

# February 4, 2025, Council Meeting

Jonestown Borough Council held meeting on the above date, beginning at 6:30 p.m., President Tom Keefer presiding. Council members attended: Madisyn Breiner, Rick Kline, Jeff Schott, Donnette Quairolì & Jay Young. Also attending: Mayor Joe Quairolì, Attorney Colleen Gallo, Engineer; John Poff, Secretary/Treasurer; Mariah Mauser

**APPROVAL - MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT** - A motion made by Rick Kline, seconded by Madisyn Breiner, to approve January 27, 2025, Planning Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. A motion made by Donnette Quairolì, seconded by Rick Kline, to approve January 7, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. A motion made by Rick Kline, seconded by Donnette Quairolì, to approve Treasurer's Report, as presented to council, month ending January 31, 2025. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL GUESTS** – Dan Shuman: Asked Council if we could change the colors of the lights at founder park October 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> for Metastatic Breast Cancer ( Pink, Teal & Green). The park will then be on NBC national on YouTube. **Council Approved the request and would like to do pink for the rest of October.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Bonnie & Greg Betz: discussed littering issue at their home on the one hundred block of Swatara Drive.

**MAINTENANCE** – Jay Young, Supervisor – Jay young stated the borough have ninety-seven ton of salt left. And would like to order more due to the salt shortage. Tom Keefer would like to wait till the end of winter before ordering. Jay let council know of the repairs that were needed for the plow. **A motion made by Jay Young, seconded by Rick Kline, to approve Plow Repair \$425.00 paid from the general fund. Motion carried.**

**BOROUGH ENGINEERING REPRESENTATIVE** – John Poff , Engineer (*report attached to minutes*). Update on last month's involvement with Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. on following items of interest to Borough:

**TASA Grant** – Attached for your review is a detailed cost opinion for the project. Note, it includes removing the 5-foot curb bump outs to be funded by the CDBG grant. We cannot obtain the minimum 4-inch curb reveal required by Penn DOT for significant portions of the five-foot bump outs. The current estimate without Penn DOT review of the plans is \$ 1,432,340.25.

Based on discussions with Penn DOT, due to the federal funding, the Borough will have to pay for right of way acquisition for temporary construction easements for approximately thirty-one properties. This process will take approximately one year per Penn DOT. We anticipate the BID LET DATE for the project to be April 18, 2026. Based on discussion with Penn DOT and Dan Lyons of the Redevelopment Authority, the CDBG funded portion of the project should be able to be incorporated into the Penn DOT bid package.

Council had a large conversation regarding TASA Grant & the next steps in this project. This conversation will be continued in further meetings. Council is looking to secure more funding for this project.

**DCNR Grant – Park** – Construction is complete. Application for Payment No. 3-FINAL should be paid upon completion of the finished grading and re seeding. Columbia Excavating, the site contractor, was on site on Friday, January 3rd to perform touch up grading along the exterior of the perimeter timbers. Re seeding still needs to be done in the spring.

**MAYOR** – Joe Quairolì – No Report.

**SOLICITOR** – Colleen Gallo Barley Snyder Attorneys at Law – No Reports.

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**SECRETARY** – *Mariah Mauser* – A motion made by **Donnette Quairoli**, seconded by **Jeff Schott**, to approve applying for county aid. Motion carried.

A motion made by **Donnette Quairoli**, seconded by **Rick Kline**, to approve Reed's Locksmith Invoice alarm monitoring fee \$ 468.00 paid from the general fund. Motion carried.

Council decided to not renew the mayor's association renewal.

**INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS** – *No Reports.*

**GRANTS** – *Jeff Schott, Madisyn Breiner & Justin Shuey* – A motion made by **Rick Kline**, seconded by **Donnette Quairoli**, to approve applying for DCNR Grant Application. Motion carried.

**PARK & RECREATION** – *Madisyn Breiner & Jay Young* – Madisyn would like to set up a QR code that you can scan at the new park to get ideas for phase two of the playground relocation.

A motion made by **Rick Kline**, seconded by **Donnette Quairoli**, to approve Summer Double Volleyball League to use the lower field June 3rd – Aug 12th.

**PERSONNEL** – *Mayor Quairoli, Justin Shuey & Madisyn Breiner* – No Report

**COST REDUCTION AND FINANCES** – *Rick Kline, Donnette Quairoli & Tom Keefer* – No Report

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** – *Jeff Schott & Mayor Quairoli* – No Report

**CODES & CODE ENFORCEMENT** – *Mayor Quairoli, Tom Keefer & Jay Young* – No Report

**NEW BUSINESS** – Tom Keefer presented that the Rotary Club would like to put in a peace pole in founder's park. Council would like more information on peace pole. Also, they are unsure of the location at founder park as to what the total grand plan is there. Discussed putting it along trail though the park. Tom Keefer plans to have another discussion with the club regarding the ideas that council had for the peace pole.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

Council adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Mauser, Secretary/Treasurer