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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor

Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin

Trustee Martin Meaney

Trustee John Walker

Trustee Adam Brown

**Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:00pm on
Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at Village Hall, Training Room, 1st Floor**

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor
Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor
Martin Meaney, Trustee
John Walker, Trustee
Adam Brown, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel
Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer
Joshua Holland, Director of Public Services
Stephanie Yezzi, Senior Planner

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

Discussion with Stephanie Yezzi, Senior Planner regarding the following:

- RFP for Arch Project
- General Planning update
- 2023 possible award with Housing and Community Renewal for 33 Grand Ave with rezone
- Mall project update
- The Agency contract to administer the Face Lift program through 5/2022
- Discussion with state
 - GBF
 - Rail Trail monies relocation
 - Face Lift program
 - Streetscapes
- Sign-Law

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 5:17 pm for personnel in planning 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 5:44 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Joshua Holland, Director of Public Services spoke regarding:

- Zlock – Deyo Hill Road
- Wrapping things up for construction for 2021
- Everything has been winterized and shut down
- Lester Avenue bridge
 - Construction to start next week
- ARPA funding
 - Red's Kettle Inn bridge
 - Leigh St
 - Curbing for Lincoln Ave
 - Storm sewer on Reynolds Rd
- BMTS
 - Bridges
 - Floral Avenue
 - Burbank Avenue
 - Harry L Drive
 - Oakdale Road from Village Line north to Harry L Drive
- Streetscapes

Trustee Meaney questioned lights under 201.

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 6:10 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

John Barry of Southern Tier AIDS program and the Board discussed:

- Syringe exchange program in operation since 2008
 - 2000/year at 3 locations
 - Main Street location 300-400 on an ongoing basis

Trustee Brown, Trustee Meaney and Trustee Giblin thanked Mr. Barry for their services and program.

Also offered:

- Metal caps for mixing or cooking
- Cotton pellets to strain
- Condoms
- Narcan
- Fentanyl test strips
- Containers to put used equipment in

Mr. Barry asked for trustees to come and see operation.

- Enabling people to stay alive, avoid major infections and hopefully giving them an opportunity to come back another day and getting them on a medication or treatment out of this.

Chief Dodge spoke regarding:

- Economic value and benefits of needle exchange and subsequent reduction of infectious diseases
- Complaints about clients:
 - Going under DW Smith bridge and using
 - Shooting up behind Main St businesses
 - N. Broad Street
 - Alleyways from N. Broad to Avenue B
- People going under bridge to use
 - No medical help under bridge
 - Riding out high in gazebo
 - A lot of litter predominately coming from STAP
- Causing public alarm
- Hostile STAP employees which makes difficult for police to do their job
- Would like to mitigate this stuff

Mr. Barry advised there are instructions to not be in the gazebo.

Chief Dodge confirmed:

- Activity has tapered off in the last month assumed message got back to STAP
- Village put up a chain link fence to block access under the bridge
- Litter diminished
- Drive people to Helio

Mr. Barry thanked everyone for the questions and advised they have been helpful.

Mayor Deemie thanked Mr. Barry for coming and answering the Board's questions and thanked him for his service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

A motion to enter executive session at 6:38 pm for legal recess was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 6:47 pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #4

A motion to enter executive session at 6:48 pm for legal recess was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 7:05 pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Brown. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Deemie spoke regarding the following:

- Confirmed The Agency agreement will go until May 31, 2022.
- Letter from Oakland Bureau in Susquehanna, PA thanking Josh for a park's issue they had going on. They said he was very helpful, professional and that he did a great job helping them.
- The Clerk Treasurer position has been posted on our website, Facebook and the Broome County website. Trustee Walker received a resume also. He will put it on Indeed and Zip Recruiter.

Trustee Walker asked for a moment of silence for Mike McKilligan.

Mayor Deemie asked for a moment of silence for Pearl Harbor.

Mayor Deemie reviewed the Agenda and the Resolutions.

Joshua Holland discussed office staff, DPW employees, workload and Public Works resolutions. Robert Blakeslee, Fire Marshal spoke regarding putting a bid out for ice and snow removal for code.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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

12072021 ABSTRACT QUESTIONS

- 1) The sodium phosphate in the water department was \$10,100.38, is it usually this much? **The cost of poly went up .60 cents per gallon as well as increased freight and delivery fees. We typically have to order 2 or 3 times per year depending on how much quantity we receive at each order.**
- 2) Will we be reimbursed for the cost of the signs in the parks for \$670.25? **No, we will not be reimbursed. The parks signs were a budgeted expense of the Park Department as part of the effort to improve the aesthetics around the Village.**
- 3) What did Veronica Gorman represent the Village for? What was the conflict of interest that Coughlin and Gerhart had? **V. Gorman represented the village in a code matter involving a landlord (RFK Solutions, LLC). C&G had a conflict involving the landlord.**
- 4) Why was the fitness for duty exam \$1,050.00? That seems to be excessive. **The doctor is an independent contractor that the Village does not hire; they are contracted for the exam by the Village attorney. In each of the two times we've had this exam performed, the costs are consistent although the exams were performed by different doctors. Costs can vary based on the length of the exam and/or the number of files submitted to the doctor for review.**
- 5) Pyramid charged \$1,595.00 for an internal/external network penetration test. Why did we need to have this test performed? **It is necessary for our auditors; this is a requirement of the state. We get this every couple of years. It reveals weaknesses internal and external and helps in keeping our systems secure from infiltration.**

I respectfully request that these questions and comments are attached to the work session minutes.
Thank you,
Trustee Meaney

1. It appears that the sewer department purchased 5 wall calendars and 2 planners is that correct? **Yes**
2. The 2 jackets that were purchased for the fire department, should that be out of the clothing allowance? **No, clothing allowance is the contractual clothing allowance. A3410.2.251 is for initial issue or replacement.**
3. What is the name plate engraving for? From Maus engraving. **Senior Planner - Stephanie Yezzi**
4. Why are we paying for both Spectrum and Plexicom for internet? What is the additional \$50.00 for Plexicom for? **It was necessary to maintain Spectrum at the Brown St location because of the gas pumps. I'm appalled that as a government entity we are charged for this - For security purpose, it is so that our IP address is blocked. Mayor's secretary is looking in to this charge.**

I respectfully submit these questions and ask they be submitted into record.
Trustee Walker