shown on plan on file in the office of the City Engineer, and they respectfully petition the enactment of legislation providing for the same. They do, for themselves, their successors and assigns, hereby release the City of Johnstown from all liability for damages by reason of the enactment and enforcement of legislation in conformity with the payer of this petition.

NAME

ADDRESS

JOEL BEZEK

1606 KRING ST
JOHNSTOWN PA 15904

ARGUSTWO

244 WALNUT ST
JOHNSTOWN PA 15901

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
County of Cambria

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me
on November 14, 2025

by Joel Bezek

[Signature]
Katie Thomas

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Katie Thomas, Notary Public
Cambria County
My commission expires February 12, 2029
Commission number 1393527
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

[Signature] JOEL BEZEK

Joe Slis

From: JAB <joelbezek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 12:07 PM
To: Joe Slis
Subject: Fwd: Alley

Joe,

Please see attached. Please confirm receipt.

Thanks,
Joel Bezek

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Chris Martella** <martellac@msn.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2025 at 9:24 PM
Subject: Re: Alley
To: joelbezek@gmail.com <joelbezek@gmail.com>

Joel,

As a follow up to our recent discussion I wanted to reach out and confirm with you that I am in support of your plans to close the alley along vine Street and Rowley Place. I believe this will provide a much safer situation along that part of the alley.

Thanks and feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Chris Martella
Sent from my iPhone



JAB <joelbezek@gmail.com>

Penelec Underground Line

1 message

Royer, Mason A <maroyer@firstenergycorp.com>
To: "joelbezek@gmail.com" <joelbezek@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 1, 2025 at 6:13 AM

Good morning,

Regarding your inquiry about underground facilities near 243 Vine St, I have checked our GIS mapping records and there are no underground power lines on Towhee Pl and all the lines are either overhead or along Vine St in that section of town.

As always, the best way to ensure there aren't any facilities in the area is to go through the PA One Call process as if you were going to dig and have all the authorities mark the area. If there's no markings in the alley, then you would be good to go. Our mapping is not always complete and/or accurate and it's strongly recommended to go through the One Call process to verify this information.

Thank you,



Mason Royer
Designer II
(814) 269-6732
maroyer@firstenergycorp.com
311 Industrial Park Road, Johnstown, PA 15904

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JAB <joelbezek@gmail.com>

Confirmation of no line on Towhee PI

1 message

Marketing <marketing@peoples-gas.com>
To: "joelbezek@gmail.com" <joelbezek@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 12:54 PM

Hello –

There is no mainline owned by Peoples gas running along Towhee PI from Vine St to Rowley Aly.

Thank you,

J.J. Krysinsky

Sales & Marketing

o: 866.654.4660

a: 375 North Shore Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

w: Peoples-Gas.com

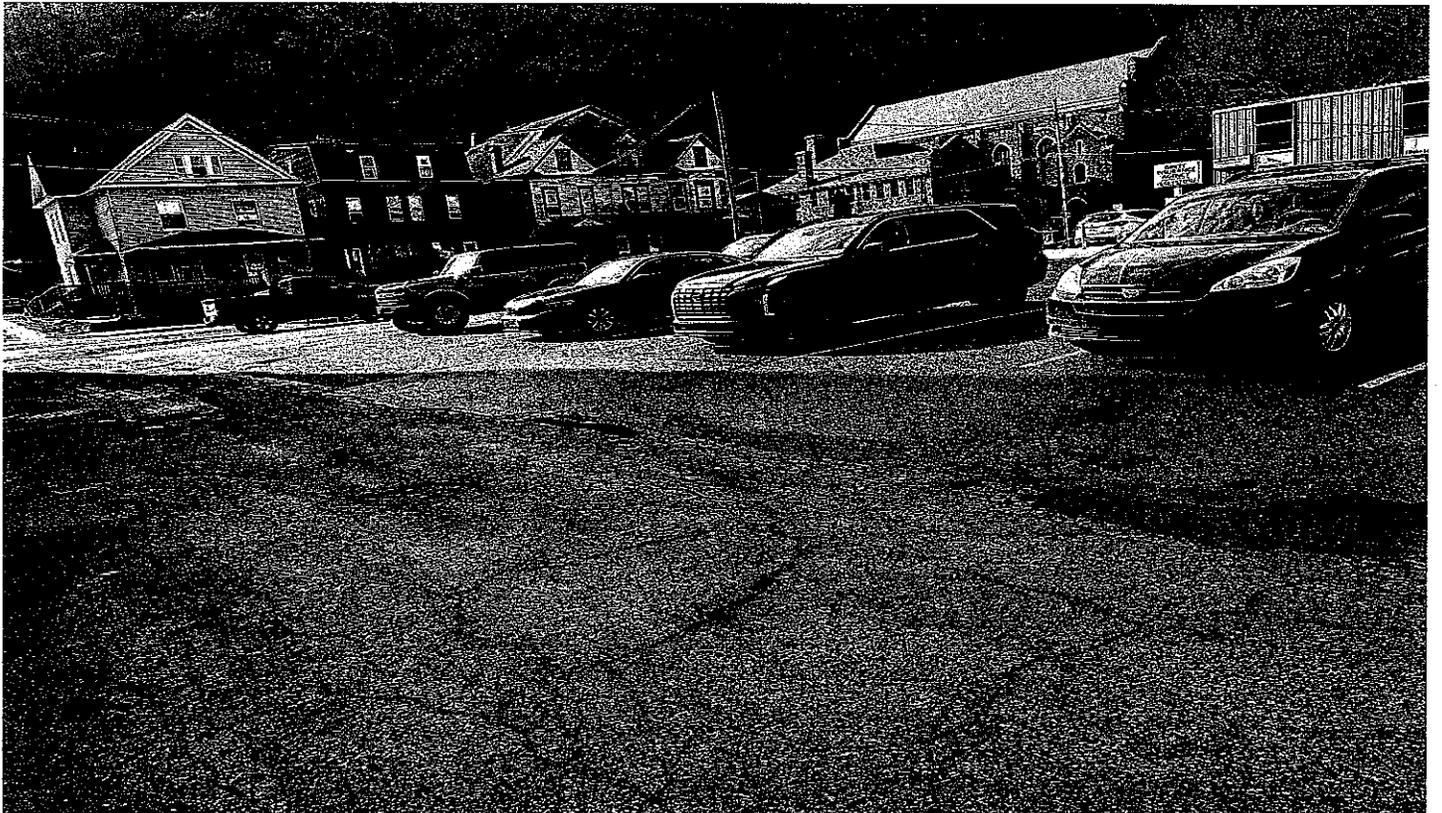


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ANGLE VIEW FROM VINE STREET

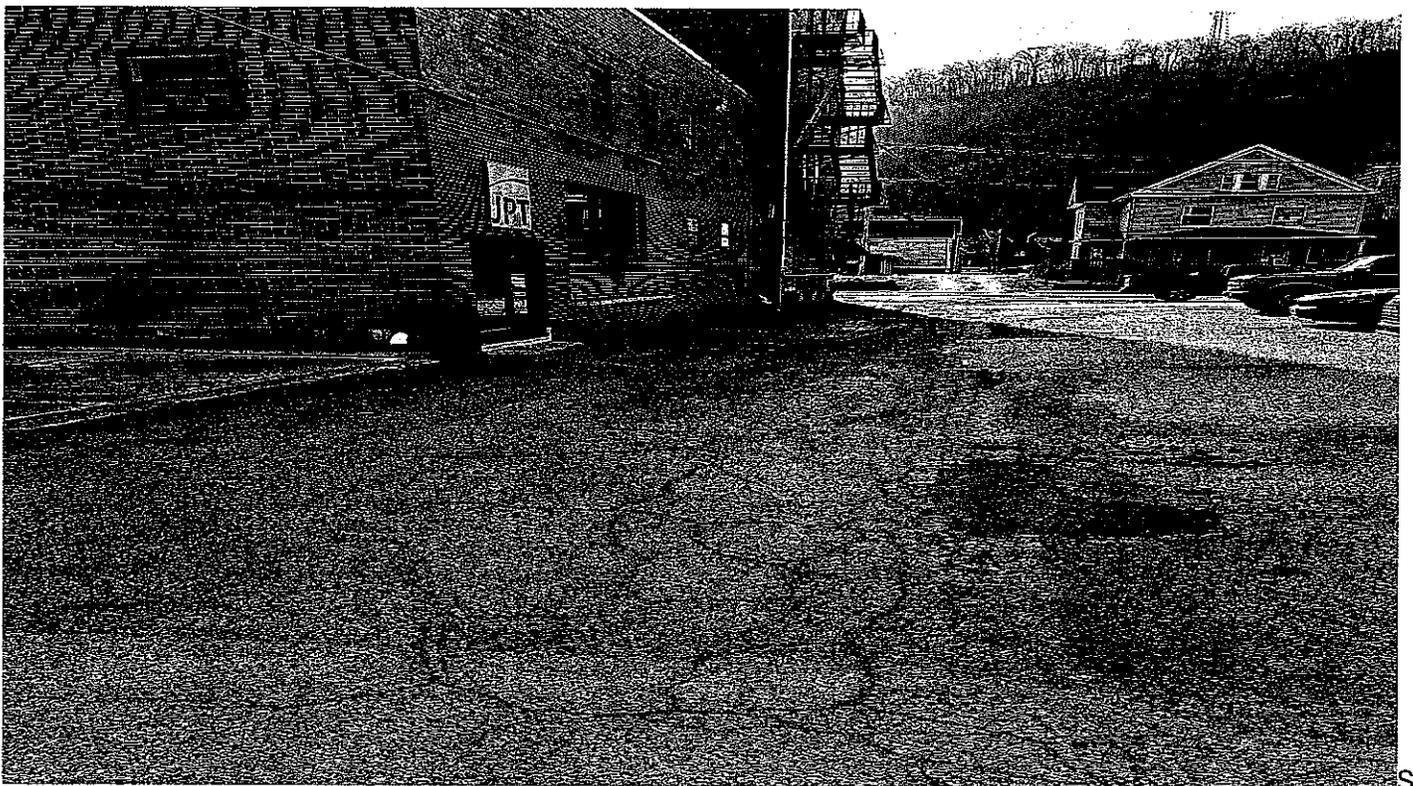


ANGLE VIEW FROM ROWLEY PLACE TOWARDS PARKING LOT



STRAIGHT VIEW FROM VINE ST LOOKING TOWARDS ROWLEY PLACE

STRAIGHT VIEW FROM ROWLEY PLACE TOWARDS VINE STREET





P.O. Box 1407
640 Franklin Street
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15907-1407

Phone: (814) 533-4300
Fax: (814) 536-0770
website: www.gjwa.com

December 18, 2025

Re: Vacation of Towhee Place between Rowley Alley and Vine St (behind 244 Walnut St)

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to confirm that the Greater Johnstown Water Authority has arranged for an easement for Sanitary Sewer Utilities in Towhee Place between Vine Street and Rowley Alley. The easements have been secured from all adjoining tax parcels along the segment to be vacated. If you have further questions, please contact John Gustkey, the Authority's GIS Coordinator at 814-533-4300 extension 120 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

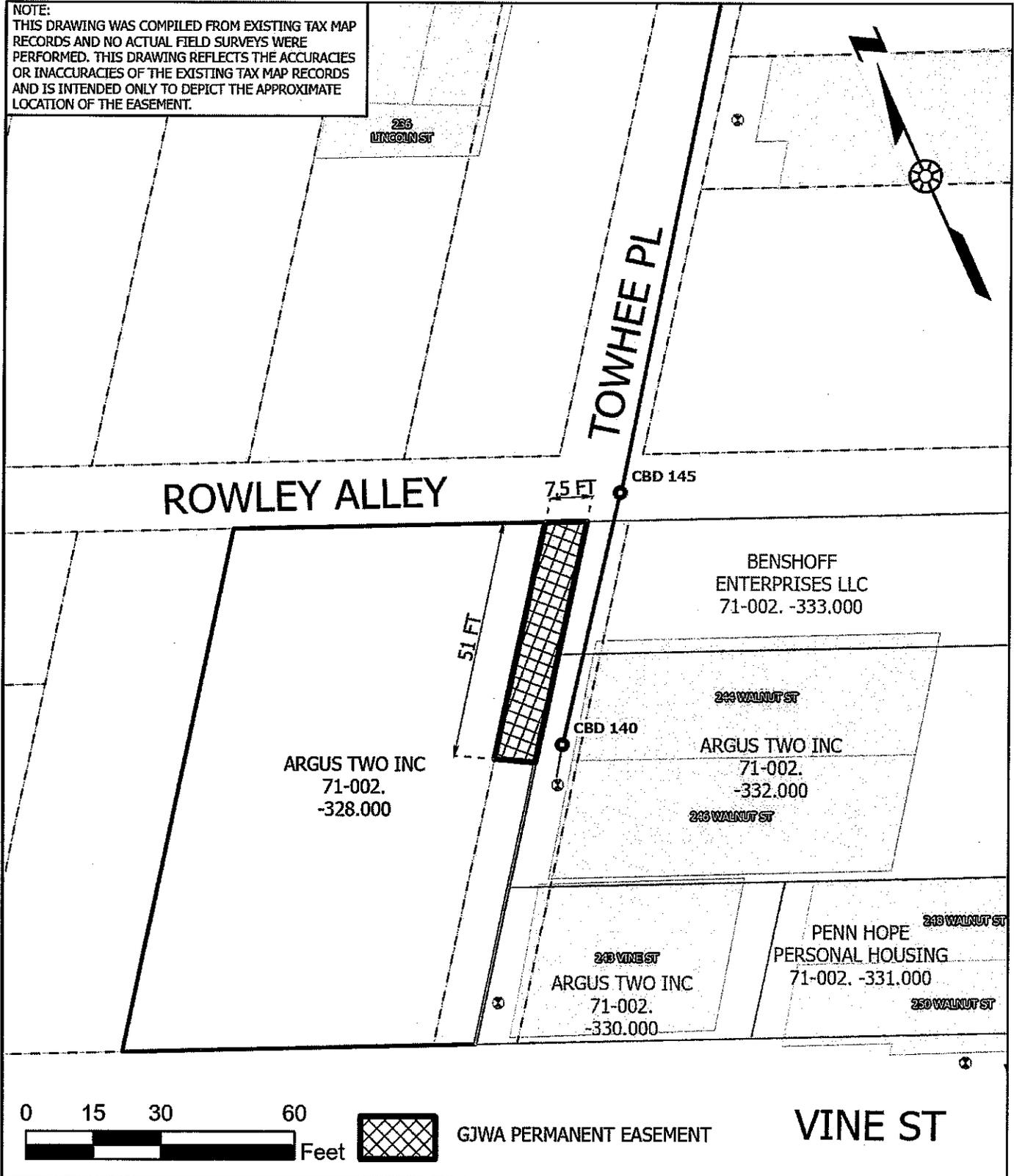
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Radovanic", is written over a horizontal line.

Melissa Radovanic
Assistant Manager

Enclosures:

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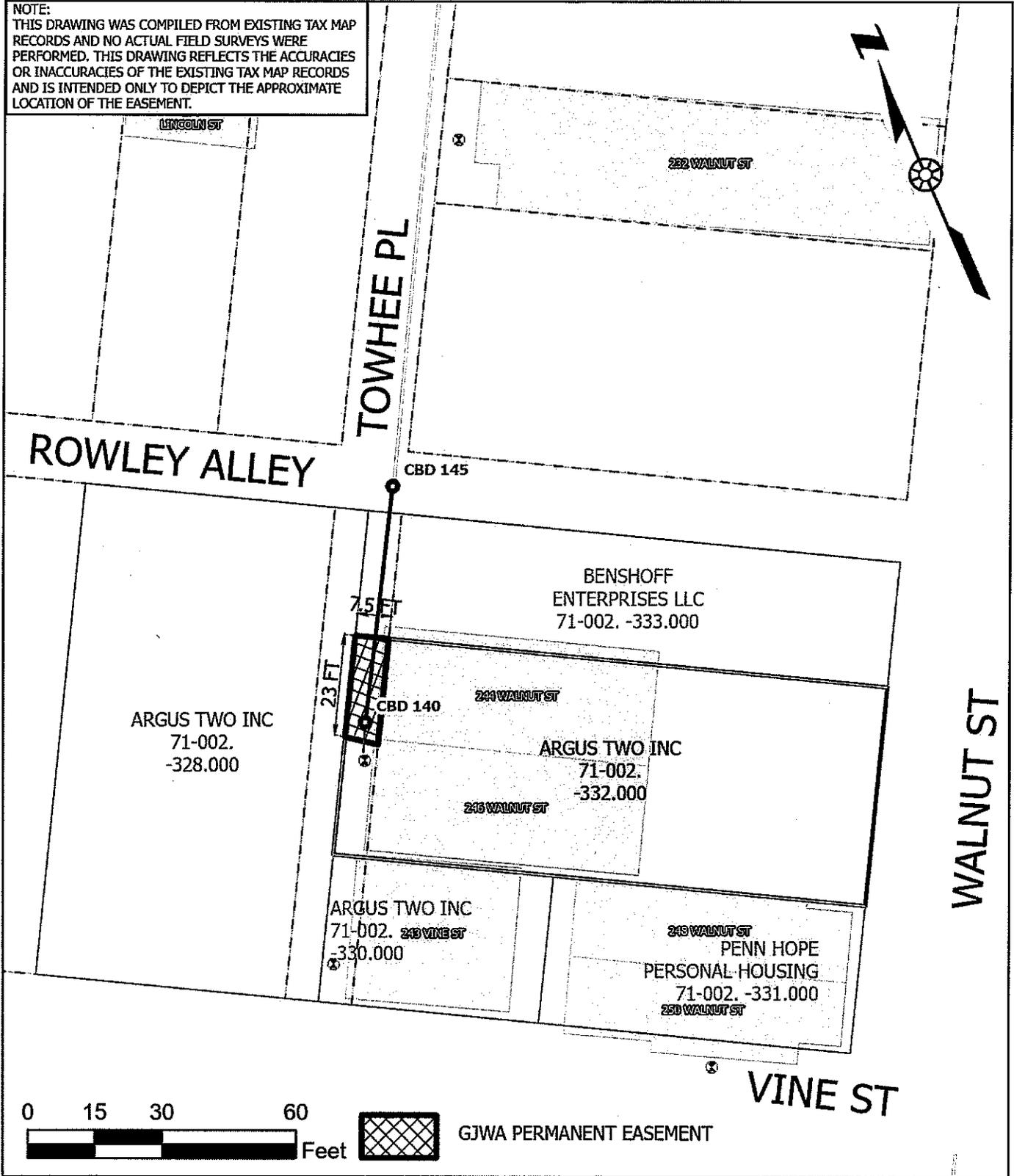
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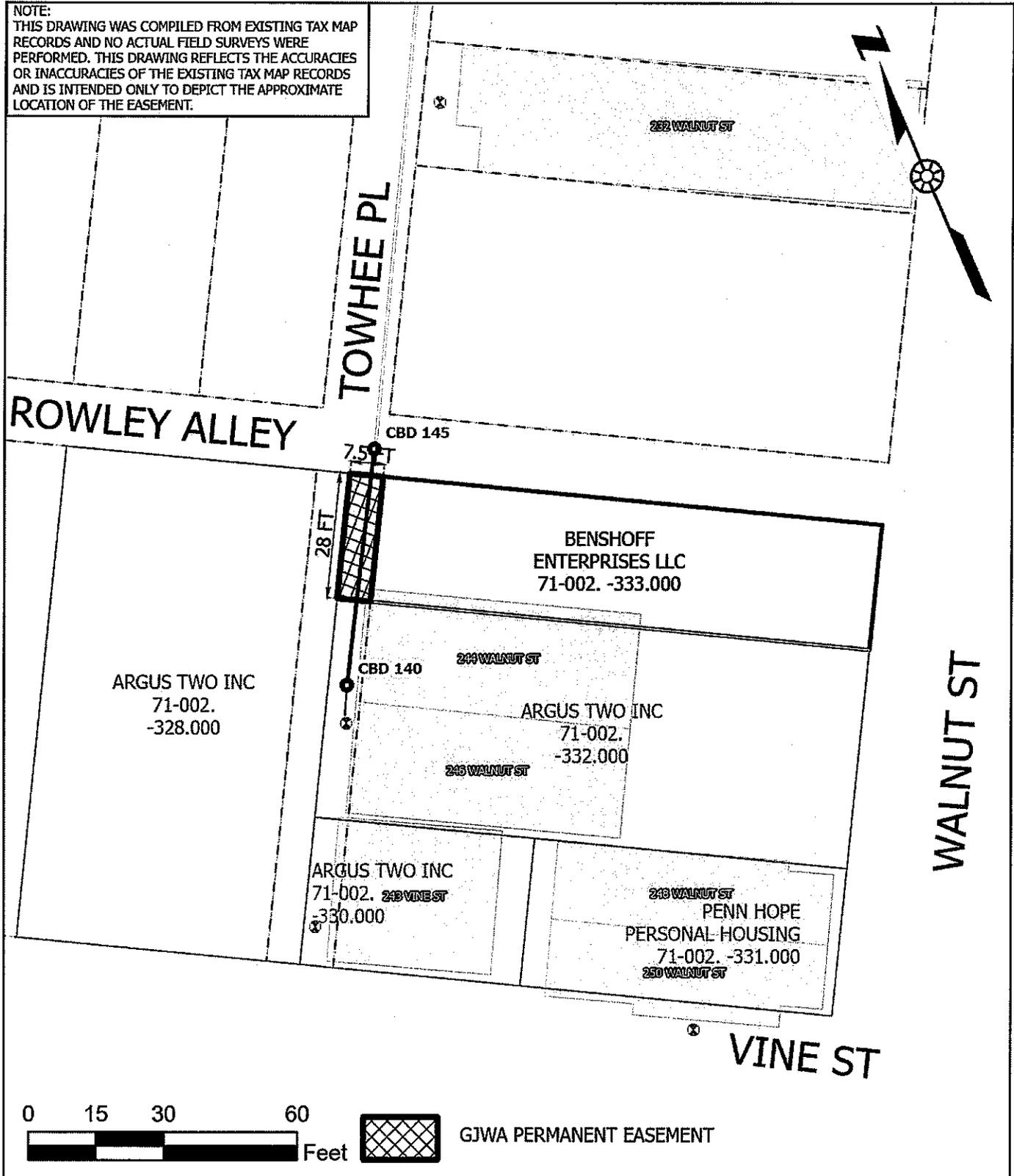


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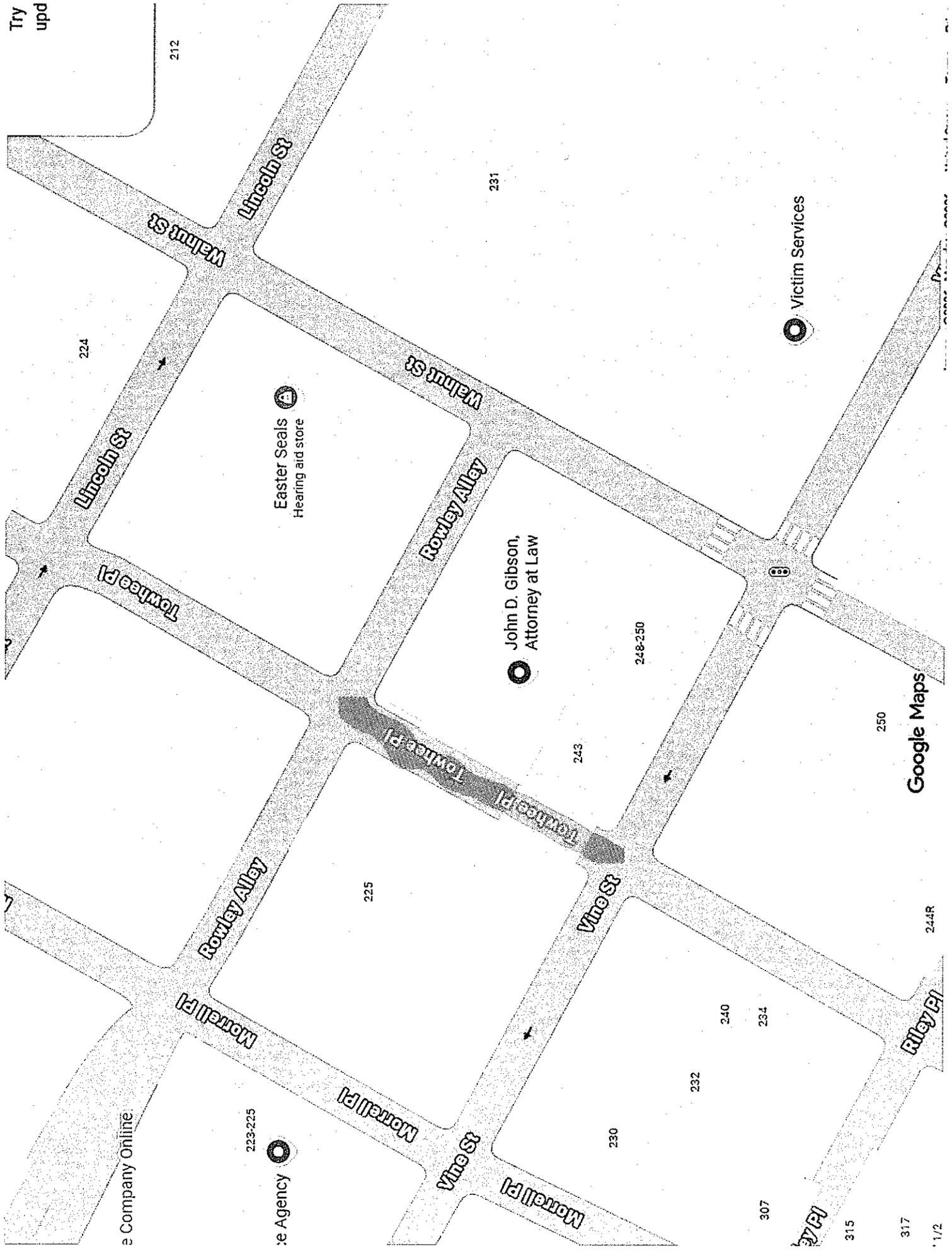
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Agency

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**CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 10757**

MOVED BY COUNCILPERSON: _____

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED STIPULATION TO WITH HELICON ENTERPRISES, LLC, TO RESOLVE A TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL REGARDING PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP PARCEL # 78-028.-205.000 AND TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

WHEREAS, Helicon Enterprises, LLC, filed a Tax Assessment Appeal in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County at Docket No. 2025-4567, challenging the estimated fair market value of \$570,443.000 assigned to its property identified as Tax Map Parcel#78-028.-205.000: and

WHEREAS, after the parties received Helicon Enterprises, LLC's, appraisal, the parties, to include the City, the Cambria County Tax Assessment Office and the Greater Johnstown School District have engaged in settlement discussions with Helicon Enterprises, LLC, and identified a Fair Market Value on the property of \$330,000.00 as a reasonable value upon which to resolve the matter; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Stipulation is attached hereto as Attachment A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO EXECUTE THE STIPULATION AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME TO RESOLVE THE TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL ADDRESSING THE LITIGATION FILED BY HELICON ENTERPRISES, LLC, IN RELATION TO TAX MAP PARCEL # 78-028.-205.000 FOR A FAIR MARKET VALUE OF \$330,000.00.

RESOLUTION SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON _____

Roll Call:

Barber			Clark			Spinelli			Brandon-Taylor			King			Arnone			Hamacek		
Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A

ADOPTED: March 11, 2026

ATTEST:

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 10757 as the same adopted by the City Council of the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Sylvia King, Mayor or Dep. Mayor Charles Arnone

Arturo Martynuska, City Manager or Jennifer Burkhart, City Clerk

HELICON ENTERPRISES LLC,	: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
	: OF
Appellant/Petitioner,	: CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
	: CIVIL DIVISION
vs.	: No. 2025 - 4567
CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD	: REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL
OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS,	: STATUS CONFERENCE - ZOOM
Appellee/Respondent.	: Control Number: 078 - 002784
vs.	: Tax Map Number: 78-028. -205.000
CITY OF JOHNSTOWN and	: COUNSEL FOR PETITIONER:
GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL	: Calvin J. Webb, II, Esquire
DISTRICT and COUNTY OF CAMBRIA,	: 123 Sharkey Road
Interested Parties,	: Johnstown, PA 15909
	: (814) 472-9603
	: PA I.D. #39666

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

*Calvin J. Webb, II, Esquire
Attorney for Petitioner*

HELICON ENTERPRISES LLC,	:	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
	:	OF
Appellant/Petitioner,	:	CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
	:	
vs.	:	CIVIL DIVISION
	:	
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CITY OF JOHNSTOWN and	:	Tax Map Number: 78-028. -205.000
GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL	:	
DISTRICT and COUNTY OF CAMBRIA,	:	
	:	
Interested Parties,	:	

PETITION TO SETTLE BY STIPULATION

AND NOW come the Parties, by and through their respective counsel, Gary A. Jubas, Esquire, Ronald N. Repak, Esquire, Aimee L. Willett, Esquire, and Calvin J. Webb, II, Esquire, and Stipulate as follows:

1. Prior to a Hearing on September 12, 2025, before the Board of Assessment Appeals and a Decision rendered on September 18, 2025, the said subject property was assessed as follows:

<u>No. # 78-028. -205.000</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>FMV</u>
assessed value	\$13,940	\$55,540	\$69,480	\$570,443

2. As a result of the hearing before the Respondents on September 12, 2025, the real estate tax valuation was determined by the Respondents on September 18, 2025, to be as follows:

<u>No. # 78-028. -205.000</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>FMV</u>
assessed value	\$13,940	\$37,830	\$51,770	\$425,041

3. A timely appeal was filed from that Decision to this Honorable Court on October 15, 2025.

4. This matter was scheduled for multiple status conferences before this Honorable Court.

5. a.) After consultation, counsel for the Petitioners and counsel for Respondents have agreed upon a settlement of the matter and have agreed that the value of the property identified as Control Number: 078 - 002784 and Tax Map Number: 78-028. -205.000 should be set as follows:

	<u>FAIR</u> <u>MARKET VALUE</u>	<u>ASSESSED</u> <u>VALUE</u>	<u>COMMON</u> <u>LEVEL</u> <u>RATIO</u>
(2026) Stipulation Value - -	\$330,000.00	\$40,190.00	12.18

b.) After consultation, counsel for the Petitioners and counsel for Respondents have agreed upon a settlement of the matter and have agreed that the assessed value of the property identified as Control Number: 078 - 002784 and Tax Map Number: 78-028. -205.000 should be set as follows:

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Total</u>
(2026) assessed value	\$13,940	\$26,250	\$40,190.00

6. The Property Owner, the County of Cambria, the school district and the municipality, in which the property is located, have consented to this Stipulation.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner respectfully requests this Honorable Court to approve the above-referred to agreement of settlement by stipulation.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Calvin J. Webb, II, Esquire
Attorney for Petitioner

COUNTY OF CAMBRIA

By: _____
Gary A. Jubas, Esquire
Cambria County Assistant Solicitor

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Ronald N. Repak, Esquire
Solicitor for School District

CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

By: _____
Aimee L. Willett, Esquire
Solicitor for City of Johnstown

HELICON ENTERPRISES LLC,	:	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
	:	OF
Appellant/Petitioner,	:	CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
	:	
vs.	:	CIVIL DIVISION
	:	
CAMBRIA COUNTY BOARD	:	No. 2025 - 4567
OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS,	:	
	:	REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL
Appellee/Respondent.	:	
	:	STATUS CONFERENCE - ZOOM
vs.	:	
	:	Control Number: 078 - 002784
CITY OF JOHNSTOWN and	:	Tax Map Number: 78-028. -205.000
GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL	:	
DISTRICT and COUNTY OF CAMBRIA,	:	
	:	
Interested Parties,	:	

ORDER

AND NOW, on this ____ day of _____, 2026, upon review and consideration of the record, it is hereby DIRECTED that the Assessment Office of Cambria County establish the fair market value in the amount of \$330,000.00, for the property identified as Control Number: 078 - 002784 and Tax Map Number: 78-028. -205.000, in the name of HELICON ENTERPRISES LLC, located at 151 Southmont Blvd., Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15905, in City of Johnstown, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, with an assessed value set as follows:

<u>2026</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>assessed</u>	\$13,940	\$26,250	\$40,190.00
<u>value</u>			
	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>ASSESSED</u>	<u>COMMON</u>
	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>LEVEL RATIO</u>
<u>Stipulation</u>	\$330,000.00	\$40,190.00	12.18

The Assessed value as above established shall be applicable for the year 2026. The taxing districts shall issue refunds for the year 2026, if any, reflecting the new assessment.

BY THE COURT:

J.

HELICON ENTERPRISES LLC,	:	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
	:	OF
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	:	
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	:	
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	:	REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL
Appellee/Respondent.	:	
	:	STATUS CONFERENCE - ZOOM
vs.	:	
	:	Control Number: 078 - 002784
CITY OF JOHNSTOWN and	:	Tax Map Number: 78-028. -205.000
GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL	:	
DISTRICT and COUNTY OF CAMBRIA,	:	
	:	
Interested Parties,	:	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Petition to Settle by Stipulation was served upon the following by hand delivery on this ____ day of _____, 2026, as indicated below:

Gary A. Jubas, Esquire Assistant Solicitor for Cambria County Cambria County Courthouse Ebensburg, PA 15931	Cambria County Board of Assessment Appeals Cambria County Courthouse South Center Street Ebensburg, PA 15931
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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Petition to Settle by Stipulation was served upon the following by United States Mail, first class, postage prepaid on this ____ day of _____, 2026, as indicated below:

Solicitor for the GREATER JOHNSTOWN School District Ronald N. Repak, Esquire Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, L.L.P. 313 West High Street, Suite 209 Ebensburg, PA 15931	Solicitor for City of Johnstown Aimee L. Willett, Esquire 160 S. Montgomery Street Suite 3 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
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Calvin J. Webb, II, Esquire
Counsel for Petitioner

**CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 10758**

MOVED BY COUNCILPERSON: _____

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED STIPULATION TO WITH DANIEL THOMAS, ON BEHALF OF CURE CHURCH, TO RESOLVE A TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL REGARDING PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP PARCEL # 88-009.-217.000 AND TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

WHEREAS, Daniel Thomas, on behalf of Cure Church, filed a Tax Assessment Appeal in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County at Docket No. 2025-4563, requesting real estate tax exempt status for the property identified as Tax Map Parcel #88-009.-217.000, as a purely public charity and nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, after the appeal was filed, the parties received additional documentation from Daniel Thomas, on behalf of Cure Church, in support of its appeal for the property to be exempt from real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the parties, to include the City, the Cambria County Tax Assessment Office and the Greater Johnstown School District have engaged in settlement discussions with Daniel Thomas, on behalf of Cure Church, regarding the requirements for the property to be exempt from taxes as a purely public charity and non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Stipulation is attached hereto as Attachment A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO EXECUTE THE STIPULATION FOR EXEMPTION AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME TO RESOLVE THE TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL ADDRESSING THE LITIGATION FILED BY DANIEL THOMAS, ON BEHALF OF CURE CHURCH, IN RELATION TO TAX MAP PARCEL #88-009.-217.

RESOLUTION SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON _____

Roll Call:

Barber			Clark			Spinelli			Brandon-Taylor			King			Arnone			Hamacek		
Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A

ADOPTED: March 11, 2026

ATTEST:

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 10758 as the same adopted by the City Council of the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Sylvia King Mayor, and or Dep Mayor Charles Arnone

Arturo Martynuska, City Manager, and or Jennifer Burkhart, City Clerk

3. The Board has thoroughly reconsidered the denials, giving due regard to the objections specified by the Appellant.

4. After review of the pertinent facts and principals of law, it is agreed that effective January 1, 2026, until changed by law, parcel number 88-009. -217.000; having an address of 79 J Street, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pennsylvania 15906, shall be exempt from all local property and school taxes because that property is used for the sole purpose of promoting religion and used as a church.

Remainder of page intentionally left blank.

WHEREFORE, this Stipulation represents full settlement and an accord and satisfaction in this matter. The parties, as part of this stipulation, waive any and all rights to fees and/or costs, including attorney's fees.

Date:

Broc Jennings, Esquire
Attorney for Appellant
171 Lovell Avenue, Suite 202,
Ebensburg, PA 15931

Date:

Gary A. Jubas, Esquire
Solicitor
Cambria County Board
of Assessment Appeals
214 South Center Street,
Ebensburg, PA 15931

Date:

Ronald N. Repak, Esquire
Solicitor,
Johnstown School District
c/o Dillion McCanless King
Coulter & Graham L.L.P
313 West High Street, Suite 209
Ebensburg, PA 15931

Date:

Aimee L. Willet Esquire
Solicitor
City of Johnstown
c/o Law Office of Aimee L. Willett
160 South Montgomery Street, Ste 3,
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 10759

MOVED BY COUNCILPERSON: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING A LAND MERGER OF TWO PROPERTIES ALONG MAPLE AVENUE.

WHEREAS, in the City of Johnstown, two empty lots in a C2-Community Business District, parcel numbers, 81-018-223.000, 81-018-224.000; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the aforementioned lots, D Farra Contracting & Excavating LLC, seeks to merge the two lots; and

WHEREAS, the City staff find no identifiable issues in allowing the land merger of the lots, including no discernable City zoning and planning code regulation compliance issues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Johnstown Planning Commission recommended the proposed plan at the regularly scheduled March 3, 2025 Planning Commission meeting to be approved by City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Johnstown, directs and authorizes the City Manager to take any and all actions necessary to execute the proposed lot merger.

RESOLUTION SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON _____

Roll Call:

Spinelli			Brandon-Taylor			King			Arnone			Barber			Clark			Hamacek		
Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A

ADOPTED: March 11, 2026

ATTEST:

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of **Resolution No. 10759** as the same adopted by the City Council of the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Sylvia King, Mayor or Charles Arnone, Dep. Mayor

Arturo Martynuska, City Manager or Jennifer Burkhardt, City Clerk



D. FARRA LAND MERGER

SITUATION
Ward II, City of Johnstown, Cambria County, PA

DATE
Original: August 7, 2025
Revised to show deviations: February 17, 2026

SCALE
1"=250'

OWNERSHIP DATA
David J. Farra D/B/A
D. Farra Constructing & Excavating, LLC
PO Box 643
Johnstown, PA 15907

SOURCE OF TITLE
Inst# 2025-00055961 - Parcel #1 & #2

PURPOSE OF PLAT
Merge Parcel #1 and Parcel #2 into one parcel

SITE DATA
Tax ID#981-018-224.000 - Parcel #1 - 0.165 acre
Tax ID#981-018-224.000 - Parcel #2 - 0.165 acre
Combined area - 0.33 acre

ZONING
C2 - Commercial Business District
No minimum yard setbacks are required
Maximum height limited to 35' or 4 stories
Refer to local ordinances for allowable uses

FLOOD HAZARD ZONE
AE - 100 year flood zone
Community: City of Johnstown 420231
Map/Patch: 42021C0384D effective: 6/19/2012

VERTICAL DATUM
NAVD83 (GEOID18)

- NOTES
1. Survey based on deeds and maps of record, physical possession, and occupational evidence. Property may be subject to easements, rights-of-way, or encumbrances not shown on this survey.
 2. Record bearings notated to match points surveyed on the state plane grid.
 3. Grid distances shown. Scale to ground: 1.00009959.
 4. Call or click 811 before you dig or excavate.
 5. Field survey performed 8/07/2025.

PREPARED BY
Matthew L. Harrett, PLS#SU075598
Johnstown, PA

SURVEYOR STATEMENT
I, Matthew L. Harrett, hereby certify that the plan shown and described herein, as well as all drawings bearing my seal, is true and correct to the accuracy required by the City of Johnstown, and was prepared by me for which I accept full responsibility.

SIGN/SEAL

JOB - Maple Ave 81-018-224-223 INV048

OWNERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

County of _____
On this, the _____ day of _____, 20____
before me a notary public, the abovesigned officer, personally appeared _____

David J. Farra
(sign name)

who represents that they are authorized to act on behalf of _____
D. Farra Constructing & Excavating, LLC
and that the foregoing instrument, and the same are acknowledged to be the same for the purposes herein contained.

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public
SEAL

CITY OF JOHNSTOWN APPROVAL

Received by the Planning Commission
of the City of Johnstown, Pa.
This _____ day of _____, 20____

Attest: _____

Commissioner

Assistant City Manager

Approved by the City Council of the
City of Johnstown, by resolution,
This _____ day of _____, 20____

Attest: _____

Mayor

City Manager

SEAL

CAMBRIA COUNTY PLANNING REVIEW

Reviewed this _____ day of _____, 20____
by the Cambria County Planning Commission
Attest: _____

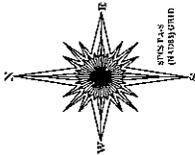
Authorized Signature

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECORDING

Recorded in the office for the recording of deeds at Cambria
County, Pennsylvania
INSTRUMENT #: _____
DATE: _____

Recorder: _____

SEAL



POINT LEGEND	
●	SP - plat
○	Site/lot
▲	Setback
△	Right of Way
△	Map of lot
○	Utility pole
⊕	Manhole

LINE LEGEND	
—	Property line
---	Setback
---	Right of Way
---	Map of lot
---	Utility pole
---	Manhole
---	Measurement line



RESOLUTION NO. 10760

Moved By Council Person _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS IN THE MATTER OF JOHN A. DEBARTOLA v. CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AND CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION, G.D. NO. 2023-0777, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, a civil action captioned **John A. DeBartola v. City of Johnstown and City of Johnstown Planning Commission**, was filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the litigation arises from matters related to an incident alleged to have occurred before the City of Johnstown Planning Commission on or about February 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to resolve the matter through a settlement whereby the City of Johnstown will pay to Plaintiff **John A. DeBartola** in exchange for a **General Release of All Claims** and dismissal of the lawsuit with prejudice; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Johnstown has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to resolve this matter through settlement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Johnstown Council, to authorize the appropriate City officers, officials, and legal counsel are authorized to take all actions necessary to

1. Approval of Settlement

The City Council hereby approves the settlement of the litigation captioned *John A. DeBartola v. City of Johnstown and City of Johnstown Planning Commission*, Civil Action No. G.D. 2023-0777, in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

2. General Release of All Claims and any related settlement documents necessary to finalize the settlement of this matter.

3. Payment of Settlement Amount

The City's Insurer is authorized to issue payment in the amount of **\$20,000.00** to **John A. DeBartola**, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the General Release.

RESOLUTION SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON _____

Roll Call:

Barber			Clark			Hamacek			Spinelli			Brandon-Taylor			King			Arnone		
Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A	Y	N	A

ADOPTED: March 11, 2026

ATTEST:

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 10760 as the same adopted by the City Council of the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Sylvia King Mayor, and or Dep Mayor Charles Arnone

Arturo Martynuska, City Manager or Jennifer Burkhart, City Clerk

GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

THIS RELEASE is made by Plaintiff, JOHN A. DEBARTOLA, and Defendants, CITY OF JOHNSTOWN and CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Plaintiff, JOHN A. DEBARTOLA (“Plaintiff/Releasor”) and Defendants CITY OF JOHNSTOWN and CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION (“Defendants” or “Defendants/Releasees”) desire fully and finally to resolve and settle all claims and matters between them, including, but not limited to, any claims that were raised or could have been raised in the Complaint and the Amended Complaint that Plaintiff/Releasor filed against Defendants at Civil Action No: G.D. #2023-0777 in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County – Civil Division (“Lawsuit”) and captioned: *JOHN A. DEBARTOLA, Plaintiff, v. CITY OF JOHNSTOWN and CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION, Defendants.*

WHEREAS, Plaintiff/Releasor presented claims against Defendants/Releasees arising out of an incident that occurred February 16, 2023, before the City of Johnstown Planning Commission, as is more fully set forth and described in the Lawsuit;

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff/Releasor and the Defendants/Releasees desire to settle the matters raised in the Lawsuit, together with any and all other matters between the Plaintiff/Releasor and the Defendants/Releasees that might have been raised, that could be raised, that could have been raised, and/or that might be raised in the future relative to the matters that were or could have been raised in the Lawsuit.

NOW THEREFORE, with the foregoing background being incorporated herein by reference and made part hereof, Plaintiff/Releasor, his heirs, executors, beneficiaries, successors, assigns, agents, representatives, attorneys, insurers, spouses, partners, other immediate family

members, and any other person or entity who could now or hereafter assert a claim in his name or on his behalf, and all persons claiming through him, for and in consideration of the total sum of **TWENTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00)** (the "Settlement Amount") paid to JOHN A. DEBARTOLA, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does for himself, his successors, administrators, assigns, heirs and executors, remise, release, and forever discharge the Defendants/Releasees, CITY OF JOHNSTOWN and CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION and their respective past, present, and future elected & appointed officials, officers, directors, agencies, insurers, attorneys, agents, servants, representatives, employees, partners, predecessors, and successors in interest and assigns, and any and all other persons ("the Released Parties"), of and from any and all past, present, or future claims, demands, obligations, liability, actions, causes of action, liens, rights, damages, costs, attorneys' fees, expenses, and compensation of any nature whatsoever, whether based in tort, contract, under the United States or Pennsylvania constitutions, common law, or any other state, federal or local statutes and from any claims or joinder for sole liability, contribution, indemnity, or other theory of recovery, and whether for compensatory or punitive damages, costs, expenses, or demands of any kind whatsoever, in law or in equity, (including attorney fees and costs of litigation, and interest) which the Plaintiff/Releasor now claims to have, or which may hereafter accrue or otherwise be acquired, on account of, related to or in any way growing out of, or which are the subject of the Lawsuit including, without limitation, any and all known or unknown claims for damages to the Plaintiff/Releasor, and the consequences thereof, which have resulted or may result from the alleged negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the Defendants/Releasees or the Released Parties as set forth in the Lawsuit.

I.
GENERAL RELEASE

Plaintiff/Releasor acknowledges and agrees that the Release set forth herein is a General Release, and further expressly waives and assumes the risk of any and all claims for damages which exist as of this date, but which Plaintiff/Releasor does not know of or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence, or otherwise and which, if known, would materially affect his decision to enter into this Release. Plaintiff/Releasor further agrees that he has accepted payment of the sum specified herein as a complete compromise of matters involving disputed issues of fact and law and fully assumes the risk that the facts or the law may be otherwise than he believes.

This Release, on the part of the Plaintiff/Releasor, shall be a fully binding and complete settlement between the Plaintiff/Releasor and the Defendants/Releasees and all parties represented by or claiming through the Plaintiff/Releasor, save only the executory provisions of this Release.

The Parties agree that the consideration set forth in this Release and Agreement is being exchanged to resolve all claims, known and unknown, by the Parties, including payment of Plaintiff/Releasor's attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses. The Parties warrant that the consideration that Plaintiff/Releasor is receiving represents full satisfaction of all claims against the Released Parties.

The Settlement Amount shall be made payable to Plaintiff/Releasor through a check made payable to JOHN A. DEBARTOLA, which will be issued within thirty (30) days after Plaintiff/Releasor furnishes a fully executed General Release and Plaintiff/Releasor furnishes an accurate and complete IRS Form W-9 to Defendants/Releasees' counsel. A Form 1099-MISC will be issued to Plaintiff/Releasor.

The Plaintiff/Releasor hereby expressly waives and assumes the risk of any and all claims for damages against the Defendants/Releasees and Released Parties which exist as of this date, but which the Plaintiff/Releasor does not know of or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence, or otherwise, and which, if known, would materially affect his decision to enter into this Release. The Plaintiff/Releasor further agrees that he has accepted payment of the consideration specified herein as a complete compromise of matters involving all disputed issues of law and fact, and he fully assumes the risk that the facts or the law may be otherwise than he believes.

II. **TAXABILITY**

The Released Parties make no representations or warranties regarding any tax issues related to payments as provided herein, and Plaintiff/Releasor acknowledges that he has not relied on any advice from the Released Parties regarding taxability of the amount to be paid under this Release. The Released Parties are not liable for the payment of any tax on the settlement payment under the Release. Rather, Plaintiff/Releasor understands and agrees that payment of income and other taxes on the settlement payment, if any, shall be Plaintiff/Releasor's sole responsibility and Plaintiff/Releasor agrees to pay all required taxes, if any, in accordance with all Federal, State and Local laws, rules and ordinances and to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from all taxes, penalties, interest or fines arising from such taxes.

III.
DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

The Plaintiff/Releasor agrees to execute with the Defendants/Releasees a Stipulation of Dismissal with prejudice the claims against the Defendants/Releasees, CITY OF JOHNSTOWN and CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION, in the Lawsuit described above and file same within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Settlement Amount.

IV.
EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO RECEIVE SUM SPECIFIED

The Plaintiff/Releasor represents and warrants that, other than as set forth herein, no other person or entity has or has had any interest in the claims, demands, obligations, or causes of action released by or referred to in this Release. Plaintiff/Releasor warrants that he has the sole and exclusive right to receive the sum specified herein; and that he has not sold, assigned, transferred, conveyed, or otherwise disposed of any of the claims, demands, obligations, or causes of action referred to in this Release.

The Plaintiff/Releasor agrees and acknowledges that he accepts payment of the sum specified in this Release as a full and complete compromise of matters involving disputed issues and any liability, wrongdoing, malfeasance, misfeasance or negligence on the part of the Defendants/Releasees and Released Parties is expressly denied; that neither payment of the sum by the Defendants/Releasees or the Released Parties nor the negotiations for this settlement (including all statement, admissions or communications) by the Defendants/Releasees or their attorneys, insurers, or representatives, shall be considered admissions by any of the said parties; and that no past or present wrongdoing on the part of the Defendants/Releasees shall be implied by such payment or negotiations.

V.
NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY

Plaintiff/Releasor and Defendants/Releasees agree and recognize that this settlement is entered into with no admission of liability by the Defendants/Releasees or the Released Parties.

VI.
COSTS, FEES, BILLS AND LIENS

All parties will bear their own costs and fees. The waiver of any claim for attorneys' fees, costs, and interest by Plaintiff/Releasor constitutes a material condition of this Release. The Defendants/Releasees would not have entered into this Release and agreed to pay the amount set forth herein without this waiver of attorneys' fees, interest, and costs. The Defendants/Releasees and the Released Parties are not liable for the payments of any tax on the Settlement Amount paid under this Agreement. Plaintiff/Releasor agrees that payment of income and other federal, state and/or local taxes on the Settlement Amount, if any, shall be Plaintiff/Releasor's sole responsibility, and Plaintiff/Releasor agrees to pay all taxes, if any, in accordance with all federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances and to indemnify and hold harmless the Defendants/Releasees and Released Parties from all taxes, penalties, interest or fines arising from such taxes. This includes any further tax responsibilities should a tax allocation be challenged by the Internal Revenue Service or any other tax administering agency. Such an allocation shall not affect the validity of this Release nor alter the amounts of any sums paid pursuant to this Release. Further, the Plaintiff/Releasor agrees that the Defendants/Releasees shall not be required to pay any further sum even if the tax consequences ultimately are assessed in a fashion which are not presently anticipated.

Plaintiff/Releasor represents and warrants that all bills, costs, or liens resulting from or arising out of Plaintiff/Releasor's alleged injuries and claims are the Plaintiff/Releasor's responsibility to pay. Plaintiff agrees to assume responsibility for satisfaction of any and all rights to payment, claims, or liens of any kind, which arise from or are related to payments made to Plaintiff/Releasor or on Plaintiff/Releasor's behalf. Plaintiff/Releasor agrees to assume responsibility for all expenses, costs or fees incurred by Plaintiff/Releasor related to Plaintiff/Releasor's alleged injuries and claims including without limitation, Medicaid, all Medicare conditional payments, subrogation claims, liens, or other rights to payment, relating to any medical treatment or lost wages that have been or may be asserted by any health care provider, insurer, governmental entity, employer or other person or entity. Plaintiff/Releasor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Defendants/Releasees and Released Parties from, and to satisfy in full, any and all claims or liens related to this lawsuit presently existing or that might exist in the future against the Plaintiff/Releasor related to the settlement of the Lawsuit by any person, entity, or corporation. The parties agree that neither the Plaintiff/Releasor nor the Defendants/Releasees are aware of any such liens after exercising due diligence in assessing the same.

VII.
ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Release contains the entire agreement between the Plaintiff/Releasor, Defendants/Releasees and the Released Parties with regard to the matters set forth in it and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the executors, administrators, personal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns of each. There are no other understandings or agreements, verbal or

otherwise, in relation thereto, between the Plaintiff/Releasor, Defendants/Releasees and the Released Parties.

VIII.
OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK LEGAL ADVISE

The Plaintiff/Releasor represents that he had the opportunity to seek the legal advice of counsel of his choice in entering into this Release. Plaintiff/Releasor further represents that the terms of this Release have been completely read and that those terms are fully understood and voluntarily accepted by the Plaintiff/Releasor.

IX.
CONTROLLING LAW

The parties agree that this Release shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.

Should any provision of this Release require interpretation or construction, it is agreed by the Parties that the entity interpreting or construing the Release shall not apply a presumption that the provisions hereof shall be more strictly construed against one party by reason of the rule of construction that a document is to be construed more strictly against the party who prepared the document, it being agreed that all parties have participated in the preparation of all provisions of the Release.

X.
CONFIDENTIALITY

Plaintiff/Releasor, and all persons claiming through him agree and understand that the existence, terms and conditions, all negotiations and discussions resulting in or relating to this Release are confidential and are not to be discussed, disclosed or disseminated, to the extent allowed by law, to any person or persons, natural or otherwise, save for Plaintiff/Releasor's

immediate family and necessary and appropriate legal, tax or financial advisors. The sole exception to this Confidentiality Clause is the Defendants/Releasers' and the Released Parties' legal obligations under the Pennsylvania "Sunshine Act", 65 Pa.S.C. §701, *et seq.*, or "Right-to-Know Law", 65 P.S. 67.101, *et seq.*

XI.
SEVERABILITY

If any paragraph or clause hereof shall be held invalid or unforeseeable in any jurisdiction, then the meaning of such paragraph or clause shall be construed so as to render it enforceable to the extent permissible. If no permissible interpretation would save such paragraph or clause, it shall be severed from these terms and conditions, and the remainder shall remain in full force and effect. This Release shall be construed that, wherever applicable, the use of the singular number shall include the plural number, and the masculine gender shall be construed to include the feminine or neuter gender.

XII.
BREACH OF TERMS OF RELEASE

Plaintiff/Releaser acknowledges that in the event of a breach of this Release, Plaintiff/Releaser would cause the Defendants/Releasees to suffer irreparable harm and subject the Plaintiff/Releaser to all relief available to the Defendants/Releasees. In the event Plaintiff/Releaser should breach or cause the breach of any of his promises herein, Plaintiff/Releaser shall: (1) agree to temporary or permanent injunctive relief enjoining from breach; and (2) allow the prevailing Defendants/Releasees in any legal action to enforce the terms of this Release or enjoin any conduct in breach of the terms of this Release, and shall be entitled to a recovery of their attorneys' fees and costs associated with the litigation of that action.

XIII.
VOLUNTARY ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION

Plaintiff/Releasor hereby declares that he fully understands the terms of this Release. Plaintiff/Releasor agrees that the amount stated herein is the sole consideration for this Release and that he has voluntarily accepted the said sum for the purpose of making a full and final compromise and settlement of all claims.

This Release may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Release may be signed by fax, scanned copy, or other electronic signature by Plaintiff/Releasor.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE, UNDERSTAND THE SAME, AND AGREE TO BE LEGALLY BOUND BY ALL OF THE TERMS OF THIS RELEASE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ____ day of _____, 2026.

WITNESS:

_____ By: _____
JOHN A. DEBARTOLA



Johnstown Police Department

Chief Mark Britton

To : Mayor King, Members of City Council,
and City Manager Art Martynuska

From : Chief Mark Britton

Date : March 2nd, 2026

Subject : February 2026 Monthly Report

Officers handled 2,600 total dispatches for service this month. This includes calls in the contracted areas of Dale Borough, West Taylor Township, Middle Taylor Township, Lorain Borough, and Johnstown Housing Authority.

Nine people were taken into custody on outstanding warrants.

On February 13th, in partnership with Victim Services, we participated in the National "Red Sand Project", to bring public awareness and support against exploitation and human trafficking.

With the assistance of the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, on February 19th a warrant service event was conducted leading to the arrest of multiple-wanted persons for narcotics-related offenses in the City tied to a large drug network. This network was responsible for trafficking large quantities of heroin and fentanyl into our community.

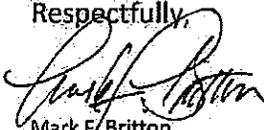
The Johnstown Police Department participated in a safety meeting with the Johnstown Head Start (Broad Street), and looks forward to establishing a training partnership in the near future !

On February 21st, the Johnstown Police Department participated in a "Community Clothing Giveaway" in partnership with Breaking the Barriers.

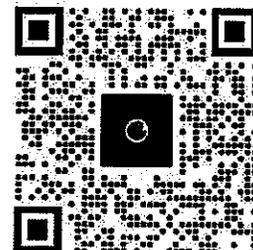
On February 24th, we hosted Attorney General David Sunday and his staff at the Public Safety Building.

As a result of our Civil Service POST – Testing conducted on January 24th, our department currently has an active hiring list.

Respectfully,


Mark F. Britton
Chief of Police

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JOHNSTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

James McCann, Fire Chief

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To: Mayor Silvia King and Members of City Council
From: James McCann, Fire Chief
Date: 03/02/2026
Subject: Monthly Report

This report provides statistical information regarding incidents, incident types, training activities, and response times for the month. The following reports are attached for your review:

- Incident Statistics
- Breakdown of Major Incident Types
- Average Response Time
- Training Summary

In total, the department responded to **329** calls for service.

Fires / Major Incidents This Month:

- 02/17/2026 – 361 Daniel Street – Building Fire (Second Alarm)
- 02/17/2026 – 1020 Steel Street – Building Fire
- 02/10/2026 – 42 Hazel Street – Automatic Aid to Station 5, Franklin Borough
- 02/06/2026 – 88 Golde Street – Building Fire (Second Alarm)

The Johnstown Fire Department continued to assist the Codes Department with rental inspections throughout the City.

Additionally, the department continued its partnership with the American Red Cross to perform home safety visits and install smoke detectors within the community.

C Platoon and A Platoon completed a Confined Space Refresher Training Course led by Fire Chief James McCann. D Platoon and B Platoon are scheduled to complete the same course in March.

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Continuously striving to improve our service

All platoons participated in a tour of the Post Office facility, allowing crews to become familiar with the building layout, updated staffing, and alarm systems.

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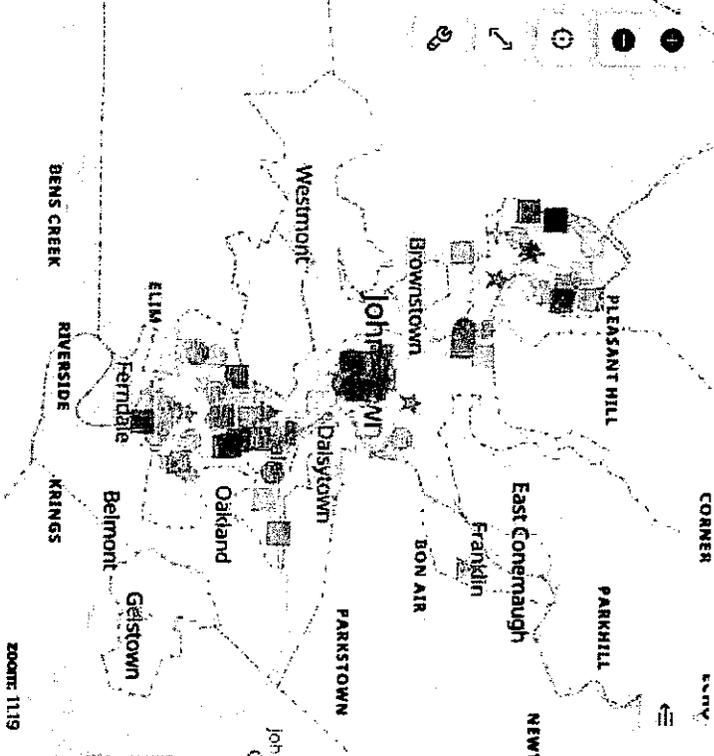
Department Insights

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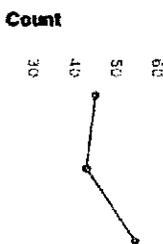
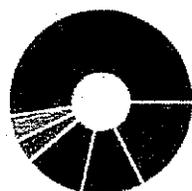
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Incident Response



Incident Discipline

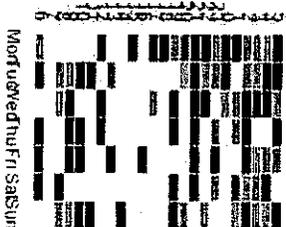
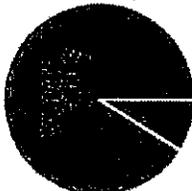
Incident Count Per Week



Incidents per Week

Incidents with Singl

Incident Count by Hour and Day



- RESIDENTIAL MULTI_FAMILY
- RESIDENTIAL DETACHED_3
- RESIDENTIAL ATTACHED_SI
- RESIDENTIAL MULTI_FAMILY
- RESIDENTIAL TEMPORARY_

Incident Table (Times in UTC)

Call Create Time	IncidentID	ResponseTime
2026-02-26T23:44:14.000Z	260227-144204-JFDPA_639078	4:29
2026-02-26T23:37:00.000Z	260226-141831-JFDPA_639078	9:00

Incident Type
 ALARMS_NONMED
 ILLNESS

Outcome



City of Johnstown Council Meeting
03/11/2026

Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)
Monthly Report for – February 2026
Prepared by: John Rutledge

Meetings and Events Attended – February 2026

1. Planning Commission Meeting February 3, 2026.
 - *DCED Report-pg.3.*
2. Prospect United Neighborhood Meeting.
 - February 18, 2026 at 7:00pm
3. West End Business Meeting.
 - February 19, 2026 at 6:00pm
4. Soup Kitchen Resource Discussion.
 - February 26, 2026

CDBG Funded Ongoing Projects:

1. Market on Main Street FY2024 funded project.
 - Project is ongoing.
2. Flood City Youth Fitness Academy project funded from FY2020 CDBG-CV.
 - Received bids and finalizing the subrecipient agreement.
3. Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program:
 - Three properties are currently in the rehabilitation phase.
 - One property will be awarded in March to start rehabilitation.
 - Continuing the ongoing effort to address past project liens.
4. First Time Home Buyer Program (FTHB):
 - One property is ongoing rehabilitation.
 - One property awaiting radon and lead assessments to be completed.
 - One Property will be going out for bid in March.
5. Property Demolition Projects:
 - Ongoing work with demo list.
6. Sewer Lateral Assistance Program (SLAP):
 - Five properties are currently awaiting bids.
 - Two projects under contract and work have begun.
 - One property sewer project completed.

HOME-ARP Funded Ongoing Projects:

1. Victim Services.
 - The project is currently in the construction phase for the four (4) non-congregate shelter apartments.
2. Women's Help Center.
 - Women's Help Center will be putting its project out for bid mid-March.

PA Department of Health American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Lead Base Paint (LBP) Ongoing Projects:

1. One residence is currently under contract and waiting the contractor to start.

FAÇADE:

1. One business façade project has been completed.
2. One façade project has been awarded.
3. Staff is currently working with nine additional businesses that have expressed interest.

City Website:

1. City of Johnstown website going live the week of March 16, 2026

Loan Program Status:

1. Twenty-four active loans
2. Eighteen loans paid and current.
3. Two loans 30 days past due – notices sent
4. Two older loans remain in collection payment plans.
5. Two loans past due, and ongoing collection efforts are in progress.

City of Johnstown Farmers Market:

1. Market dates are currently being finalized, and vendor documents are being prepared for distribution.



City of Johnstown Planning Commission
Meeting 02/03/2026
Community and Economic Development-Planning

January 2026 Updates

1. GIS Software

- Testing and staff training for the Codes application is anticipated to begin the second week of February.

2. Comprehensive Plan

- The draft Comprehensive Plan was distributed to the Steering Committee, Council and Planning Commission for final review and comments on January 30, 2026.

If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact me at jrutledge@johnstownpa.gov



February 2026

We are working 3 shifts.

For most of February we were plowing and salting.

The weather is getting better, so we are having the sweepers out.

We have blown the gravel off a lot of the sidewalks

We have opened the gates in prospect on Halite place & sent a crew up to clean up the garbage that blew in and cut the weeds along the road

The lights at the conference center are almost done, they ordered the wrong lights for the ballroom and recorded the lights and should be in this week.

I have talked to roof Co. For the PSB they should be starting in a month to replace the roof.

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Code Enforcement Monthly Activity Report

Complaints Received: 15

Property Inspections: 60

Violations Identified: 98

Warning Notices Issued: 60

Citations Filed: 61

Properties Brought into Compliance: 36

Court Appearances: 8

Rental Inspections: 13

Resolved This Month: 36

Referred to Court: 6

Lein Verifications: 15

Upcoming Enforcement Priorities

- Follow-up inspections on outstanding violations
- Targeted inspections in problem areas
- Coordination with Public Works / Police for nuisance properties

Preparations for Pick Up PA, which Kicks Off April 3rd

CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
COUNCIL MEETING REPORT
March 11, 2026

- Dellwood St. Bridge
 - A scoping meeting will be scheduled with the City, EADS, and PennDOT
 - A reimbursement agreement will need executed between the City and PennDOT

- Main St. East Parking Garage
 - Working with Aspire to prepare a cost estimate for repairs at the Main St. East Parking Garage
 - Grant is due in July

- Cypress Avenue Park
 - Assisting the City with a Concept Design for the Cypress Ave. Park in order to obtain additional funding

- Walnut St. Storm Upsize (no change)
 - USACE has approved both the 404 & 408 permits
 - Preparing to bid the storm water project, awaiting Amtrak's NEPA clearance

- MS4 Annual Reporting (no change)
 - Violations and Non-Compliances from 2023 DEP inspection need to be addressed, EADS has submitted an agreement to complete this work
 - Anticipating new rules and regulations to be issued later this year or early next
 - Pollution Reduction Plan has not been completed

- Wood St. & Skate Park Improvement Project (no change)
 - Withholding \$5,000 until grass is growing at Wood St. playground