

Town of Johnstown

Board Meeting

January 22, 2024

Present: Christina VanValkenburgh, Paul Catucci, Joel Wilson, Amy Ward, Greg Satterlee, Caitlin Hart, Lucas Hart, Jeff Persch, David Walendziak

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00pm.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from the December 18, 2023 Board Meeting made by Paul Catucci. Seconded by Greg Satterlee (Christina VanValkenburgh). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the January Organizational meeting minutes made by Paul Catucci. Seconded by Joel Wilson. Motion carried.

Public Comment: NONE

Motion to approve the funds/pay bills made by Greg Satterlee. Seconded by Amy Ward. Motion carried.

**Town of Johnstown, Code Enforcement**

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**December 2023 Monthly Report**

- Permits issued for the month – 14 for an estimated value of \$78,492.88.
- Fees collected for the month – \$726.50.
- Fire Inspections – 0
- Projects for the month – 0 for Zoning 3 Planning
- Complaints filed for the month 0.
- Violations – 0
- Court Cases – 0

Items for discussion:

- Cats Eye complete
- Caught 3 people working without permits. They all complied.
- Started class 5 today.
- Requesting all planning applications and required materials to be received 3 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

**REPORTS:**


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Assessor's Report – January 2024 Caitlin

The Assessor's Office has been steady. We have had about a 65% response so far on the low income senior and agricultural renewals, which is a very good response. In early February we will be contacting all the Seniors and Ag exemption holders that have not yet responded. The building permits that have been closed out have been posted and assessed. Lastly, we need to act on the income limit adjustment for seniors so it can be applied to the 2024 tax roll cycle.

After that all else here in the office is well. See you next month.

Sincerely,  
  
David Walendziak, Assessor

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 7,778.00

TOWN RECEIVED State Comptroller Report has not been received as of 1/22/24

- 89 NEW TRAFFIC TICKETS
- 8 NEW CRIMINAL CHARGES
- 144 TRAFFIC TICKETS TOOK A PLEA AND/OR PAID
- 0 SUSPENSIONS
- 19 CRIMINAL CHARGES TOOK A PLEA AND/OR PAID
- 0 CODE and/or DOG CASES

SUBMITTED,

  
Kathy Canary  
COURT CLERK

### Highway Superintendent Monthly Meeting Report

1. 2020? Int HB507 6x6 Cab and Chassis \$131,896.91 with plow package \$227,641.91, Hasn't been built and no reason from salesmen as to why as of 1/19/2024 Ordered 1/24/2022....
2. 2020 Int HV507SFA 4x4 with plow wing and bed \$199,245 under Onondaga contract. Also, no eta or reason to why it hasn't been built and had been ordered 12/28/2022.
3. \* Need to decide whether to search/order elsewhere, should be ordering new trucks as we speak...
4. \* 2009 1-ton dump is at mileage where major issues will occur (6.4 Power stroke worst engine made and only made 3 yrs. because of it) and needs to be replaced. F600 gas truck with stainless box and plow...
5. 2008 international truck is costing money often, it's a standard, rotting heavily, fuel tank leaks, 4 new egr coolers within 2 years at \$2000 apiece. Still has engine oil leaks. Leonard bus said do not bring it back because they will no longer work on the truck.
6. 2010 Mack bought for \$90k- \$110k. \$45k put into it the first year and didn't leave the shop for a year after it was driven back when bought. Mechanic says needs the whole front end rebuilt avg \$15k. constant regeneration issues with dpf system and very costly to fix/clean dpf system. (2008-2012 worst truck years to buy).
7. Bathrooms on schedule to be fixed (\$1980.79)
8. Collecting list of surplus items to auction in the spring.
9. 2014 Case loader is due to be replaced.
10. Snow and ice operations as usual
11. Paving roads Indian rd., Wemple rd., Soule rd., Steele rd. or lake view, (4 +/- miles total)

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

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DISBURSEMENTS	
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR GENERAL FUND	10,442.50
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR SEWER	394.91
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR WATER	589.11
PAID TO NYS ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM	27.00
PAID TO STATE COMPTROLLER FOR GAMES OF CHANCE LICENSES	15.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>11,468.52</b>

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Animal Shelter: Had 1 adoption and 2 more that are pending. 4 Left in the shelter if all adoptions go through.

Supervisor: Did not attend training due to car issues. Committee have been put on are Finance Human Resources and NYSAC.

USM Solutions: (Information Technology) Matt and Eric to present for the company. Small company started in 2006, two man operation, response time typically within 2 hours more common to be about 20 minutes. Usually have a point contact person for issues. Paul asked what other municipalities handled, they deal with city of Gloversville. Charge by an hourly rate. Paul asked if they would be opposed to a flat yearly rate so as not to exceed budget. Firewall would need to be updated and changed would come in to do assessment to see what needs to be changed with equipment and can offer price analysis then.

Planning and Codes office would like to have materials in 3 weeks prior to the meeting. Leah stated that it does not need a resolution can be made as a rule, can ask planning board to make the resolution but not a town board resolution.

Dept of Solid Waste and Transfer station Contract: 5 year contracts will be looking to renegotiate after this season for time to analyze cost data.

**Res. 2024-46:** Motion made by Amy Ward to approve the contract for the Fulton County Department of Solid Waste Transfer Station Agreement.

Second: Greg Satterlee

Ayes: Christina VanValkenburgh, Paul Catucci, Joel Wilson, Amy Ward, Greg Satterlee

Public Hearing to be set for Monday February 12, 2024 at 4pm for senior low income level.

Solar Battery Storage Law: For moratorium would need public hearing. Leah has already drafted preliminary law for moratorium. Would be 6 month. Public hearing for moratorium to be at regular town board meeting on February 26, 2024 at 6pm.

Comp Time Policy: No comp time policy currently will hold till next meeting

Medical Insurance Buyout to be held till following meeting.

Attorney: Leah stated that the Blue Wave Solar is looking for a PILOT agreement which allows them an alternative way to charge them for the taxes and is usually an incentive for the company. This is a single project on 3 parcels so would need 3 agreements and would be at \$1796.17 and increase each year by 2%. Board can adjust those numbers.

Motion made by Joel Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. Seconded by Paul Catucci. Motion Carried