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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, March 16, 2021 via Zoom Video Conference**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel
 Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer
 Thomas Johnson, Deputy Treasurer
 Daria Golazeski, Town of Union Code Enforcement

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

Mayor Deemie stated the Board asked him to have the County Legislators come and talk with them about foreclosures and to bring them up to speed with what is going on with that.

County Legislators in attendance: Mike Decker, Daniel Reynolds, Karen Beebe, Susan Ryan and Aaron Martin.

Daria Golazeski, of Town of Union Code explained the issues we are having regarding the foreclosure processes.

- Used to get a Foreclosure List before going to auction so people buying the properties could know about issues.
- Used to get a list of successful bidders before closing.
- The Legislators got the list to approve and that stopped a couple years ago
- Problems we have
 - We don't know when they are doing it and thanked Mike for stopping the prepossession activities. With Mike's plan hopefully we will be able to coordinate the activities and not have the Village run up bills on maintenance after the County took the title which we were unaware of (Ex. 78 Main St, 6 Main Street Terrace).
 - Outstanding water, sewer and refuse bills

- County wouldn't evict

Mike Decker explained:

- Tax foreclosure process
 - Auction
 - Plan to make the list available
 - Bidders
 - Plan to make the list available to municipalities
 - Closings
 - Intent is to have no prepossessions of any property

Mayor Deemie, Ms. Golazeski, Thomas Johnson, Attorney Sacco and the Legislators discussed a municipality's interest in acquiring a property.

- Economic Development/Plan
- Contact Mike as soon as municipality is aware
- Availability of the Legislators to come to a meeting to discuss property acquisition
- Water, sewer, refuse bills – they don't roll to taxes until May and by then the County has taken the property. It could be a substantial amount of money.
Meters removed and water shut off
- Misusage of water is a large problem
- Responsibility for water bill for a hold-over tenant.
- Environmental issues with properties
- Transfer water bill to the County upon possession
- Auction List
- Vacant Properties
- Meter Re-installation
- Land Bank
- Blight
- CDBG Funding
 - Town or Village has to have ownership to use these funds
 - Endicott gets the same funding as Johnson City
- Suggested writing out process for the municipalities so we have document for procedures to follow.

Ms. Golazeski discussed the following:

- Explained the fiber optics line at United Health Services
 - Just found out about fiber optic cable across Harrison St
 - They have to relocate the line due to the new building being constructed
 - Ms. Golazeski, Mr. Holland, and the Fire Department met with them
 - They are making sure everything is properly documented this time
 - UHS is responsible for
 - Permits
 - Sidewalk replacement to Village's specs
 - Road cut to Village's specs
 - Long term maintenance

- New laws
 - Fast charging stations
 - Have to make sure the utility company has sufficient capacity to handle
 - Concern is someone putting in series for trucks or vehicles
 - Free library
 - We do not want them in the public right-of-way where the Village would be liable for damage or responsibility if something happens
 - Revised sign codes
 - Does not allow for off premise or electronic billboards like the Town of Union was trying to get the Village to do.
 - Minor adjustments to area around the mall

Ms. Golazeski will send paper copies if the Board would like them.

Mayor Deemie suggested setting the public hearings for the new laws at the next meeting.

Attorney Sacco spoke regarding the new laws and the pilot energy system.

Mayor Deemie thanked Ms. Golazeski and Mr. Holland for their time.

The Trustees thanked Mr. Holland for the tour last week.

Chief Dodge updated the Board police reform collaborative and gave the steps for proceeding.

- It is published for public now and open for public comment
- It can be found on the website jcpdny.org
- He encouraged everyone to check it out and submit any comments they might have. They will take the comments into consideration so the plan can be modified based on the comments.
- He will present the final plan for the Board's review
- Resolution at the budget meeting on March 30th
- He will need a letter from the Mayor that it was adopted
- Send to Albany.

Mayor Deemie thanked Chief Dodge for all his hard work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 5:58 pm for personnel in police department and DPW 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 6:37 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter executive session at 6:38 pm for legal advice with regard to acquisition of sale or

property contracts 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 7:01 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Trustee Walker spoke regarding the PPE Plan. Finalized the plan and will send it to the Board. He does not think we have a good handle on how to store it.

Mayor Deemie added they need to send the PPE Plan to Albany. He asked Attorney Sacco if she could find out if they need to vote on it because that has to be in by April also.

Mayor Deemie and the Board discussed:

- Budget Meetings start Monday, March 22 at 6:00pm. Public Works is on Monday.
 - Marty will be absent on the 22nd.
- Zoning Board opening.
- Mayor Deemie stated that the Partners are donating a sign for CFJ Park
 - It has been made and delivered. It is similar to the one at Jennison Park. It was over \$500 and they are donating it to the Village. It will be across from Red's Kettle Inn by the entrance of the park.
 - Another sign just like it was created that an icicle came through the window and hit the sign and put minor scratches on it. Sign company wants to know if we are interested in it. Willing to sell the sign for \$235. If interested, we could put it at the other entrance by Walmart.
 - The Board approved the purchase of the sign.
- Chess Board project
 - Trustee Meaney suggested the Senior Center
 - Mayor Deemie suggested in the park by the library.
 - The Library Director thought it was a good idea. They would have to go in and sign out the keys to get the pieces and return the keys.
 - The Board is in agreement
 - Trustee Meaney is concerned about maintenance

Trustee Meaney has received several phone calls from residents and asked if we could unlock Floral Ave Park so it is accessible.

Mayor Deemie responded he thought it was open. He said it is no problem to have it opened. He will get a hold of Josh. They are going to be starting the pool soon and plan on having it ready in the June timeframe.

- Half-court basketball hoops will go back up for Memorial Day when the parks open.
- We plan on opening up the carousel and spray park.
 - Possibly the carousel will be open Noon – 3:00pm and then cleaning for an hour and then 4:00pm – 7:00pm and the last hour cleaning. Mark off every other row because of social distancing. Masks will be required.
 - The numbers will be limited in the spray park. Possibly give people 30 minutes depending on the crowd.

- Stimulus
 - Meeting with Senator Charles Schumer
 - Disbursement
 - CDBG
- Bill from Keystone for cleaning, testing and possible remediation
 - Possible mold issue at Northside Fire Station

Mayor Deemie reviewed the Agenda and the Resolutions.

- Mayor’s Announcements
- Budget Meetings
- Minutes
- Resolution #2021-27 regarding Diane Deyo
- Resolution #2021-32 bringing Bergmann on for the Main Street Grant
- Resolution regarding the work agreement
- Resolution for park request regarding the cross country
- Resolution #2021-35 regarding setting the public hearing for eminent domain at 60 Lester Ave
- Resolution #2021-36 appointment to the Planning Board
- Resolution #2021-37 setting the public hearing for the vacant properties
- Resolution #2021-38 is to accept the RFP for Paulus Associates for 19 Avenue B
- Resolution #2021-39 and 40 are promotions in the Fire Department
- Resolution #2021-41 appointing new DPW employee

Trustee Reynolds acknowledged he will abstain from the minutes for the last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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

03162021 ABSTRACT QUESTIONS

1. Could you please tell us what Rapidview for the sewer department is? **Rapidview is the company we deal with out of Rochester Indiana that sells all the parts and service for our sanitary sewer line video inspection system.**
2. We purchased Picture Frame glass for the Fire Department for \$1600.00. What happened to the old glass? Is this covered under our insurance? **I inquired about the insurance coverage, but we have a \$2500 deductible, so no help there. To best explain how it broke: there's a large photo collage hanging in the truck bay at the north side station. We utilize the open area above the offices to store some office supply items and various other things. My understanding, is that after retrieving something from above the office, 2 of the firefighters were moving a large step ladder back to where it was kept in the tower bay of the station, and when tilting the ladder to move it underneath the ductwork for the vehicle exhaust system, it slipped and banged into the glass, breaking it.**
3. Could we please discuss in our work session the C & G invoice #3000093923, regarding employee in DPW for \$1,080.00? **This will need to be an executive session item.**
4. Could we get an explanation on the Banner arms for Main Street for \$1,454.40 from budget line A7550.4.703? **The banner arms were to replace the brackets and arms that mount the business banners to the light poles on Main Street. Many of them have been broken. I believe one of the Trustees reached out about them several months ago and they just came in recently.**
5. The Freshy Sites invoice for \$960.00 for website development. Is this a one-time charge or on-going charge? **This is the annual charge; Scope of Work: Ongoing**

Website Hosting, Backup, & Security \$65/mo.
Secure File and Database Hosting
Replicated & Redundant Server Architecture
Load Balancers, Web Servers, Database Servers, & File Servers
Server-Side Caching & CDN For Increased Load Times
CMS Security Update Management
Managed Automatic Security Upgrades
WordPress Minor & Major Platform Upgrades
Data Backup and Install-Level Security
Daily File and Database Backups
Daily File and Database Malware Scanning
Jetpack Premium Firewall & DDOS Security
SSL Certificate Management \$15/mo.
SSL Certificate on Server for Google Compliance
freshysites.com/ssl/

6. Could you explain the 40 plastic bottles and sprayers purchased for Village Hall? **DPW needed spray bottles for antibacterial hand sanitizer for their trucks and in the garage. The bottles came in a case, but I was able to get half a case instead. The majority of the bottles went to DPW, the others are at Village Hall for future use.**

Thank You

I respectfully submit these questions and ask that they be placed in the work session minutes for 3/16/21

Trustee Walker

Here are my questions and comments:

- 1) What was the FedEx bill for in the sewer department \$34.50? **The sewer department had to send parts of the sewer camera out for repair.**
- 2) The heat pump for \$862.00, at the water department was less than 5 years old, was there a warranty? **the heat pump is for the radiant floor heat in the office building and to my knowledge was not under under warranty**
- 3) What happened to the time clock at the water department? How old was it? Could it have been repaired? **the time clock was about 5 years old. after calling customer service it was determined it could not be repaired due to connectivity issues.**
- 4) Do we still need 5 iPads/tablets in the water department? **yes, 5 of them are still necessary. They are used for communication when out of the office on a jobsite, they are used for mapping purposes for all of the utility lines and possible interferences, and they are used for locating water lines both on UFPO Calls and during water main breaks.**
- 5) What are the single banner arms for? They are from Cooper Electric for Main St. \$1454.40. **The banner arms were to replace the brackets and arms that mount the business banners to the light poles on Main Street. Many of them have been broken. I believe one of the Trustees reached out about them several months ago and they just came in recently.**
- 6) Josh Holland clothing purchase references the AFSCME contract. He is not a member of AFSCME and I don't believe his contract follows AFSCME's. **Pg. 3, article 5(c) Clothing, uniform, and equipment purchases may be made in or out of the Village of Johnson City, as long as articles conform within the standards as set by the respective departments.**

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