



Johnstown Common Council
Business Meeting - Council Chambers, City Hall
Monday, April 20, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENTS

Fulton County IDA – April 14, 2026

City Historian – 2025 Annual Report

FULTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**TUESDAY
APRIL 14, 2026
8:00 A.M.**

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING AGENDA**

IDA PRESENT:

**___ SUE COLLINS, CHAIRMAN
___ DR. GREG TRUCKENMILLER, VICE CHAIRMAN
___ MIKE FITZGERALD, TREASURER
___ DAN ROUNDS, SECRETARY
___ JOSEPH SEMIONE, MEMBER
___ DAVID D'AMORE, MEMBER
___ JOE GILLIS, MEMBER
___ KARA LAIS, FITZGERALD, MORRIS, BAKER, FIRTH PC
___ SCOTT HENZE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**___ TOM ROEHL, LIASON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
___ MICHAEL COUNTRYMAN, FCCRG**

IDA'S MISSION:

"The Fulton County IDA's mission is to drive economic growth and prosperity by preparing shovel-ready sites for development including commercial enterprise, diverse housing options, workforce development and tourism".

I. MINUTES FROM MARCH 10, 2026 MEETING:

MOTION: To approve the minutes to the March 10, 2026 meeting.
MADE BY:
SECONDED:
DISCUSSION:
VOTE:

II. BUDGET REPORT:

MOTION: To approve the budget report as presented.
MADE BY:
SECONDED:
DISCUSSION:
VOTE:

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Nominating Committee:

- No report.

B. Audit Committee:

- Monthly Bank Reconciliation Report: Dave D'Amore

DISCUSSION:

C. Governance Committee:

- No report

D. Finance Committee:

- No report

-----END OF AGENDA ITEM-----

IV. FULTON COUNTY/FCCRG/FMRCC REPORTS:

A. County Report: Tom Roehl

DISCUSSION:

B. FCCRG Report: (See attached.) Michael Countryman

DISCUSSION:

C. FMRCC Report:

DISCUSSION:

-----END OF AGENDA ITEM-----

V. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **CROSSROADS PARK MARKETING:**

1. Re-listing the 25+/- Acres:

- During the January 17, 2026 meeting, the IDA Board discussed re-listing the property.
- Various Real Estate firms were contacted to discuss the listing of the property

DISCUSSION:

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B. **Website Research Project:**

- Emery Designs completed the audit of the CRG, IDA and Visitor Bureau websites. Currently working on Workforce Development.
- Emery Designs submitted a draft report “*Unifying Economic Development & Tourism Web Experience Fulton County, NY*”.
- Updated CDI Interview list sent to Betsy Emory.
- Betsy Emory making contact to those on the list to see who is willing to participate in the interviews.
- Betsy Emory developed the CDI Interview Questionnaire per category (Economic Development, Tourism, Workforce, and Housing).
- CDI Interview Questionnaire circulated to Executive Team for feedback.
- During the September 9, 2025 meeting, the IDA Board reviewed the questionnaires.
- Betsy Emory has completed thirteen (13) CDI interviews to date. Two (2) more interviews to be conducted by the end of the week.
- Betsy Emory has submitted a draft report on the Customer Development Interviews.
- The draft report was provided and discussed at the December 9, 2025 meeting.
- Betsy Emory presented the report to the IDA Board at the March 10, 2026 meeting.
- Betsy Emory presented the report to the CRG Board at their March 27, 2026 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

-----END OF AGENDA ITEM-----

C. **DECKER DRIVE, LLC EXPANSION PROJECT APPLICATION (PROJECT # 1701-25-02A):**

1. Project Completion Date and Sales Tax Exemptions:

- During the January 13, 2026 meeting, the IDA Board adopted a resolution taking certain actions providing benefits to the proposed Decker Drive, LLC Expansion Project 1701-25-01-A.
- All closing documents have been executed. The property/project closed on February 13, 2026.
- During the February 17, 2026 meeting, the IDA agreed to extend the project completion date and date in which the sales tax exemptions terminate be extended from January 31, 2027 to March 31, 2027.
- IDA received the Administrative Fee due as part of the project application.
- No new information has been provided to date.

DISCUSSION:

-----END OF AGENDA ITEM-----

D. NATIONAL GRID INGHAMS TO ROTTERDAM TRANSMISSION UPGRADE PROJECT:

- National Grid will be reconstructing their 115kV transmission line from their existing Inghams Substation in Manheim, NY to the existing substation in Rotterdam, NY.
- National Grid has contracted with Canacre to assist them in securing land easements as part of the upgrade project.
- Canacre has identified a 20-acre lot (Lot A) located in the Johnstown Industrial Park as an ideal location to serve as a temporary marshaling (laydown) yard.
- Canacre would also like to include two (2) additional adjacent lots identified as Lot B and Lot C.
- The 20-acre lot is owned by the IDA.
- The Lease Term would include 40+/- months (November 1, 2026-February 28, 2030) providing a lump sum payment of \$293,232.00. If additional time was needed, Canacre to pay \$7,330.80 per month.
- Canacre has had a market study performed in order to provide a Lease Price for the lease of the entire 20-acre lot to include Lots B and C.
- The Market Study identifies a Lease Price of \$293,232.
- The IDA and the City of Johnstown entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement for properties sold or leased within the Johnstown Industrial Park.
- 93% of all proceeds go to the City. The remaining 3% are retained by the IDA.
- In order for the IDA to consider leasing the property to Canacre, the IDA is required to have a commercial appraisal performed.

- A proposal has been requested and provided by CBRE to perform a commercial appraisal based upon a monthly lease for a term of approximately 40 months.
- The cost of the appraisal was \$3,500.
- During the November 18, 2025 meeting, the IDA Board agreed to contract with CBRE to have the appraisal done on the property at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 with 50% being paid by the City of Johnstown.
- Scott Henze notified CBRE on November 19, 2025.
- CBRE responded on December 2, 2025 to discuss the appraisal.
- The appraisal will be based upon a yearly land rent.
- CBRE delivered a Market Rent Study appraisal for the 29.8 acres of land on December 30, 2025.
- A copy of the Market Rent Study has been provided to the City of Johnstown.
- Per email dated January 13, 2026, CANACRE is changing the term to a start date of July 1, 2026 (additional 4 months).
- On March 5, 2026, Scott Henze and Kara Lais attended a Zoom meeting with the Mayor and City Counsel to discuss a response to the terms and compensation based upon the CBRE Market Rent Study performed and other discussion points.
- On Tuesday March 10, 2026, Kara Lais provided a counter proposal to Canacre based upon discussions with the City of Johnstown.
- The counter proposal identified the following terms:
 1. Lease Term (Access and Lease to commence on the agreed upon date)- 40 months
 2. \$500,000 payable in a lump sum or in installments for the initial 40-month term
 3. \$12,500 per month after the initial 40-month term
 4. National Grid to be responsible for real property taxes based on current tax rates. The current rates would result in annual taxes of \$32,560+/- . If the IDA was not the owner of this property, the property would not be exempt and the real property taxes would either be the responsibility of the tenant or built into the rental amount.
 5. Performance Bond (or other similar bond) to cover any restoration or remediation that is otherwise not completed by NG at the end of the lease term
- On April 1, 2026, Scott Henze and Kara Lais participated in a Zoom meeting with Canacre to discuss the City and IDA's counter to the initial proposal provided by Canacre.
- On Tuesday April 2, 2026, Canacre provided a response via email to the counter offer provided.
- On Thursday April 9, 2026, Canacre accepted the counter proposal provided to them on March 10, 2026.
- *See Spreadsheet.
- *See Resolution.

DISCUSSION:

MOTION: To approve a forty-month lease agreement with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation contingent upon compliance with Public Authorities Law Section 2897 and authorizing the Chair or Executive Director to execute the Lease Agreement subject to the approval of the Agency’s legal counsel as to form and content.

MADE BY:
SECONDED:
DISCUSSION:
VOTE:

- Canacre desires to have access to the site on July 1, 2026 in order to prepare it for materials to arrive.
- Since the 90-day notice would not expire until July 14, 2026, a short term lease agreement would be required.
- Based upon the monthly fees, a daily rental amount would equal \$402.23 per day.

DISCUSSION:

MOTION: To approve a short term lease agreement with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation at a daily rate of \$402.23 per day commencing July 1, 2026 through July 13, 2026 for site access and staging purposes for the properties known as (a) West Side State Highway 30A (Tax Map Parcel No. 174.18-1-19); (b) North Side Opportunity Drive (Tax Map Parcel No. 185.6-1-1) and (c) North Opportunity Drive (Tax Map Parcel No. 185.6-1-2.1) and authorizing the Chair or Executive Director to execute a License Agreement subject to the approval of the Agency’s legal counsel as to form and content.

MADE BY:
SECONDED:
DISCUSSION:
VOTE:

-----END OF AGENDA ITEM-----

E. T-Bills:

- Current T-Bill status:

T-BILL #	TERM	RATE %	MATURITY DATE
1	12 month	3.502%	11/30/26
2	9 month	3.425%	10/29/26
3	12 month	4.005%	5/14/26
4	3 month	3.320%	5/28/26

- IDA has discussed consolidating T-Bills 3 and 4 for a longer set term based upon the continued decline in rates.

DISCUSSION:

-----END OF AGENDA ITEM-----

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Hay Lease of Land at Tryon:

- R & R Farms desires to lease approximately 41 acres of land at Tryon to grow corn in 2025.
- R&R Farms leased 95+/- acres of land at Tryon in 2025.
- R & R Farms has offered \$30/acre to do so.

DISCUSSION:

MOTION: To authorize the Chairman to sign a Lease with R & R Farms to lease approximately 41 acres at the Tryon Technology Park to grow corn.

MADE BY:

SECONDED:

DISCUSSION:

VOTE:

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B. Tryon Technology Park Lawn Mowing RFQ:

- A Request for Quotes (RFQ) was distributed to three (3) companies/individuals for lawn services at the Tryon Technology Park in 2025.
- The number of mowing's remained the same as previous years however the area to mow decreased since the IDA transferred property within Tryon to Fulton County Sewer District No. 4: Hales Mills.
- The area to mow in 2026 will also decrease due to ongoing construction work at Tryon.
- All mowing areas will be finish mowing.
- Quotes will be received on May 8, 2025.

• Previous Year Costs:

2014	:	\$5,160	:	Greenscapes
2015	:	\$8,820	:	Evergreen
2016	:	\$7,520	:	Greenscapes
2017	:	\$8,500	:	James Esper
2018	:	\$10,700	:	James Esper
2019	:	\$8,934	:	Evergreen
2020	:	\$6,480	:	Greenscapes
2021	:	\$6,628	:	Evergreen
2022	:	\$6,340	:	James Esper
2023	:	\$7,440	:	James Esper
2024	:	\$7,990	:	James Esper

2025 : \$7,990 : James Esper

- Winstanley Enterprises has agreed to reimburse the IDA for the cost of mowing in 2026.
- * See RFP.

DISCUSSION:

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VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

-----END OF AGENDA ITEM-----

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, a public body may conduct an executive session for the below enumerated purposes only, provided, however, that no action by formal vote shall be taken to appropriate public moneys:
 - i. matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
 - ii. any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;
 - iii. information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
 - iv. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;
 - v. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;
 - vi. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
 - vii. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations;
 - viii. the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

MOTION: To go into Executive Session for _____.

MADE BY:
SECONDED:
DISCUSSION:
VOTE :
TIME :

MOTION: To go out of Executive Session.

MADE BY:
SECONDED:
DISCUSSION:
VOTE:
TIME:

IX. NEXT MEETING:

- Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday May 12, 2026.

X. CLOSE MEETING:

MOTION: To close the meeting at _____ a.m.

MADE BY:
SECONDED:
DISCUSSION:
VOTE:

LOT NUMBER	ACRES	TERM	PRICE/ACRE	NET TO CITY	NET TO IDA	NET TO CITY PER IMA (93%)	NET TO IDA PER IMA (7%)
A	19.7	JULY 14, 2026-NOVEMBER 14, 2029 (40 MOS)	\$16,778.52	\$330,536.84	\$0.00	\$307,399.26	\$23,137.58
B	3.7	JULY 14, 2026-NOVEMBER 14, 2029 (40 MOS)	\$16,778.52	\$62,080.52	\$0.00	\$57,734.88	\$4,345.64
C*	6.4	JULY 14, 2026-NOVEMBER 14, 2029 (40 MOS)	\$16,778.52	\$0.00	\$107,382.53	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	29.8			\$392,617.36	\$107,382.53	\$365,134.14	\$134,865.75
GRAND TOTAL							
* LOT OWNED BY IDA							
	OTHER:		Notes:				
			after 40 months, Canacre will pay \$12,500/month				
			Taxes will be paid at approx \$32,560/year				

LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

for the year

Date report prepared:

Historian's Name

Date Appointed

Name of Municipality

Municipality Population (Estimated)

Street Address

Address 2

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Email

Website/Social Media

Office Hours

Annual Salary

Total Budget (Excluding Salary)

Total Number of Office Visits
(Estimated)

Total Number of Phone/Email Inquires Received/Answered
(Estimated)

Number of Municipal Meetings Attended
(Town, Village Board, County Legislature, Zoning, Planning, etc.)

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Please briefly describe your work over the past year in the sections below.
Leave blank any sections that do not apply.

Exhibits

History of the Fairgrounds and the Flying Horse at the spring Fairgrounds Park cleanup day.
Immigration exhibit at the Schine Building grand opening.
Glove and leather exhibit at the Fulton County Museum History Faire.
Exhibit table at the Senior center Resource Day.

School Classroom Lectures/Presentations

The second grade classrooms from Warren Street School toured the Johnstown Historical Society museum and while there I introduced them to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, portrayed by Debbie Landrio. We also went upstairs to our military room for a meet and greet with a Vietnam veteran.

Public Lectures/Presentations

Attended the Women's History Month Tea and presented a talk on lesser known women who made a difference in Johnstown.
Presented a power point presentation showing the transformation of the Johnstown Historical Society Museum.

Historical Research

Researched the thirty oldest homes in Johnstown.
Slovak immigration to Johnstown, NY
History of Police and Fire Department
Romeo and Juliet - circus elephants who fell through the West Main Street bridge.
The Glove and Leather Industry
Jacob DeBeer - Manufactured baseballs in Johnstown
Denkert family - Manufactured Baseball Gloves and Acquired patents also Manufactured Boxing Gloves

Historical Publications

The oldest homes in Johnstown was a request from Mayor Praught for possible use on the city website.
The Slovak immigration to Johnstown paper was included on the Johnstown historical society website and the other research papers were used as storyboards for our museum displays.

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Historical Events/Celebrations

Attended Women's Equality Day Celebration
Attended Veteran's Day Celebration

Historic Preservation Projects:

Heritage/Tourism Projects

Annual Cleaning of the Historic Drumm House

Conferences/Workshops Attended

Other

Our museum was in a very bad way with only a narrow path to navigate through the beer cans, piles of newspapers and artifacts. I spent the first nine months of 2025 cleaning, organizing and setting up displays so the public could enjoy the rich history of Johnstown., There was little time to do much of anything else. I am saddened that the Johnstown Historical Society board of directors allowed our museum to end up this way and disappointed that I didn't have more time to promote the history of Johnstown. We have so much history for such a small city and so much that has never been told. I was able to post historic information and photos on social media and have 1300 followers on Facebook and 54 posts 3421 likes 434 comments 304 shares.

Thank you for your time and for the work that you do!