

The Johnstown Common Council held their Business Meeting on January 19, 2016 at 7:00p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Michael B. Julius	: Mayor
Christopher Swatt	: Council Member-at-Large
Bradley Hayner	: Council Member
Kathi Iannotti	: “ “
Helen Martin	: “ “
Vernon Jackson	: “ “
Michael Poulin	: City Attorney
Bruce Heberer	: Fire Chief
David Gilbo	: Police Lt.
Christopher Vose	: City Engineer
Erica Wing	: Library Director
Michael Gifford	: City Treasurer
Cathy A. VanAlstyne	: City Clerk

ABSENT:

Michelle Jones : Senior Center Director

Mayor Julius called the meeting to order and led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – all council members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council Member Iannotti made a motion at 7:01p.m., to enter into executive session to discuss contracts. Motion was seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion carried.

A motion was made at 7:16p.m., by Council Member Iannotti and seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – the minutes of the January 1, 2016 Organizational Meeting were approved with a motion from Council Member Jackson and seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – Council Member Iannotti made a motion to pay the bills and place on file in the City Treasurer’s Office. Motion seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion carried.

CITY OFFICIAL’S AND LIAISON’S REPORTS

FIRE DEPT. – Chief Heberer reported in December the department responded to 65 calls for service that included 2 structure fires, 12 motor vehicle accidents, 14 hazardous condition calls, 12 medical assists, 2 confined space entry standby calls and 23 service calls.

CODE OFFICE – Chief Heberer reported they issued 40 permits with an estimated cost of \$355,702.00 in construction costs and permit fees of \$1,690.00 collected. Inspections and complaints totaled 425. They have had some issues with building permits and reminded residents to apply for a permit before beginning work.

POLICE DEPT. – Lt. David Gilbo reported the department received 482 calls for service that resulted in 19 arrests, 39 parking tickets issued and 21 traffic tickets. There were 31 accidents with 4 of them resulting in injuries. A reminder that the all night parking ban is in effect.

DPW – City Engineer Christopher Vose reported the department has been doing snow removal with some of the snow banks. Christmas trees will be picked up through January 29<sup>th</sup>. After that it is the homeowner's responsibility. If sidewalks are not shoveled residents can report to the Engineer's Office.

LIBRARY – Director Erica Wing reported they will have a craft workshop on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Tax forms are not in yet but should be soon.

TREASURER – Michael Gifford reported his department is collecting county taxes this month. They are also inputting new payroll rates and working on the 2015 financials.

ASSESSOR – Council Member Iannotti reported all applications for exemptions are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

WATER DEPT. – Council Member Jackson reported all three reservoirs are full to capacity. All filtration and reservoir properties have been prepared for the winter. The south end meters have been read for the February billing. He suggested to the Water Board to have Mike Hlozansky, Water Treatment Plant Operator, attend council meetings.

SEWER BOARD – Council Member Martin reported officers for 2016 are herself as Chairperson and Wrandy Siarkowski, Vice Chair. A decision was made to purchase covers for the two remaining tanks to control the odor. They have published an ad to hire a wastewater plant manager.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT – Elizabeth Camarra was appointed to the Johnstown Planning Board to fill a vacancy. Her term will expire 3/31/16.

RESOLUTION No. 8, 2016 was presented by Council Member-at-Large Swatt to appoint Christopher J. Vose to the Joint Sewer Board. Seconded by Council Member Iannotti.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 9, 2016 was presented by Council Member Hayner to advertise for sealed written bids for 10 sets of night vision goggles. Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Discussion: Lt. Gilbo stated they expect the cost to be between \$35,000 and \$40,000. This includes training.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 10, 2016 was presented by Council Member Hayner to accept funding to purchase children's fingerprinting identification equipment. Seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt.

Discussion: Lt. Gilbo said Gloversville is currently using. Fingerprints and info will be downloaded on a disk and given to the parents to keep. Parents can give a copy to police for storage.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 11, 2016 was presented by Council Member Jackson to enter into an agreement with St. Mary's Hospital for the E.A.P. Program. Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 12, 2016 was presented by Council Member Martin to enter an agreement with the Johnstown Senior Center. Seconded by Council Member-at-Large Swatt.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 13, 2016 was presented by Council Member Iannotti to enter an agreement with Arcadis for continued consulting support and 2016 monitoring activities of the closed Johnstown Landfill.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

RESOLUTION No. 14, 2016 was presented by Council Member-at-Large Swatt to support the appointment of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors as Lead Agency for the SEQR in connection with the proposed annexation of properties located in the Town of Mohawk. If Fulton County Supervisors are not appointed then the council will support the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors. Seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Discussion: Council Member-at-Large Swatt reiterated that Mayor Julius is to send a letter conveying the Council's position to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Martin, Chairperson of the Tourism/Special Events Committee, will be putting an article in the newspaper looking for events for the 2016 calendar. She would like to get it out by March.

Council Member Jackson congratulated Council Member-at-Large Swatt. His daughter, Lexi, was crowned Miss Fulton County 2016. She will be competing for Miss New York State next.

There will be no Committee Meeting, Feb. 1, 2016

City Hall will be closed for Presidents' Day on February 15, 2016.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member-at-Large at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. VanAlstyne  
City Clerk