

**TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2023**

**Meeting Opened: 6:00 PM**

**Present: Jack Wilson, Christina Van Valkenburgh, Tim Rizzo, Paul Catucci, Joel Wilson, Leah Everhart, Todd Unislawski, Nancy Hart, Jack Smullen, Dave Walendziak, Clyde Nellis, Charlene Busch, Ron Peters, Mike Furman, Daryl Baldwin, Bradley Rooke, Robert Olsen.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:       None**

**Motion to approve last regular meeting minutes made by Paul Catucci.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Joel Wilson**

**Ayes: Jack Wilson, Christina Van Valkenburgh, Paul Catucci, Tim Rizzo, Joel Wilson**

**REPORTS:**

**Highway: Plowing Roads, Tree Work, Some Breakdowns, but keeping ahead of them.**

**Codes: Permits issued-6, fees collected-\$550.00, Fire Inspections-10, Projects; planning-1, zoning-1, no complaints, 3 violations.**

**Assessor: Senior and Ag renewals coming in. transfers posted and building permits closed and assessed. Bill to give volunteer fire fighters a property tax exemption discussed.**

**Clerk: Paid General Fund- \$10,637.5, Aspen Sewer- \$1,558.82, Aspen Water- \$2,522.32, NYS Ag and MKTS- \$17.00, NYS DOH \$45.00, State Comptroller- \$30.00.**

**Animal Control: 4 stray dogs, Cats-1, 0 complaints, 0 missing/found, 01 Hit by Car, 3 questions, 2 other, and 9 not town's jurisdiction, Neglect-1.**

**Justice: Total received \$7,026.00. 74 new traffic, 15 new criminal cases, 129 traffic tickets took plea/paid, 52 criminal charges took plea/ paid.**

**Supervisor's Report:**

- Received from Justice: \$7,026.00**
- Received from Clerk: \$10,638.00**
- Received from PILOT: \$ 3,039.00**
- Town Hall Payroll: \$37,629.00**
- Town Hall Expenses: \$167,602.00 (71,343.00 for Workman's Comp.)**
- Highway Payroll: \$40,679.00**
- Highway Expenses: \$57,184.00**

**Motion made by Jack Wilson to pay bills**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Christina Van Valkenburgh**

**Ayes: Jack Wilson, Christina Van Valkenburgh, Paul Catucci, Tim Rizzo, Joel Wilson**

**Ron Peters gave report on Ossip Farm Property to rezone two parcels to Manufacturing 1 in order to conform to adjacent properties. County has already approved.**

**Res. 2023-36: Motion made by Paul Catucci to move forward with rezoning of Parcels # 174-2-31 and 174-2-69 to conform to adjacent properties.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Christian Van Valkenburgh**

**Discussion: Tim Rizzo is concerned about past problems with City of Johnstown supplying water.**

**Ayes: Jack Wilson, Christina Van Valkenburgh, Paul Catucci, Joel Wilson**

**Nays: Tim Rizzo**

**Court Clerk needs a new L-shaped desk in order to hold new equipment required by the court.**

**Res. 2023-37: Motion made by Jack Wilson to purchase a new desk for the court for \$2,038.00 from Derby Office Supplies.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim Rizzo**

**Ayes: Jack Wilson, Christina Van Valkenburgh, Paul Catucci, Tim Rizzo, Joel Wilson**

**The New Computers have been installed in the Town Clerk's office and monitors to arrive this week.**

**Bradley Rooke is looking to represent the town in codes cases. Tim Rizzo requested he submit a letter of intent with his fee. Todd Unislowski stated there are 3-4 cases per year.**

**Water Project on Rte 349: Jack Wilson met with Travis Mitchell and Scott Henze. Mr. Mitchell provided an estimate of \$68,500 total for Rte. 349, Barker Rd., Pleasant View Dr. and Green Rd.**

**Res. 2023-38: Motion made by Jack Wilson to engage Environmental Design Partnership and Travis Mitchell for project engineers.**

**2ne: Christina Van Valkenburgh**

**Discussion: Tim Rizzo asked if money can be transferred from ARPA funds to engineering. Will get transferred when project is committed. Paul Catucci asked if Myrtle Ave. can be included, but Tim Rizzo suggested more talks on Myrtle Ave. were needed and can be added at later date.**

**Ayes: Jack Wilson, Christina Van Valkenburgh, Paul Catucci, Tim Rizzo, Joel Wilson**

**Res. 2023-39: Motion made ty Tim Rizzo to transfer \$68,500.00 from ARPA funds to Engineering.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Catucci**

**Ayes: Jack Wilson, Christina Van Valkenburgh, Paul Catucci, Tim Rizzo, Joel Wilson**

**Tim Rizzo asked Todd Unislowski to look into combining parcels to make buildable lots on Myrtle Ave.**

**New Phone system installed and Catie and Charlene worked to get the bugs out. Problem with phones going to voice mail after 4 PM.**

**Low Income Senior Exemption: 8 property owners would lose exemption if limit not raised. Count hasn't proposed exemption yet and school districts need to adjust. Assessor recommends town approve exemption so town portion will be lowered.**

**Res. 2023-40: Motion made by Joel Wilson to approve raising the Low-Income Senior Exemption limit to \$ 25,299.00.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Catucci**

**Ayes: Jack Wilson, Christina Van Valkenburgh, Paul Catucci, Tim Rizzo, Joel Wilson**

**Resolution will need to be given to Mary Beth and Real Property and to the State.**

**Trespassing at Animal Shelter discussed. People should call FCSD with license numbers of trespassers.**

**Volunteer Fireman Tax Exemption: Conflicting issues at state level currently. Bill was signed in December 2022 and must be implemented by March for next year's roll. Up to the town to control who get it, how much service is needed and percentage of exemption. State is recommending holding off for now. Dave Walendziak recommends discuss it after state gives better guidance. Tim Rizzo thinks this should be done at county level. Jack Wilson will bring up at the county.**

**Clean Up Program: Joel Wilson stated Clean Up is set set for 5/4, 5/5,5/6 with the Landfill. County will advertise it. The Town will need 2 loaders, 2 men for loaders and 1 point man. 4 tires to be taken per day. Will rung 11:00 AM -7 PM Thursday and Friday. 8:00 AM to 1:00PM Saturday. Tires must be off the rim and Clean Up will be held at Town Barn.**

**Clyde currently getting inventory numbers of computers to be scrapped by Groff.**

**Councilmen Reports:**

**Joel Wilson: Highway Roof: Trouble getting supplies Paul Catucci asked if we can get roofer to commit to being the first roofing job in Spring.**

**Time Rizzo: Asked about update on Cherry St. speed limit.**

**Cemetery Volunteers want to meet with town board to go over the goals.**

**Workshop set up for Tuesday 2/7/23 at 4:00 PM.**

**6:58 PM Motion by Jack Wilson to adjourn**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Joel Wilson**

**Ayes: Jack Wilson, Christina Van Valkenburgh, Paul Catucci, Tim Rizzo, Joel Wilson**