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TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: April 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Appointment of Municipal Judge

ACTION PROPOSED: Appointment of Municipal Judge

PRESENTED BY: Hannah Hill, Town Clerk

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Article 10 (Municipal Judge) of the Town Charter states, in part, the following:

“The Town Council shall appoint, by majority vote of the entire Council, a presiding municipal judge. Each municipal judge shall be appointed for a two (2) year term.”

Judge Mike Lazar was initially appointed Municipal Judge in May of 2002. In March 2023 three deputy judges were appointed: David Thrower, Thomas Ramunda, and Teresea Ablao. Per the Charter, the deputy judges will need reappointment in 2025, however the presiding Municipal Judge will need reappointment after each Johnstown Election.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- Organizational Excellence & Public Trust
 - *Strengthen public trust and confidence*
 - *Engage, inform, and involve the community*

LEGAL ADVICE:

N/A

FINANCIAL ADVICE:

N/A

The Community that Cares

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint the Municipal Court Judge

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

For Approval:

Option: I Move to Appoint (Name of Selected Judge) as the Presiding Judge for Johnstown Municipal Court.

Option: I Move to Direct Staff to Open a Request for Proposal for Municipal Court Judge

For Denial:

Option: I Move to Deny Appointment of a Municipal Court Judge.

Option: I Move to Deny Appointment of a Municipal Court Judge and Direct the Town Manager to Open a Request for Proposal.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,



Town Manager