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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor

Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin Trustee Martin Meaney
Trustee Benjamin Reynolds Trustee John Walker

**Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:00pm on
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 via Zoom Video Conference**

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor
 Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor
 Martin Meaney, Trustee
 John Walker, Trustee
 Benjamin Reynolds, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel
 Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer
 Thomas Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 5:00 pm for sale and or acquisition and recess for legal was made by Mayor Deemie and Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 5:58 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter executive session at 5:59 pm for legal recess was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 6:36 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

A motion to enter executive session at 6:37 pm for legal recess was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 6:52 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Deemie reviewed the Agenda and the Resolutions.

- Mayor's Announcements
 - Town of Union Board Meeting
 - Planning Board Meeting
 - Take note of the Village Offices when they are open
 - When your garbage will be collected
 - Our next meeting will be January 5th
 - Mayor Deemie asked if Trustee Meaney and trustee Reynolds want to do the swearing in at the beginning of the next meeting
 - Trustee Meaney said it was fine with him because there are no gatherings.
 - Mayor Deemie said they need to stop in and sign the book for Cindy.
- Minutes
 - Mayor Deemie stated Kim just sent the minutes she has been a little behind due to some things going on he can't talk about, but we will have them for the next meeting.
- Mayor Deemie asked if everyone's answers were sufficient to the questions on the bills? Any questions on those?

Trustee Reynolds said on the point of the minutes the website is still not updated he doesn't think.

Mayor said he will check it again, supposedly they were supposed to fix that.

Mayor Deemie informed the Board regarding an update on the payroll and bills. Josh Holland and the DPW guys are going to put together a list of allowed and not allowed purchases in regard to what the department can purchase for clothing allowances and so forth. He is taking a step in regards to trying to save us the pain and agony of going back and forth on that stuff. So, he is working through that.

- Unfinished Business which we discussed in Executive Session, the Nuisance Law which we will be voting on tonight.
- Resolution #2020-188 is the pilot for Lester Ave. Mayor Deemie thanked Trustee Meaney and Trustee Reynolds for coming to the press conference the other day. He thought it was a really good conference in regards to the building and what they have planned for it. It was an awesome rendering of it if the Board got a chance to see it. He hopes it does come to fruition. He has all the confidence in the world in Matt Paulis behind it. With what he did with the AnSCO Camera Factory he can't say enough about it. Trustee Meaney and Trustee Reynolds agreed. He has been great to work with and great to talk to, he is very approachable and he wants to do what is right for us.

- Trustee Meaney said if the County Executive had done his due diligence on the first person that took possession of that structure we would have been ahead of the game.
- Mayor Deemie responded he thinks we are ending up in a better place now.
 - Trustee Meaney agreed but said we could have had the opportunity to start on it sooner.
- Resolution #2020-189
 - Daria Golazeski of Town of Union Code spoke. These are the three lots owned by Sarah Jane Johnson Church. Attorney Sacco confirmed 308 Main Street, 15 Baldwin Street and 16 Arch Street.
 - Ms. Golazeski continued they want to do a program with the Johnson City CAT regarding daycare before and after school in the Central Business District and it is not a permitted use. A religious institution is exempt from zoning location-wise, but they have to meet other requirements. This is basically leasing the space, so this is a little different. Daycare is not a permitted use at all in a Central Business District so they need the rezone to be able to go through site plan to have the daycare. Neighborhood Commercial will permit it.
 - Attorney Sacco confirmed it does refer to the Planning Board for their recommendation and then comes back here for the Public Hearing so the public can have the input on the rezone.
 - Ms. Golazeski said it has to go through Broome County.
 - Mayor Deemie questioned if it was the same as what we did across the street.
 - Ms. Golazeski responded it is a little different, that was an overlay. This attaches to the neighborhood commercial district to the South.
 - Resolution #2020-190 Local Law for 19 Avenue B and 30 Avenue C will be part of that property and it will be one parcel. That is basically being taken from Industrial to General Commercial which will make it better for what we want to have done over in that area. Right now, if you look at the Zoning Map, it is one little square of Industrial over in that spot. Is that correct?
 - Ms. Golazeski confirmed and added this will allow for more flexibility for the reuse of that building.
 - Attorney Sacco stated this also refers it to the Planning Board and sets the public hearing.
- Resolution #2020-191
 - This was discussed in legal recess
- Resolution #2020-192
 - It is a yearly program we get involved in.

Mayor Deemie asked if everyone had a chance to look at the sewer information that Tom sent out.

Trustee Walker said he did not.

Mayor Deemie said it will be discussed at the next meeting. There is a lot of information to discuss. We will set time to discuss it at the next meeting. Just make sure everyone gets a chance to look at that as he did put together a bunch of different numbers and different scenarios for that. We need to move forward with that and see what we can do.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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are available for review through the Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office.

12152020 ABSTRACT QUESTIONS

1. Pest control is under Refuse Maintenance? Is this for the central garage? **Yes, this is where it is budgeted.**
2. Ryan Pavlik purchased clothing at 11am on 12/1. Was he off that day? Was he on lunch? **He was done for the day.**
3. There seems to be an abundance of vouchers for the high lift building. Are we redoing the entire building? **We have been dealing with failures of old equipment in our water distribution (high lift) building. As these parts fail, we need to replace them. Due to the chemicals used in the treatment process some equipment needs replacing more often.**
4. What happened to the SCADA radios? Did we know we would have to purchase these at budget time? **The Scada radios are our main communication between wells and tanks and are about 20 years old therefore the electronics are failing. This was not anticipated to be included in last year's budget.**
5. AJ Weintraub purchased clothing on 12/2 at 1:26pm was he off that day? Was he done for the day? **Yes, he was off on vacation.**
6. Aren't the dues for the Broome Chamber for the Village? Why does it specify the Mayor? **Yes, it is Village. It stipulates Mayor because he was the original contact.**
7. Why are we purchasing a replacement trash can for 16 Banks Ave.? Under A7140.2.250 which is off street parking paint for parks. **We had to replace a can at this address that we damaged. This was the only line we had a blanket purchase order at home depot in the parks or refuse.**
8. Why are we removing trees from the Parks? Why is it billed under A5110.4.633 Which is street maintenance, tree replacement and removal? **The trees we removed were dead and a hazard to our residents. This is the only tree removal line we have. We remove all trees from this one line.**
9. Why are we paying interest on late payment for unemployment insurance? **We get the vouchers ready as soon as received, however when we only have one abstract a month sometime it causes issues. This was received End of Oct. We had one abstract for Nov. So, by the time our payment was received by them it was considered late and they assessed a penalty.**
10. We had one of single axle dump trucks towed from East Maine road to Brown St. What happened to the truck? Why was the truck outside the village? Should this be charged under vehicle maintenance? **Truck #5 is a 2005 16-year-old single axel dump that was being used that day for CDL driver training for new employees. We frequently use roads on the outskirts of the Village limits because they have less traffic and offer different styles of driving without having to stop at every intersection. We also use parts of Airport road between East Main Rd. and Harry L. Drive. The rear wheel bearings seized up along with the hubs due to age of the vehicle along with the continuous salty environments its driven in.**

Please accept these questions and place them with the answers in our work session minutes. I respectfully submit these questions

Trustee Walker

Here are my questions and comments:

- 1) What happened to the SCADA radios in the water department? **The Scada radios are our main communication between wells and tanks and are about 20 years old therefore the electronics are failing.**
- 2) Why was the unemployment insurance paid late? If the bill wasn't received in a timely manner can we dispute the \$24.38 in interest? **We get the vouchers ready as soon as received, however when we only have one abstract a month sometime it causes issues. This was received end of Oct. We had one abstract for Nov. So, by the time our payment was received by them it was considered late and they assessed a penalty.**
- 3) What happened to the dump truck on east Maine Rd.? **Truck #5 is a 2005 16-year-old single axel dump that was being used that day for CDL driver training for new employees. We frequently use roads on the outskirts of the Village limits because they have less traffic and offer different styles of driving without having to stop at every intersection. We also use parts of Airport road between East Main Rd. and Harry L. Drive. The rear wheel bearings seized up along with the hubs due to age of the vehicle along with the continuous salty environments its driven in.**
- 4) Again, is there any way that my I pad can be charged for a reduced rate since I do not us the data? **We are looking into this.**
- 5) I don't believe that my question about the Senior Center was answered. "Why are we paying \$2500.00 for the JC Senior Citizen Center." **This came from Kim at the Sr. Center - During the pandemic, we've reduced our expenses where possible but revenue is down significantly. Our mission continues to be to keep seniors engaged and healthy and it has never been more important than now. While our building is closed, we are still available as a resource for seniors by phone and via new innovative virtual programming. We also do hot lunches for seniors Monday thru Friday via a to-go drive-thru. The number of lunches we're serving is more in 2020 than the corresponding month in 2019. Un-duplicated participants have nearly tripled.**

I respectfully request that these questions are attached to the work session minutes.

Thank you,
Trustee Meaney