



# VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

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## Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor  
Luke Slota, Deputy Mayor

Richard Balles, Trustee Deborah Fuller, Trustee Martin Meaney, Trustee

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### **Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main St., Johnson City**

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor  
Richard Balles, Trustee  
Martin Meaney, Trustee

Absent: Luke Slota, Deputy Mayor  
Deborah Fuller, Trustee

Also Present: Cindy Kennerup, Village Clerk/Treasurer  
Jeff Jacobs, Attorney for the Village

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the fire exits. Mayor Deemie asked for a moment of silence in memory of former County Executive Jeff Kraham.

#### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- [1] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm
- [2] New pamphlet rack in hall outside of the Board room
- [3] Village offices will be closed on Friday, March 25, 2016 for Good Friday
- [4] There will be a budget meeting at 6pm on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor training room
- [5] The annual St. Patrick's Day flag raising will be at 9am on March 17<sup>th</sup> in front of Friendly's on Harry L. Drive

#### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2016 regular meeting and work session was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**BIDS** - None

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- [1] Local Law #1-2016, amending sections of Chapter 270 of the Village Code entitled "Water" as follows: §270-20 Pressure reducers; §270-30 Pipe specifications; §270-31 Laying of pipe; §270-38 Defective meters; §270-39 Meter specifications; §270-41 Location and installation of meters; §270-48 Fire protection service rates; §270-49 Requested meter test charges; §270-50 Charges for outside meter reading devices; §270-53 Charges for restoration of service; §270-56 Charge for private fire line; §270-77 Installation to be at applicant's expense; §270-91 Discontinuance by Department; §270-92 Notice; §270-93 Right to hearing; §270-94 Hearing; §270-95 Compliance with rules required before service restoration.

Mayor Deemie opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Deemie closed the public hearing.



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**PETITIONS RECEIVED** - None

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS**

Mayor Deemie opened the first privilege of the floor.

*Carol Laskoski, Edward St.* – Asked how the Chat with the Chief are going. Mayor Deemie stated that the Chief has had some people come to talk to him. It will be before first meeting of each month. Ms. Laskoski asked if there were any controversial topics. An unidentified speaker stated just one topic – 66 Sergeant St.

*Don Patch, Grand Ave.* – Stated that last year, before he was elected, Trustee Meaney spoke about fire protection services for the hospital and non-profits and charging these groups for services. Mr. Patch asked if Trustee Meaney has looked into that. Trustee Meaney stated that he has spoken to Senator Akshar and the Senator said it was something he would like to gain some interest in. There is some legislation out there now where the state is trying to get fees for service from non-profits but it does not have a lot of teeth to it now. Mayor Deemie stated that he has also mentioned this to Sen. Akshar and he has also seen an article recently that Assemblywoman Lupardo is behind where the state is looking to try and have the SUNY Schools pay so much per student per semester as a public safety fee. Mr. Patch asked how many taxable properties there are in the Village. Mayor Deemie stated there about 5,600 taxable properties. Mr. Patch commented that half the properties in the Village are not taxed. Mayor stated that it is much less than half. Mr. Patch asked about the liquor license under communications for the former Sidelines Bar on Grand Avenue and the lack of parking. Mayor Deemie stated that they are working with Dee in Code Enforcement about they need to do.

Mayor Deemie closed the first privilege of the floor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A motion to accept and file the following Communications was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

- [1] Notice of new liquor license for Stats, LLC at 320 Grand Avenue
- [2] Notice of the April 12, 2016 meeting of the Joint Sewage Board
- [3] Notice from the NYS Public Service Com. regarding public hearings for NYSEG rates

**COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

A motion to accept and file the following Committee/Board Reports was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

- [1] Minutes of the March 2, 2016 regular meeting of the Town of Union Board

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A motion to accept and file the following Communications was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

- [1] Fire Department – 2015 year-end report
- [2] Department of Public Works monthly report – February 2016
- [3] Fire Department overtime report
- [4] Police Department overtime report
- [5] Code Enforcement monthly report – February 2016
- [6] Police Department Monthly report – January 2016



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**PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED**

A motion to approve abstract #17 of the 2015 - 2016 fiscal bills, having been audited by the Board and approved, was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried - Vote:

**Ayes** – 3 (*Meaney, Balles, Deemie*)      **Nays** – 0      **Absent** – 2 (*Fuller, Slota*)

GENERAL FUND	\$155,630.20
WATER FUND	\$ 30,092.41
SEWER FUND	\$ 5,492.26
REFUSE FUND	\$ 41,855.22
JSTP	\$117,344.07
VARPUR	\$117,344.07

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)**

**Resolution #2016 - 54**

A motion to Adopt Local Law #1-2016, amending sections of Chapter 270 of the Village Code entitled “Water” as follows: §270-20 Pressure reducers; §270-30 Pipe specifications; §270-31 Laying of pipe; §270-38 Defective meters; §270-39 Meter specifications; §270-41 Location and installation of meters; §270-48 Fire protection service rates; §270-49 Requested meter test charges; §270-50 Charges for outside meter reading devices; §270-53 Charges for restoration of service; §270-56 Charge for private fire line; §270-77 Installation to be at applicant’s expense; §270-91 Discontinuance by Department; §270-92 Notice; §270-93 Right to hearing; §270-94 Hearing; §270-95 Compliance with rules required before service restoration was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

**Ayes** – 3 (*Meaney, Balles, Deemie*)      **Nays** – 0      **Absent** – 2 (*Fuller, Slota*)

**Resolution #2016 - 55**

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Personal Services Agreement between the Village and the Clerk/Treasurer for contract years January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 in a form acceptable to counsel was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

**Ayes** – 3 (*Meaney, Balles, Deemie*)      **Nays** – 0      **Absent** – 2 (*Fuller, Slota*)

**Resolution #2016 - 56**

A motion to introduce Local Law #2-2016 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C – Fiscal Year 2016/2017”; and to schedule a public hearing on said local law on April 5, 2016 at 7:35 p.m.; and to authorize publication of notice of said public hearing was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried - Vote:

**Ayes** – 3 (*Meaney, Balles, Deemie*)      **Nays** – 0      **Absent** – 2 (*Fuller, Slota*)



**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**FIRE (Trustees Slota & Balles)** – No new business

**POLICE (Trustees Slota & Balles)**

**Resolution #2016 - 57**

A motion to authorize the granting of a parade permit to The Johnson City Police Benevolent Association (JCPBA) and the DW 5K Committee to hold the Officer David “DW” Smith, Jr. Remembrance 5K Run/Walk at 9:00am on Sunday, May 22, 2016 contingent upon receiving the necessary approvals from the NYS DOT, and coordination with the JC Police and JC DPW for road closures was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

**Ayes** – 3 (*Meaney, Balles, Deemie*)      **Nays** – 0      **Absent** – 2 (*Fuller, Slota*)

**Resolution #2016 - 58**

A motion to declare ten (10) iPhone 5c’s, which are no longer in use as the department has upgraded their phones, as surplus equipment and authorize the Police Department to dispose of the same via AuctionsInternational.com at no cost to the Village was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

**Ayes** – 3 (*Meaney, Balles, Deemie*)      **Nays** – 0      **Absent** – 2 (*Fuller, Slota*)

**PUBLIC WORKS (Trustees Slota & Balles)**

**Resolution #2016 - 59**

A motion to authorize the advertisement for bids for the reconstruction of New York Avenue between Brewster Street and Clarendon Street with the project being paid for with CHIPs Funds (Consolidated local street and Highway Improvement Program), Sanitary Sewer Funds and Water Funds was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried - Vote:

**Ayes** – 3 (*Meaney, Balles, Deemie*)      **Nays** – 0      **Absent** – 2 (*Fuller, Slota*)

**Resolution #2016 - 60**

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Dickinson Regarding the Provision of Cooperative Highway Services was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried - Vote:

**Ayes** – 3 (*Meaney, Balles, Deemie*)      **Nays** – 0      **Absent** – 2 (*Fuller, Slota*)

*WHEREAS, both parties currently own and maintain various public streets, roadways, utilities, and sidewalks within their respective municipalities, and*

*WHEREAS, from time to time said streets, roadways, utilities, and sidewalks are in need of maintenance and repair, and*

*WHEREAS, each party has certain available manpower, machinery and equipment to provide such maintenance and repair but from time to time requires additional machinery and equipment for such services, and*



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*WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of contracting with each other for the purpose of sharing such equipment with each other and the attendant savings achieved thereby.*

### **Resolution #2016 - 61**

A motion to authorize the Director of Public Services to approve Change Order #3 for the Brown Street Pump Station in the amount of \$11,265, for a 6 inch by-pass trash pump, suction and discharge hoses to meet “**§47.2 Emergency Pumping Capability**” of the **Ten State Standards for Waste Water Facilities**, with the cost to be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

**Ayes** – 3 (*Meaney, Balles, Deemie*)      **Nays** – 0      **Absent** – 2 (*Fuller, Slota*)

### **Resolution #2016 - 62**

A motion authorize a Municipal Cleanup Day for electronics only, free to Village residents, on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 7:00am to 11:00am at the Public Works Garage, 124 Brown Street was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried - Vote:

**Ayes** – 3 (*Meaney, Balles, Deemie*)      **Nays** – 0      **Absent** – 2 (*Fuller, Slota*)

**RECREATION (Trustees Slota & Balles)** – No new business

**PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT (Trustees Balles & Fuller)** – No new business

**JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD (Trustees Fuller & Meaney)** – No new business

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS**

Mayor Deemie opened the second privilege of the floor.

*Carol Laskoski, Edward Street* – Asked what constitutes electronics for the drop off. Mayor Deemie gave some examples and stated that there is a list on the county website. We will not take items such as air conditioners or refrigerators at the drop off. Ms. Laskoski asked if the DPW offices were ever going back to Brown Street. Mayor Deemie stated that they will someday but we are still working with FEMA on that.

Mayor Deemie closed the second privilege of the floor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Deemie adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Cindy Kennerup  
Clerk/Treasurer

CK/db