Johnstown Planning Board

Council Chambers, City Hall

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The proceedings of this meeting were recorded for the benefit of the City Clerk; because the minute are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, the written minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

Due to Covid-19 meeting was conducted without the physical presence of the public but was broadcast using Facebook Live.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Peter Smith, Chairman

ATTENDANCE – Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk

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| [x] Peter Smith, Chairman | [x] Christopher Vose, City Engineer |
| [x] Betsy Camarra | [x] Michael Poulin, City Attorney |
| [x] Jason Mylott | [x] Bruce Heberer, Chief Code Enforcement Officer |
| [x] Terri G. Easterly | [x] Carrie Allen, City Clerk |
|  | [ ] Kathi Iannotti, Liaison |

ABESENT

Kathi Iannotti

APPROVE MINUTES – October 6, 2020

Motion to approve – Betsy Camarra

Seconded – Terri Easterly

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

ITEM #1: BENJAMIN MOORE 155 Union Avenue; facility expansion

* PUBLIC HEARING

Peter Smith opened the Public Hearing at 4:06 p.m.

* Discussion: Ron Peters of the Fulton County Center for Regional Growth expressed their support of Benjamin Moore’s project.

Peter Smith closed the Public Hearing at 4:08 p.m.

Peter spoke on an issue that came up since the last meeting regarding the SEQRA process.

The Industrial Development Agency is putting together a large funding package for this project and a number of funding agencies must be joined in the SEQRA process, including the Center for Regional Growth and Empire State funding. The Industrial Development Agency will need to be the Lead Agency for this project; if we don’t do it this way the Industrial Development Agency would have to start the process all over again, and DEC has already told us they won’t permit multiple SEQRA findings. The DEC wants it does this way and if we don’t do it the DEC’s way we will delay the project, which neither Jim Mraz of the Industrial Development Agency nor Peter want to do.

Peter is asking the board to withdraw its status as lead agency, and specifically consent that the IDA serve as lead agency for SEQRA review.

CONSENT TO ALLOW IDA TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY

Motion – T. Easterly

Seconded – J. Mylott

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Roll Call Vote: Peter Smith - yes, Terri Easterly - yes, Jason Mylott - yes, Christopher Vose – yes, Betsy Camarra – yes, Michael Poulin - yes

* APPROVE SITE PLAN

Site plan cannot be approved until after the Industrial Development Agency declares a negative declaration. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th. We will schedule a Special Meeting in order to approve the site plan as to not hold up the project. Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 4:20 p.m.

Motion – Betsy Camarra

Seconded – Chris Vose

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Respectfully submitted

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk