

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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

Arch Liston, City Manager, offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (5).  
Mr. Johncola and Mr. Williams were absent.

Mayor Janakovic stated a workshop was held with regard to personnel matters, the recovery plan, and the capital budget prior to the commencement of the meeting,

Arch Liston, City Manager, and Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the May 24, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vizza and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Vizza (5).  
Nays: None (0).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

Mayor Janakovic stated Mr. Rager had requested approval to provide a proclamation for **Jimmy Aubil** with family permission.

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza,  
Mayor Janakovic (5)  
Nays: None (0).

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Bernie Krcha, 62 Osborne Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to the sewer plan which he stated was "botched terribly from the very beginning" and

that "there is no need for an engineering study, only common sense, which wasn't used when the plan was made." Mr. Krcha stated the EADS Group as the architect was responsible for all water problems, corrections and adjustments that are necessary.

Mr. Krcha indicated the old sewer lines could have remained in place and used to take excess water away. He commented that catch basins are not being cleaned and that diverts water into residents' homes.

Mr. Krcha further indicated that the EADS Group should be responsible for any necessary corrections and the City as well should be overseeing the projects.

Mayor Janakovic noted the representative from the EADS Group present at the meeting, who will address questions regarding the sewer project later in the meeting.

William Peduzzi, Ash Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to the sewer project, specifically Phase II in the Hornerstown section. He conducted a walk-around with a representative from EADS, and according to the information provided on an iPad, approximately 200 homes still have downspouts going into the sanitary sewer system.

Mr. Peduzzi had retired with a master's degree in industrial engineering management. He discussed the recent flooding and his research regarding the average amount of rainfall in Johnstown.

Mr. Peduzzi suggested the City suspend enforcement of Phase II and direct the ordinance officer to identify every home with downspouts going into the sewer system. He also suggested that the City sent crews out if at the end of 90 days the homeowner had not complied and bill the homeowners for the City's time. He stated the ordinance officer and EADS engineer should certify in writing that all rainspouts are out of the system and then conduct an accurate and true flow test.

Mayor Janakovic stated Council would consider an ordinance relating to this matter at its next meeting.

The City Manager explained that Mr. Peduzzi's proposal would require a court order. Ms. Benjamin explained that someone with legal authority would need to pursue the matter.

Mrs. Stanton stated it was her understanding there are 63 Hornerstown and Walnut Grove homes with downspouts still in the sanitary sewer system according to the most recent EADS report. She and Mr. Williams had proposed approximately four previous times that Council stop that September 1, 2017 deadline. She noted an ordinance already on the City's books with regard to the illegal connections. There was further discussion regarding the matter.

Steve Sewalk, EADS Group Engineer, stated pressure testing would still be necessary per the consent agreement even though a neighborhood passed the flow testing.

City Manager Liston suggested Mr. Peduzzi schedule a meeting with him for further discussion of the matter.

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council regarding Resolution 4 and Ordinance 2 on the agenda.

The City Manager explained Resolution 4. An executed loan is no longer a policy decision but an operational decision. Attorney Benjamin explained this resolution would clarify that going forward the City Manager may commence action without waiting for a Council meeting. Mr. Liston will report to City Council any contract amendments. Mayor Janakovic indicated that write-offs are just as important. There was further discussion regarding the matter.

Mr. Liston noted that historically City employees have not been trained to properly process loans.

Mr. DeBartola suggested that a list of defaulted loans be made available to the public.

Mr. Liston explained Ordinance No. 2 on the agenda. There was further discussion regarding City loans.

#### REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

Arch Liston, City Manager, thanked the Johnstown Symphony for its 4th of July celebration at the Point Stadium.

Mr. Liston stated certain downspouts did not need to be removed per a review of records after the last significant rain. He noted that with the new sewer system, the existing storm water systems would remain in certain areas and a combined system would exist in other areas temporarily.

Mr. Sewalk explained that when the project first started a parallel system was running, for example, in the Roxbury and Hornerstown area with the intent to provide a new tap to every house for sanitary sewer lines only. The existing downspouts and drains would then flow into the existing sanitary sewer line, which would then become a storm sewer.

He explained that after public outcry, the decision was made to give residents the option to perform different testing on existing plumbing and not replace their entire facility. With that decision, he noted the residents were given the option to tie in live. Mr. Sewalk indicated that in some areas a parallel system was laid, leaving the existing line for storm water use. He noted this option was only available in certain areas.

Mr. Sewalk discussed areas where a new line was installed leaving the old line intact as a storm line. He stated storm flows would still enter the pipe from downspouts until all residents are in compliance. Once all are in compliance, that line will be disconnected from the sanitary sewer and turned into the catch basin as a storm water facility.

The City Manager explained that if a residence has a dual system, a downspout will enter the storm water system, and that once a residence is pressure tested, it will go into the new system, so there would be very separate systems and there would be no reason to separate the downspout out.

He explained the sewer and downspout enforcement would require actions to be filed in the Common Pleas Court. He suggested Council consider adjusting the 1994 ordinance to work with residents. DEP would also be properly contacted with regard to the matter.

#### REPORT BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Janakovic, stated Gary Matolyak, who operated Aces Lounge in Cambria City, recently passed away and on behalf of himself and Council, expressed their condolences to the family.

The Mayor reported on attending a recent Chamber of Commerce function that is restructuring to involve businesses in the Vision 2025 group.

He echoed the City Manager's remarks regarding the July 4th, 2017 Johnstown Symphony program at the Point Stadium and thanked the organizations that sponsored the fireworks afterwards.

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Mr. Janakovic reported on attending the recent Magellan Healthcare open house, a managed care organization that oversees the drug and alcohol funding in Cambria County.

The Mayor noted his attendance at Thunder in the Valley.

He stated on Thursday, July 20, 2017, a celebrity chef would visit Johnstown to present a \$40,000 check to the Press Bistro, \$10,000 of which will be donated to Discover Downtown for projects.

The Discover Downtown partnership announced the purchase of 30 garbage cans that will be located in the central business district.

The Mayor attended a recent Coffee with the Cops with Attorney General Shapiro. He noted new Police Chief Johnson and Captain Janciga attended for a brief question/answer session with regard to drugs and crime.

Mayor Janakovic thanked the JRA Board and Executive Director for the recent meeting with himself and City Council regarding the elimination of the \$50 late fee on the sewage bill that has been reduced to \$15. He noted the water and two sewage bills would be combined into one bill.

#### REPORT BY THE CITY SOLICITOR

Elizabeth Benjamin, City Solicitor, noted the Ethics Commission recently contacted her with regard to proposed training dates.

She noted that JRA and Continental Construction were contacted relating to the repair of sidewalks on Sell Street. She stated Continental declined to make any repairs to the sidewalks, and she will distribute a copy of that response at the next Council meeting.

Mrs. Stanton voiced her concern that there was no communication under Council Updates with regard to updates sent to Councilmembers. She stated that is in violation of the Administrative Code for the format of the agenda. Attorney Benjamin explained that is a policy decision made by Council as to what should be included on the Council Updates.

Mr. Liston noted the agenda had not changed since he started as City Manager, that all correspondence received was included on the agenda. There was further discussion with Ms. Benjamin regarding the matter. Ms. Benjamin explained

that if someone submits correspondence they would like listed on the agenda, they need to state, "Place this on the agenda" within that communication.

Mrs. Stanton expressed her concerns relating to responses to code complaints being sent to other residents who also filed code complaints and that included confidential information. Mr. Liston noted a mistake by a City employee who did a reply all on an email instead of separate emails.

Mrs. Stanton discussed the selective enforcement of code policies. Ms. Benjamin will review concerns over a safety matter at the vacant Cypress Avenue School further. It was noted that the naming rights to the Point Stadium were advertised in the Greensburg and Altoona newspapers.

#### REPORT BY THE CITY ENGINEER

Steve Sewalk referred Council to his report for further discussion. He highlighted certain points in his report and answered questions.

Mr. Sewalk stated the paving had been completed in the Cambria City/Minersville neighborhoods.

The City portion of the Horner Street project was approximately one-third complete. The Eighth Ward was underway.

Mr. Sewalk noted that construction had just commence for the Moxham Phase II project.

Upcoming projects included the Ohio Street and Kernville projects, with construction to commence in March of next year.

It was noted that to date nearly 2,000 City residents had pressure tested at a rate of two dozen per week.

Mr. Krcha questioned why in some areas the option was given to utilize old lines while in other areas the same lines were being removed. Mr. Sewalk indicated old lines are retained wherever possible. Mr. Krcha stated all residents should be made aware of this option. Mr. Sewalk explained the residents are given the opportunity to attend a public meeting to ask questions before the commencement of the project.

Mr. Vizza referred residents to Mr. Sewalk for further explanation of their individual projects, and those residents have been very satisfied with the responses from Mr. Sewalk and EADS.

Mr. Sewalk explained that before any sewer project can commence, a Part II water quality permit must be submitted to DEP for review and approval. Mrs. Stanton requested a copy of the Part II permit.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion to extend the deadline from September to December for the flow monitoring testing for Hornerstown/Walnut Grove as there are questions regarding illegal downspouts, changing the ordinance and court action that could change the mandate. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Mayor Janakovic noted and Ms. Benjamin confirmed that DEP should be contacted on the matter.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion requesting that Ms. Benjamin send a letter to DEP regarding the matter. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

#### COUNCIL UPDATES

1. Code complaints from J. Williams-1; Thomas Bible-1; J. Warhul-2; L. Yutzey-1; D. Callahan-2; C. Stanton-20; W. Penrose-7.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Mr. Vitovich - No Report.

Mr. Vizza - No Report.

Mrs. Mock reported the West End Improvement Group and the Bottle Works group would be painting the skate park ramps and doing other aesthetic work at the skate park. She noted the lines have already been painted for the walking track.

Mrs. Mock will work to get a grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation to make a bigger skate park in the City at a place to be determined. She was also exploring an interest for a playground in the Woodvale area above the bridge.

Councilwoman Mock noted communications with Mike Artim, Chamber of Commerce, with regard to a business expo exclusively for the City of Johnstown.

Mrs. Stanton reported on her attendance at the 7th Ward Civic Group Meeting for discussion with regard to the Annual Night Out scheduled for August 1, 2017. She thanked Ron Esposito for starting a radio station out of his home with a goal to "get the word out" pertaining to positive happenings in the community. He can be contacted at 105.1WMOX FM Moxham Community Radio Station.

Councilwoman Stanton has been participating in the Moxham community walk held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to pick up litter in the neighborhood.

A tent revival was noted to be scheduled for July 16-July 22, 2017 at Moxham Lutheran Church.

She indicated the Roxbury St. Paul's United Methodist Church will hold a community fair on July 22, 2017. The Outreach Committee at the church has been moving forward with a free grass cutting service for residents of the City of Johnstown who are in need of the service.

Mrs. Stanton reported that Lynn Yutzey of the West End was in the process of registering with the state for a free library in her home. Ms. Yutzey will accept book donations at her home at 160 Barron Avenue. The City of Johnstown will be officially added to the state map of little library locations.

Lynn Yutzey plans to start a neighborhood watch group on Barron Avenue in the West End. Ms. Yutzey can be contacted at 539-5841.

Mrs. Stanton noted an organization has agreed to put benches and tables at the skate park in the West End. City Manager Liston noted the organization as the EADS Group. Mrs. Stanton indicated the Shade Tree Commission has offered to place trees at the park.

Mrs. Stanton thanked Mr. Calpin of Public Works for being polite and respectful in response to emails. Mayor Janakovic also thanked Mr. Calpin for completing the work on Clover Street.

Mrs. Mock invited everyone to visit a community garden along Wood Street in the Hornerstown section created by Theresa Gunby. She noted the community garden along Laurel Avenue in the West End was in full bloom with a variety of vegetables and fruits.



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Mayor Janakovic commended the Johnstown School District for resurrecting the Summer in the City Program that provides breakfast and lunch for the kids. He also thanked the YMCA and New Day for conducting summer camp programs.

SHORT RECESS TAKEN

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ AND ADOPTION

None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ:

BILL NO. 16 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5213 PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 29, 2016 AS THEN AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 5226 PASSED FINALLY ON APRIL 12, 2017 CITY OF JOHNSTOWN BUDGET TO AMEND THE 2017 BUDGET TO PROPERLY ALLOCATE REVENUE AND EXPENSE RELATING TO THE DELINQUENT BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX COLLECTED TO DATE, TO REALIZE THE SHORTFALL OF REVENUE FROM THE TAX LIEN SALE, AND TO REALLOCATE FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE 2017 LEAD BASED PAINT GRANT.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Vizza seconded the motion.

There was discussion regarding the ordinance.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza  
Mayor Janakovic (5).

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 17 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5214 PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 29, 2016 AND THEN AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 5227 PASSED FINALLY APRIL 12, 2017 CITY OF

JOHNSTOWN 2017 WAGE AND SALARY ORDINANCE TO BE PAID ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND BUREAUS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE THE DAY AFTER FINAL APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

It was noted the position being eliminated was a union position in order to outsource certain functions.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic,  
Mrs. Mock (5).  
Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 18 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5166 PASSED FINALLY ON JANUARY 28, 2015, TITLED AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN ADOPTING LATERAL RESALE ORDINANCE REQUIRING LATERAL TESTING UPON SALE OR TRANSFER OF ALL REAL PROPERTY WITH STRUCTURES LOCATED THEREIN TO DETERMINE IF ILLEGAL STORM OR SURFACE WATER IS CONNECTED TO THE SANITARY SEWER, REMEDIATION OF DEFECTS, AND TO SET FORTH REGULATION RELATED THERETO, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 5220, PASSED FINALLY ON FEBRUARY 8, 2017, TO NOW FURTHER AMEND TO DELETE SECTION 2 TITLED UNLAWFUL CONNECTIONS; AND SECTION 15 TITLED PENALTIES DUE TO LACK OF ENFORCEMENT AND/OR SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT AS WAS THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 5166 WHEN PASSED FINALLY ON JANUARY 28, 2015.

BILL NO. 19 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5152 PASSED FINALLY ON AUGUST 13, 2014 TITLED AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING A SEWER USE ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE ELIMINATION OF OVERFLOWS AND FURTHER REQUIRING THE TELEVISED AND/OR PRESSURE TESTING OF ALL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE STRUCTURE LOCATED THEREON

AND REMEDIATION OF ALL PRIVATE SIDE LATERAL LINES FAILING TO PASS SAID TESTS IN THE EVENT SANITARY FLOWS EXCEED DEP-SPECIFIED DESIGN CRITERIA FOLLOWING PHASE COMPLETION OF CITY SEWER CONSTRUCTION, TO NOW FURTHER AMEND TO DELETE SECTION 2 TITLED UNLAWFUL CONNECTIONS; AND SECTION 15 TITLED PENALTIES DUE TO LACK OF ENFORCEMENT, AND/OR SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT AS WAS THE P[PURPOSE AND INTENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 5126 WHEN PASSED FINALLY ON AUGUST 13, 2014.

Attorney Benjamin noted for the record that per Mr. Williams' correspondence dated July 10, 2017, Bill Nos. 18 and 19 had already been approved and were withdrawn.

BILL NO. 20 OF 2017, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SEVENTH AMENDED MUNICIPAL RECOVERY PLAN OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT (ACT 47 OF 1987) AS AMENDED.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

Mrs. Stanton noted communication by Mr. Williams indicating this ordinance was in conflict with the Home Rule Charter.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion to table. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The motion to approve passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock (4).

Nays: Mrs. Stanton (1).

## RESOLUTIONS

### Resolution No. 9965

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO RETAIN KELLER ENGINEERS FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF EXAMINING AND PROVIDING A

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PROFESSIONAL OPINION IN RELATION TO THE CIVIL ACTION  
FILED AT CIVIL ACTION NO. 2017-1945 IN RE: 2017 PETITIONERS  
COMMITTEE AMENDING INNER-CITY SEWER LATERAL TESTING  
ORDINANCE NO. 5166. (Tabled June 14, 2017).

Mr. Vizza made a motion to remove from table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (4).  
Nays: None (0).  
Mrs. Stanton abstained from voting on the motion.

Attorney Benjamin distributed to Council a document noting the details of the resolution regarding the retention of Keller Engineers, confirming that the opinion as rendered will directly address the prevalence of the infiltration within the sanitary sewer within, under, and surrounding the foundation walls, as well as the impact of that failure on the sewer project and overall efforts to comply with the DEP's consent order and agreement. As per discussion with the City Manager, finance director and auditor, the account line item for this will be attributed to sanitary sewer upgrades. She requested that the materials distributed be attached to the resolution as adopted.

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

Yeas: Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (4).  
Nays: Mrs. Stanton (1).

Resolution No. 9966

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DECLARING ITS INTENT TO  
GRANT ACCESS TO THE TRAILS AND GREEN SPACES CAPTURE  
TEAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTENANCE, RESTORATION AND  
BEAUTIFICATION OF THE EXISTING BIKE AND HIKING TRAIL  
ALONG THE JOHNSTOWN INCLINED PLANE RECREATIONAL  
TRAIL.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

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Attorney Benjamin noted the resolution would grant access to the green spaces by the capture team contingent upon their signature of liability agreement. An updated copy of the resolution was distributed to Councilmembers.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Vizza (5).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 9967

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL AGREEMENTS, MORTGAGES, GUARANTEES AND ALL OTHER LOAN CLOSING DOCUMENTS FOR JJG PROPERTIES, LLC.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Mrs. Stanton commented that this resolution does not have supporting documentation per the Administrative Code, Section 212-A01, which states all resolutions presented to City Council for the purposes shall include a complete copy of all agreements and contracts or resolutions to seek Council approval.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion to table for further documentation. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The motion to approve passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic (4).

Nays: Mrs. Stanton (1).

Resolution No. 9968

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CONFIRMING THE CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORITY TO DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY SOLICITOR TO COMMENCE CIVIL ACTIONS IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY AND/OR ANY OTHER

APPROPRIATE VENUE TO RECOVER AMOUNTS OWED AS A RESULT OF UNPAID LOANS ISSUED BY THE CITY AND TO SELECT THE PARTICULAR LOAN AGREEMENTS ON WHICH TO DIRECT THE CITY SOLICITOR TO TAKE ACTION AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. Mr. Vizza seconded the motion.

Mrs. Stanton made a motion to amend the language to "legal action to recover amounts owed as a result of unpaid loans issued by the City and to select a particular loan agreement on which to take action on." The motion failed for lack of a second.

Attorney Benjamin explained the intentions of the resolution.

The motion to approve passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, (3).  
Nays: Mrs. Stanton, Mayor Janakovic (2).

Resolution No. 9969

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,900,000.00 TO BE USED TOWARDS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INNER-CITY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE KERNVILLE AREA OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

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

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock (4).  
Nays: Mrs. Stanton (1).

Resolution No. 9970

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNSTOWN

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR PURPOSES OF COORDINATING AND SHARING IN THE COST OF RETAINING AN INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER TO STUDY AND ASSESS THE RECENT FLOODING ISSUES ARISING WITH THE CITY STORM WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP AND ISSUE A JOINT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Councilmembers had further discussion regarding the resolution.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock,  
Mrs. Stanton (5).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 9971

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REQUESTING THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES FOR REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF THE LOCAL JOHNSTOWN FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT FLOOD CHANNEL STRUCTURES.

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

Yeas: Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (4).  
Nays: Mrs. Stanton (1).

Resolution No. 9972

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO RETAIN VALBRIDGE PROPERTY ADVISORS TO

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PERFORM AN APPRAISAL ON THE GAPVAX, INC. PROPERTY IN  
CONNECTION WITH TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL LITIGATION.

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

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (4)

Nays: None (0).

Mrs. Mock abstained from voting on the motion.

Resolution No. 9973

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ACKNOWLEDGING A STATE  
OF EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM SEVERE STORMS AND  
FLOODING IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN ON JUNE 15 AND JUNE 16  
AND JUNE 17 OF 2017 AND FURTHER REQUESTING COUNTY,  
STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH RESULTING DAMAGES  
FROM THE SAME.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

There was discussion regarding the resolution. Mr. Vitovich commented that despite cleaned out storm drains and pipes, a sudden heavy volume of water will cause problems. He also commented that the new drains are self-cleaning.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Vizza (5).

Nays: Mrs. Stanton (1).

MOTIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.



OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT-NONAGENDA ITEMS

Ed Sheehan, 100 CTC Drive, Johnstown, provided an update with regard to Vision 2025. He commented on a street enhancement project sponsored by Lowes Hometown Heroes program for improvements to Walnut Street and other plantings and improvements around the train station and PNG Park. A webinar will be scheduled in the near future with the Army Corps of Engineers and federal and state organizations relating to river and river wall improvements.

Mr. Sheehan commented that the Western PA Conservancy will conduct a street planting project in the fall by planting 25 new trees in the community. They are seeking a tree revitalization grant to help fund additional plantings.

Pitchfest, in conjunction with the Showcase for Commerce that was held this past spring, was very successful. Mr. Sheehan noted the Central Park Square Marketing Group won first prize in the amount of \$2,000 to help develop an outreach and marketing strategy to promote investment into and around Central Park. He stated the Early Johnstown Connectivity Project won second prize in the amount of \$1,000 to contribute to completion of a regional trail planning initiative. And Fresh Start Soap Pantry won third prize in the amount of \$500 to help develop a sustainable business and marketing strategy.

Blue Ridge Outdoors, a national outdoor recreation publication, featured Johnstown as an emerging mountain town. Vision Marketing was underway. Mr. Sheehan noted that volunteers from all over the nation will work in a number of the neighborhoods donating 1,000 hours of repair work to homes.

Mr. Sheehan noted the Vision 2025 group is comprised of over 800 volunteers.

Mayor Janakovic commented that the primary concern of the corps was safety in the water, but waterways are also studied downstream.

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, addressed Council with regard to decriminalizing marijuana and updating policies.

Mayor Janakovic noted a crew will be filming a documentary on Johnstown.

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Mrs. Stanton requested an update on the Conrad Building. Mr. Liston noted a grant application is being pursued for the demolition of the building.

The next regular meeting was noted as scheduled for August 9, 2017

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.