Johnstown Planning Board

Council Chambers, City Hall

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

MINUTES

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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 | [ ] Bruce Heberer, Chief Code Enforcement Officer |
| [ ] Terri G. Easterly | [x] Carrie Allen, City Clerk |
| [x] George Nicholas | [ ] Kathi Iannotti, Liaison |

ABESENT

Terri Easterly, Bruce Heberer, Kathi Iannotti

DISCUSSION:

Peter took a moment to recognize George Nicholas who will no longer be serving on the Planning Board as his term of appointment is up and he will be relocating out of the city. He thanked him for his contributions to the city and appreciated George for his service.

APPROVE MINUTES – November 5, 2019

Motion to approve – Betsy Camarra

Seconded – Chris Vose

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 (Easterly)

ITEM #1: FAGE USA Dairy Industry, Inc. @ 1 Opportunity Drive

* SITE PLAN REVIEW

Eric Hirshmann of CHA Consulting and Tim Dunn of Hayner Hoyt Corporation presented plans to construct a new 300,000 gallon water storage tank at FAGE.

FAGE has a new insurance carrier. Because of the dollar value of all the assets they want them to have two fire pumps, which “snowballed” to needing a new water tank. The new water tank would be a duplicate of the existing tank but would be located within a building just north of the existing.

Chris Vose felt because of new building construction a SEQR would be required. Tim Dunn felt that because the site was already in an industrial park would not have any environmental impact; doesn’t want anything to hold up the project. Peter Smith agreed that SEQR would be required, involved parties need to be notified and a public hearing is required.

* DECLARE LEAD AGENCY

Motion – George Nicholas

Second – Jason Mylott

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 (Easterly)

Clerk will notify all involved agencies.

* DISCUSSION

A Public Hearing needs to be scheduled; Clerk will advertise hearing for April 7, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

Motion – Betsy Camarra

Seconded – Chris Vose

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Easterly)

Dave D’Amore spoke regarding Fulton Friendship House. He assumed that their matter would be on the agenda for this meeting. They submitted revised design and concept site plan to the codes office. There is a design modification. Financing has requested to reduce cost so they looked at another design strategy; going from a two story to 3 story. This will be a smaller footprint and allowed them to manage the water run off differently.

Peter Smith asked if they were under any deadlines. If necessary the board would schedule a special meeting. D’Amore will consult with his client to see if the delay would warrant a special meeting and will also speak with the codes office. A special meeting is not something the planning board typically does but Peter Smith said the board will try to accommodate them as this is a complex, big project. There may have been miscommunication on part of the city and don’t want an investor in Johnstown to suffer for what was an honest clerical error.

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 4:17 p.m.

Motion – Betsy Camarra

Seconded – Mike Poulin

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Easterly)

Respectfully submitted

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk