



VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

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Village Board

Christina Charuk, Mayor

Trustee John Walker

Trustee Clark Giblin

Trustee Mary Jacyna

Trustee Lori Thorn

AGENDA - Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Village Hall Boardroom, 60 Lester Avenue, Johnson City, NY

WORK SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD - 6:00pm

Department Head Reports

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD - 7:30pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ***CALL TO ORDER/FIRE EXITS***
2. ***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***
3. ***MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS***

[3.1] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:30pm with a work session at 6:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room.

4. ***APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES***

[4.1] January 20, 2026 Village Board Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

5. ***BIDS*** – None

6. ***PUBLIC HEARINGS*** – None

7. ***PETITIONS RECEIVED*** – Presentation of petitions to the Board

8. ***PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR*** – VISITORS

9. ***COMMUNICATIONS***

[9.1] Correspondence from Aqil Dharamsey, owner of 26 Crocker Avenue regarding garbage violation.

[9.2] Correspondence from Elena Gayler, 163 N. Broad Street regarding water bill penalty.

[9.3] Correspondence from Bianca DiRico, 19 E Bernice Street regarding water bill penalties.

10. ***COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS*** – None

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – None

12. PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

Abstract #13 of the 2025 - 2026 Fiscal bills, as stated and or amended and attached to the work session minutes.

GENERAL FUND	\$507,844.41
WATER FUND	\$188,498.24
SEWER FUND	\$157,404.75
REFUSE FUND	\$36,227.01
VARPUR	\$273,992.21
SPECIAL GRANT	\$0
DEBT SERVICE	\$0
CAPITAL	\$2,181.44

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 14 of 2026

Appointment of Joshua Holland to the Joint Sewage Treatment Board by Mayor Christina Charuk.

Resolution 17 of 2026

Authorize the Mayor to sign a Personal Services Agreement with the Clerk/Treasurer.

Resolution 23 of 2026

Authorize the Director of Public Services to renew the Curb & Gutter and Sidewalk Replacement for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, in a form acceptable to counsel, with G DeVincentis & Son Construction Company, Inc. including the agreed upon price adjustment per the Consumer Price Index Increase of 2.70%.

14. NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)

Resolution 27 of 2026

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING A RESIDENT-FIRST PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY, LIMITING LOCAL INVOLVEMENT IN CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, AND AFFIRMING THE DUTY OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM HARM

WHEREAS, the Village of Johnson City is a welcoming, diverse, and interconnected community shaped by residents of many national origins, cultures, languages, and lived experiences, all of whom contribute to the civic, cultural, and economic vitality of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the safety, dignity, and constitutional rights of all residents—regardless of immigration or citizenship status—are fundamental to the health, trust, and cohesion of the Johnson City community; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Johnson City Police Department is to protect life and property, prevent harm, uphold constitutional rights, and serve the community with fairness, professionalism, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, effective public safety depends upon trust and cooperation between residents and law enforcement, including the willingness of victims, witnesses, and community members to report crimes, seek assistance, and engage with local government without fear; and

WHEREAS, when local law enforcement is perceived as participating in or enabling federal civil immigration enforcement, particularly in the absence of judicial warrants or clear threats to public safety, that trust is undermined and community safety is weakened; and

WHEREAS, civil immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility, not a local one, and the use of Village personnel or resources for such purposes diverts limited local capacity away from core public safety and community needs; and

WHEREAS, New York State law and policy affirm the importance of separating local policing from civil immigration enforcement in order to promote public safety, protect civil rights, and ensure equal access to government services; and

WHEREAS, local governments and police departments retain an independent duty to safeguard residents from unlawful detention, excessive force, or actions that pose a danger to individuals or the community, regardless of the source of such actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Johnson City hereby adopts the following Resident-First Public Safety and Non-Cooperation Policy:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this resolution is to affirm that **the safety, rights, and well-being of Johnson City residents come first**, to ensure that Village resources are used exclusively to promote public safety and community trust, and to clearly define the limited circumstances under which cooperation with federal authorities is appropriate, lawful, and necessary.

This policy is intended to strengthen—not weaken—public safety by ensuring that local law enforcement remains focused on community protection rather than civil immigration enforcement.

SECTION 2. LIMITATIONS ON CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

1. The Johnson City Police Department and all Village employees **shall not**:
 - Initiate stops, questioning, detention, arrest, or surveillance **for the purpose of determining or enforcing civil immigration status**;
 - Use Village funds, personnel, facilities, equipment, or information systems to assist in civil immigration investigations, apprehensions, detentions, or arrests;

- Honor or enforce ICE detainers, administrative requests, or transfer requests **unless accompanied by a valid judicial warrant or court order issued by a judge.**
2. Village personnel shall not inquire into, collect, or record an individual's immigration status unless such information is **directly relevant to a legitimate local law-enforcement purpose unrelated to civil immigration enforcement.**

SECTION 3. PERMITTED COOPERATION FOR SERIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY THREATS

Nothing in this resolution shall prohibit the Johnson City Police Department from:

1. Cooperating with federal, state, or county law enforcement agencies in cases involving **serious or violent criminal conduct**, including credible threats to life, significant bodily harm, or major threats to public safety;
2. Sharing information or providing assistance **when required by law** or pursuant to a valid, signed judicial warrant or court order;
3. Taking appropriate action when an individual poses a **clear, articulable, and immediate danger** to others.

Immigration status alone shall **never** be treated as a criminal offense or as evidence of danger by local law enforcement.

SECTION 4. AFFIRMATIVE DUTY TO PROTECT COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM HARM

1. The Johnson City Police Department affirms its **independent duty to protect all persons within the Village** from unlawful detention, excessive force, intimidation, or actions that pose a risk to individual or public safety, regardless of whether such actions are undertaken by local, state, or federal actors.
2. When federal agents are operating within the Village, local law enforcement shall:
 - Require presentation of **valid judicial warrants** before providing access to non-public spaces or assisting in enforcement actions;
 - Decline participation in actions that are unlawful, unsafe, or outside the scope of local authority;
 - Take reasonable steps, consistent with law, to **de-escalate situations**, protect bystanders, and prevent harm to residents;
 - Intervene or document concerns when necessary to uphold constitutional rights and public safety.
3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as obstructing lawful federal activity; rather, it affirms the Village's responsibility to **protect residents and uphold the law within its jurisdiction.**

SECTION 5. COMMUNITY TRUST AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

1. All Village employees shall perform their duties without discrimination based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, language, or immigration status.
2. The Village of Johnson City affirms that **victims and witnesses of crime are safe seeking help**, reporting crimes, and accessing Village services, and that doing so will not subject them to civil immigration enforcement by local authorities.

SECTION 6. TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Village shall take reasonable steps to ensure that all relevant personnel receive training on:

- This policy and its implementation
- Constitutional and civil rights protections
- Applicable New York State law
- Best practices in community-oriented and trauma-informed policing

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this resolution is found to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Resolution 28 of 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH UZHGOROD, UKRAINE

WHEREAS, the Village of Johnson City recognizes the value of international municipal partnerships in fostering cultural exchange, educational collaboration, economic development, and mutual understanding among communities; and

WHEREAS, Sister City relationships promote people-to-people diplomacy, strengthen global awareness, and create opportunities for civic, academic, nonprofit, and business partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Uzhgorod, Ukraine, is a historic regional center with strong cultural, educational, and civic institutions, and has demonstrated resilience, civic engagement, and a commitment to democratic values; and

WHEREAS, Johnson City has a longstanding tradition of welcoming diverse communities and supporting international engagement, education, and humanitarian cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees wishes to explore the feasibility, benefits, and responsibilities associated with establishing a Sister City relationship prior to taking formal action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City hereby authorizes the creation of a **Sister City Exploratory Committee** for the purpose of examining the potential establishment of a Sister City relationship with Uzhhorod, Ukraine; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Exploratory Committee shall be advisory in nature and may include representatives from Village government, local educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, cultural organizations, business leaders, and community members, as deemed appropriate by the Mayor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Exploratory Committee shall be charged with:

1. Assessing the cultural, educational, civic, and economic benefits of a potential Sister City relationship;
2. Identifying potential partnership opportunities and community stakeholders;
3. Reviewing best practices and requirements associated with Sister City affiliations, including those recognized by Sister Cities International; and
4. Reporting findings and recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees within a reasonable timeframe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the creation of this Exploratory Committee does not obligate the Village of Johnson City to enter into a formal Sister City agreement, nor does it authorize the expenditure of Village funds unless separately approved by the Board of Trustees

Resolution 29 of 2026

Appoint Stacey Thomas to the position of full-time Clerk in Village Hall at the salary pursuant to the Administrative Support Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective February 4th, 2026 contingent upon the passing of the required civil service test, successful completion of a background investigation and the required preemployment drug test.

Resolution 30 of 2026

Authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Binghamton University student Jillian Sampson for a Masters of Public Administration Internship for January 2026 through May 2026, or through the completion of the required 150 hours with no monetary compensation and contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation.

Resolution 31 of 2026

Forgiveness of water bill penalty in the amount of \$37.15 to Elena Gayler, 163 N. Broad Street.

Resolution 32 of 2026

Forgiveness of water bill penalty in the amount of \$51.98 to Bianca DiRico, 19 E. Bernice Street.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE – No new business

POLICE – No new business

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution 33 of 2026

Authorize the Director of Public Services to submit a Letter of Support for Southern Tier 8's Application to the Local Government Efficiency Grant (LGEG) for a Shared MS4 Technician Program

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT – No new business

JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD

Resolution 34 of 2026

Approve the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board's request that the owners pass legislation to amend the 2025 Budget to increase Local System Cost ES8120.54000 by \$370,000.00 and decrease ES8130.55100.JS2 HR Personal Services - Hourly by \$200,000.00; ES8130.55169.JS2 Salary Adjustment - Hourly by \$100,000.00; and ES8130.54656 Maintenance Agreements by \$70,000.00.

14. ADJOURNMENT

To contact Village Board members via e-mail please use the following addresses:

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