

The January meeting of the Johnstown Town Board was called to order by Chairman Peterson at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was posted in 4 locations in the town. Present: Maurice Peterson, Dennis Logterman, Robert Mawhinney, Patsy Weber and Mary Mawhinney. Absent: none.

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented on a Mawhinney/Logterman motion. The clerk's report was read and approved on a Logterman/Mawhinney motion. The financial report was given and approved on a Mawhinney/Logterman motion. A Logterman/Mawhinney motion to transfer the funds and pay the bills, carried.

Citizens input- a question was raised on the fees for building permits the following addition to last month's minutes are for additions, which do not change the footprint of a building will be charged to the property owner at a rate of \$90.00 per trip, the \$800.00 fee is for new construction.

Patty Johnson who lives at 4142 Emerald Grove Rd was present to request permission to temporarily house an additional dog on her property as foster care for the Humane Society. Peterson had contacted the town attorney and he thought it was a bad idea. She stated that it will only be 1 additional dog at a time and the animal is a house dog. A Mawhinney/Logterman motion to allow and have the clerk and treasurer draw up a simple contract with Ms. Johnson, carried

A Logterman/Mawhinney motion to have the community center as a polling place and have 3 poll workers for the February 17 primary and the April 7 elections.

Web site discussion- the possibility of the town having a web site was discussed- the board had a presentation in the fall from Cricket Jewett, Dennis had also talked with a company at the town's convention. Jewett is on a year to year basis and does not require a contract, her fees are \$750.00 inclusive, and this was budgeted for.

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Road work- Shoulder work will be the main goal this year N Emerald Grove Road the property owner has started to cut down trees and cleaning up the ditch area. The phone company will be moving their lines at their expense, the land owner verbally agreed to pay for the improvement being made to his property, this should be put into writing, and Dennis will take care of this. Enbridge and Michaels- the roads have had snow and ice so unable to check out the roads, they also need to finish their grading of the fields before a final agreement is reached. Scharine asked about the other residents that have rocks in the right of way and when the board would contact them to have them moved back, Peterson stated that Scharine had set the example and the others will be contacted and asked to move the rocks back to the 33.5' right of way.

There was no zoning officer report. The last 2 steps of the smart growth plan are done and need to have the town review. A Logterman/Mawhinney motion to meet at 6:00 on Feb 16, 09 prior to the town board meeting, carried.

Community center- Weber noted that a small step stool was missing and someone had been in the back area and in the office area. He also stated that he had the table room painted.

Communications- the towns association is still working on the contract with the Humane society. The WTA meeting has been rescheduled for the 3rd Thursday in February. There will be a workshop on protecting our land on February 4 at the Pontiac convention center, the board was urged to attend. Harold Scharnk turned in all the papers that he had he has 2 projects to finish.

The next town board meeting will be February 16 immediately following the smart growth discussion.

A Logterman/Mawhinney motion to adjourn carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mary Mawhinney, Town Clerk