



# Town of Johnstown

## TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

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**AGENDA DATE:** August 17, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Use of Town of Johnstown Senior Center

**ACTION PROPOSED:** Discussion and Guidance from Council Requested

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

**PRESENTED BY:** Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

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### AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

The RE-5J School District is preparing to embark on the beginning of school starting August 24. For Elementary School, RE-5J is planning a hybrid approach that includes both in-class learning and virtual learning. Generally, the model will include on each day of the week; ½ day in class instruction and ½ day virtual instruction. Many families in our community will find this challenging to the extent of finding ways to accommodate the ½ day virtual instruction when spouses are working full-time and access to daycare is limited. The TRPR (at the MAC) and YMCA have both stepped up to the challenge of assisting RE-5J in helping to meet this need for the ½ day virtual learning. They will both be providing morning and an afternoon sessions for virtual learning. It is estimated that their facilities can accommodate 100 (MAC) and 150 (YMCA) students respectively for each session.

Clint Dudley, from TRPR contacted me last week to discuss the possibility of utilizing the Senior Center to ensure that as many elementary student needs could be met, assuming the current facilities proposed for use would not meet the need. This would increase their count for the number of students by potentially 60 more students per day (30 each session) while being adequately socially distanced. Mr. Dudley will also be in attendance at the meeting to facilitate answering of questions you may have related to this topic.

This is a new and active proposal we are currently entertaining. So much so, that this is presented to you for discussion and guidance considering Council will not meet again until September 9 for a regular meeting. Consequently, the details are currently very high level, but they include in the proposal that:

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1. TRPR would enter into an agreement with the Town that would permit them to operate in the Senior Center for the purposes of providing virtual learning to RE-5J elementary students for a predetermined time period.
2. The Town would require that a waiver is provided from parent(s) who are participating at this facility and these documents facilitated completion by TRPR.
3. Insurance would be provided by TRPR listing the Town as additionally insured.
4. Services by TRPR would operate Monday – Friday and all custodial obligations would be the responsibility of TRPR.
5. Any permitting necessary would need to be secured by TRPR unless verification that an exemption exists for these purposes.
6. Any other terms the Council desires to see included into the agreement.

Staff is requesting guidance from Council regarding this proposal to help meet the needs of both our students, their families, and the community. If the Council is inclined, we would ask for their support for the Town Attorney and Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement that achieves this objective for the RE-5J School District.

**LEGAL ADVICE:**

NA

**FINANCIAL ADVICE:**

Regular services related to senior programming are not being provided at this time due to COVID-19. Consequently, the revenue associated with that programming has been impacted prior to consideration of making this accommodation.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Guidance is requested related to entering into an agreement with TRPR to make our Senior Center available for virtual learning as part of RE-5J's hybrid school model during the pandemic.

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*Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,*

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Town Manager

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