



# Town of Johnstown

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Town Council Members

FROM: Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

DATE: March 1, 2021

CC: Town Staff  
Local Media

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report

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Upcoming Town Council Work Sessions – If there are topics that the Council would like staff to schedule for discussion, please let me know. The following topics are recommended for Council discussion (all meetings will be held in the Town Council Chambers unless otherwise indicated):

- 03/08/2021 – Council Work Session (6 p.m.)
  - 03/15/2021 – Regular Town Council Meeting
  - 04/05/2021 – Regular Town Council Meeting
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### **Administration, Finance, & Planning**

- *Sewer Bonding* – The Finance Director and Town Manager met with the bond financing company last week and have asked them to attend an upcoming Council meeting to discuss the plans regarding the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds for the sewer interceptor project.
- *DOLA Energy Impact Grant* – Staff prepared a grant application for Tier I funding for the Land Use Code Update planned for 2021.
- *2020 Audit* – Audit preparation is fully underway. Invoices for 2020 will be accepted until February 28<sup>th</sup>. The onsite fieldwork is scheduled to begin April 26<sup>th</sup>, and the preliminary fieldwork has already begun.
- *Weld RE5-J School Planning* – Staff has met several times with members of the design teams for the two schools planned for Johnstown in the next several years. These will be

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ongoing development review and coordination projects to help the district move these schools forward.

- *NFRMPO Regional Active Transportation Plan Update* – The MPO is working on an update to this plan and Town Staff is coordinating with and providing input to them to ensure alignment with our plans and intent as development occurs.

## **Public Works Department**

### *Streets, Stormwater, & Parks*

- *Streets* – The recent snow events have kept Staff busy plowing and shoveling snow. Once plowing is done, Staff cleans up the Downtown area and removes ice in areas where melting doesn't occur as quickly in high traffic areas. Grading of County Roads 42, 44, & 46 were completed as well as CR 20c. Crack sealing in Thompson River Ranch and Rocksbury Ridge is complete. To date, Staff has placed 16 tons of material on our streets.
- *Parks* – Disinfecting continues of our playgrounds along with trash pick-up every week. Staff is preparing all maintenance equipment for the parks and getting things ready for the upcoming season.
- *Water Emergency* – Our water plant has been down since February 11 and the Town has been on emergency interconnects. Staff have been working daily searching for the cause of the water issue we experienced. The water was tested multiple times and is safe for consumption. We also tested the water for a number of items including iron, potassium, nitrates, magnesium, TOC, sodium, hardness and all results have come back within CDPHE limits.

We are now focusing on the two storage tanks at the water treatment plant. The south tank has signs of roof deterioration and was isolated immediately when the water issue started for fear of the roof collapsing. We hired divers to look at the tank roof from the inside and found it was not the cause of the water issue, although blistering of the inner coating is occurring. The roof is still in need of replacement. The north tank is now isolated with divers inspecting it on February 22. Fire hydrants have been flushed all over Town in effort to remove the discolored water. While the plant has been down, Staff have been directed to clean and disinfect the entire plant from the DAF system that treats the raw water, to the clear well that releases the final drinking water. Public Works Staff have been assisting the plant employees with the cleaning. Getting our water plant back online is our primary objective.

- *WTP* – Just prior to the water issues arising, a fuse blew at the Water Treatment Plant that shut down all pumps and caused a drop in water pressure. Since then, fuses were installed on each pump to prevent a full shut down if one fuse fails in the future. The plants chlorine feed line had some issues due to a plugged sample line. Staff was able to repair the line and provide the necessary chlorine to the system. The second VFD at the pump house was replaced. Staff, along with Ramey Environmental and our engineer, have been working on the new Granular Activated Carbon Feed system that we expect to have install this Spring to help mitigate taste and odor issues.

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- *WTP Expansion* - Proposals are currently being reviewed for the Water Treatment Plan expansion and we hope to start interviewing potential firms to recommend a hire for design soon.

### **Wastewater Plant**

- *CWWTP Sludge Project* – Sludge removal is underway. Approximately 3.25 million gallons have been removed of the 4 million we have in the contract awarded last month.
- *CWWTP Facility Design* – Bids have been received for the engineer new plant design. Staff will review the proposals and interview the candidates prior to making a recommendation to Council for consideration.
- *Low Point* – One of the blowers was giving us issues at Low Point. Some of the belts burned up and were replaced. Staff met with Aqua Engineering to discuss the equipment that was proposed and we were able to select the best equipment for the expansion of the plant. A request to purchase will be brought to Council in the near future.