

Town Of Johnstown  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday March 18, 2024

Present: Christina VanValkenburgh, Joel Wilson, Paul Catucci, Amy Ward, Greg Satterlee, Caitlin Hart, Jeff Persch, Lucas Hart, David Walendziak, Sara Fosmire, Charlene Busch, Catherine Kemp, Barclay Damon, Greta Davis.

Meeting Called to Order at 5:57pm.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 19, 2024, made by Greg Satterlee. Seconded by Joel Wilson. Motion carried.

Motion to review and pay bills, made by Paul Catucci, Seconded by Amy Ward. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Highway Superintendent Monthly Meeting Report**

3/18/2024

1. 284 agreements need signed. Any questions on amount the way it is because if anything were to happen (very unlikely) I will not be personally responsible for money!
2. Equipment 4-year plan to get equipment needed and or to replace what we have that is getting older and costing more to maintain.
3. Old plows and other equipment to be auctioned. (Plows have been sitting behind barn with trees growing threw them till now... wasted money
4. 3 trucks to auction after new arrive.
5. Quote on chassis for a 2024 freightliner same spec as international is \$7k less in 2024 then the internationals bought in 2022... Same Spec! same engines and transmissions! Cab is different which is the main differences in trucks now days...
6. Trust in the highway super when it comes to equipment and research on trucks what is good and what is wasted money from past practices.
7. Fleet can be reduced with the proper replacements (year Round trucks) = less maintenance on so many trucks or problem trucks...
8. New employee has been very reliable and a great asset to the team and I am asking the board to raise his pay from the 85% for one year to 100% at his 3 month which would be March 20, keep him on probation for the full year but raise the pay for employee retention. He has a class A which is the only one we have besides myself.
9. Chipper that was bought is out of warranty and needs \$6500 worth of work so its usable... Inexperienced and "cheap is better mentality" cost more in the long run...
10. Its time to revamp and start buying quality and not what is cheapest....

Paul Catucci stated that there needed to be a policy in place for the road standard. Trucks are not coming in due to being shipped to CA and should be put on rotation and be balanced and have multi use pieces of equipment.

## February 2024 Monthly Report

- Permits issued for the month – 10 estimated values of \$491774.00.
- Fees collected for the month – \$2920.00.
- Fire Inspections – 0
- Projects for the month – 12 Planning, 2 Zoning
- Complaints filed for the month – 2.
- Violations – 2. 1 corrected and 1 going to court.
- Court Cases - 0

### Items for discussion

- 4 houses being condemned for the County CRG and the IDA
- Aspen Hills subdivision. The 1<sup>st</sup> home will be placed next week.
- The road construction will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- State Forrest bicycle trail system.

### Assessor's Report – March 2024 Caitlin

Exemption deadlines have passed and the traffic here in the office has slowed down. We had an excellent response from the Seniors and Agricultural exemption holders. All have been posted. Now we are working on getting ready for the tentative roll. Everything should be completed on time and the roll will be out on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Grievance Day will be on Wednesday May 29, 2024  
Hope everyone is enjoying the early spring weather! See You next month.

## JUSTICE MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

TOTAL RECEIVED        \$ 12,968.00

TOWN RECEIVED        State Comptroller Report has not been received as of  
3/18/24

91 NEW TRAFFIC TICKETS

5 NEW CRIMINAL CHARGES

191 TRAFFIC TICKETS TOOK A PLEA AND/OR PAID

33 SUSPENSIONS

42 CRIMINAL CHARGES TOOK A PLEA AND/OR PAID

1 CODE and/or DOG CASES

**DISBURSEMENTS**

PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR GENERAL FUND	7,062.50
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR SEWER	314.35
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR WATER	485.45
PAID TO NYS ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM	40.00
PAID TO NYS HEALTH DEPT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES	22.50
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>7,924.80</b>

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

February 2024

2 STRAYS      2 DOGS      0 CATS  
5 COMPLAINTS      2 WARNINGS  
   4 TICKETS  
1 MISSING/FOUND  
2 BITES/CONFINEMENTS  
0 HIT BY CAR  
26 QUESTIONS  
0 OTHER (ADOPTION)  
2 NOT MY JURISDICTION: (2- GLOVERSVILLE)  
1 NEGLECT/ABUSE  
39 TOTAL INCIDENTS HANDLED

388.4 MILES LOGGED IN THIS MONTH

Animal Shelter: We had 1 adoption and currently have 3 dogs at the shelter.

*US LIGHT:* Asking for exemption to current solar moratorium. Stated that fees have been paid to National Grid. Christina stated that there needed to be a request for variance submitted to the Town Clerk. There are issues with capacity and concern on what solar is doing to the town and the landscape. US Light stated they currently have 12 other projects in the state underway and have 20 completed projects.

Public Hearing for variance of the moratorium set for the April 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting at 6:00pm.

The Town of Johnstown Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Period 1/1/2023-12/31/2023 has been filed with the New York State Comptrollers Office.

**Res. 2024-53:** Motion made by Joel Wilson to accept the Annual Financial Report for 2023 to be accepted for audit. Seconded by: Greg Satterlee

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

Nays: NONE

Ron Kucel will be allowed to park bus with banner at Joe Semione's for advertising.

Groff Networks has an annual contract renewal till September. Christina has filed paperwork for dissatisfaction of services. It has been 2 weeks and has not heard anything yet.

Town Hall Ceiling Proposal: Proposal received by 518 Renovations for \$47,000.

**Res.2024-54:** Motion made by Paul Catucci to reject proposal from 518 Renovations for ceiling.

Seconded By: Joel Wilson

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

Nays: NONE

Will be redoing the proposal and offering to contact different contractors to be able to come in for estimates.

*Councilman Reports:*

Joel Wilson: stated the town clean up days have been set for May 2, 3, 4. Thursday and Friday from 11a-6p and Saturday 7a-1p.

*Public Comment:*

Greta Davis stated that she gets 2 bills one from national grid and one from solar company and is usually 3 months behind and neighbors have opted out of solar use. Believes that we should get away with use of fossil fuels.

Motion made by Christina VanValkenburgh to go into executive session for Personnel Matters at 6:52pm. Seconded by Paul Catucci. Motion carried.

Motion to leave executive session at 7:30pm by Joel Wilson. Seconded by Paul Catucci. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30pm made by Joel Wilson. Seconded by Paul Catucci. Motion carried.