



City of Johnstown

Meeting: Planning Board Meeting
 Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024
 Time: 4:00 p.m.
 Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
 Presiding Officer: Peter Smith, Chairman

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MEETING MINUTES

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

		PRESENT	ABSENT / EXCUSED	LATE
Peter Smith	Board Member, Chairman	X		
Chandra Cotter	Board Member	X		
Terri Easterly	Board Member	X		
Betsy Camarra	Board Member	X		
Roberta Thomas	Board Member	X		
Michael M. Albanese	Board Member, City Attorney	X		
Christopher J. Vose	Board Member, City Engineer	X		
Bruce Heberer	Fire Chief		X	
Carrie M. Allen	City Clerk	X		
Scott Jeffers	Council Liaison	X		

- **APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Meeting – March 5, 2024

Action Taken

Motion:	Board Member	Betsy Camarra	Ayes:	7	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Board Member	Terri Easterly	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
Discussion:	None					

- **ITEM #1: DELI MASTER; 14 INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY**

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1: Deli Master	Opened: 4:01pm
Speakers: No Comments	Closed: 4:02pm

INVOLVED AGENCIES

Action Taken: Department of Environmental Conservation (correspondence is attached and made part of meeting minutes)

DEC expressed concern that portions of NYS regulated wetlands and adjacent areas are in the project area. Disturbances should be more than 100 feet from the wetlands and barriers installed. Project Engineer, Charles Ackerbauer, was given a copy of the correspondence and advised to reach out to DEC.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Motion:	Board Member	Chris Vose	Ayes:	7	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Board Member	Chandra Cotter	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
Discussion:	Applicant must obtain any required permits from DEC and provide documentation prior to construction					

SITE PLAN APPROVAL

Action Taken

Motion:	Board Member	Terri Easterly	Ayes:	7	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Board Member	Roberta Thomas	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0
Discussion:	None					

- **ITEM #2: ZONING & COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATES**

DISCUSSION

Board members discussed the recommendations received by the [Fulton County Planning Board](#), which is attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.
 The Clerk revised the Comprehensive Plan language which was part of the recommendations.
 Although the Council did pass a Moratorium on Solar Farms in 2022, it was not done correctly. Would need County referral.
 Attorney recommended a Moratorium to consider options. This has become an issue as well as battery storage. Although the Moratorium passed from 2022. The Board would like to look in to what regulations should be put in place for solar farms and battery storage facilities. The Attorney would recommend a year Moratorium.

MOTION

Action Taken
 Authorize Clerk to contact the Fulton County Planning Board:
 1. to advise on how to proceed with a one (1) year moratorium regarding Solar Farms and Battery Energy Storage Systems.
 2. for assistance in obtaining the correct Census Data to be included in the updated Comprehensive Plan

Motion:	Board Member	Betsy Camarra	Ayes:	7	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Board Member	Chris Vose	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

- **ADJOURN**

Time: 4:28pm

Motion:	Board Member	Chandra Cotter	Ayes:	7	Absent:	0
Seconded:	Board Member	Terri Easterly	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk