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Village Board
Gregory Deemie, Mayor

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

Minutes of the Village of Johnson City Budget Meeting #6 held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main St., Johnson City

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor
Richard Balles, Trustee (arrived at 7:00pm)
Deborah Fuller, Trustee
Martin Meaney, Trustee

Also Present: Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer
Thomas Johnson, Deputy Treasurer

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 6:34pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the fire exits.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Budget Meeting #6 – Public Hearing

2016-2017 Village Budget

Mayor Deemie opened the public hearing.

Mayor Deemie explained that right now the budget is at a 2.21% increase which is approximately an increase of \$8.65 per thousand over last year's budget. The cap is .12% and the Village is approximately \$200,000.00 from getting under the cap.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Avenue – Asked about a line under parks (A7140.4.156) – it looks like port a johns for CFJ Park and the amount has doubled and she is wondering why. Mayor Deemie explained that Boland Park has had port a johns for the last several years. They are building bathrooms there this year with the help of BOCES. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup explained that all port a johns are under one line.

Bruce King, First Street – Asked about a discrepancy in the amounts on the first page. Mayor Deemie clarified the numbers. Regarding the water, sewer and refuse funds – the Village has talked for years about raising those rates. We are 3 quarters in, are any of those funds going to make their estimated revenues? Mayor Deemie stated that he doesn't have the numbers in front of him as to where the amounts are now but they have been looking at those funds and where we go from here. Deputy Treasurer Johnson stated that based on projections, it looks like water will be \$124,000 short, sewer looks like it's going to be almost \$200,000 short and refuse looks like it will be \$100,000 over. Mr. King asked if there is any surplus that will help cover those short fall amounts. Deputy Treasurer Johnson stated that if you look at the fund balance on the first sheet of the budget there are some large deficits there. Deputy Treasurer Johnson explained that the state comptroller's officer suddenly decreed that the Village should keep the



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water and sewer funds on an enterprises basis like the refuse fund has been for many years. The implication of that is that now these funds must include fixed assets and debt. That is why the funds balances are so different than they were in the past. Mr. King asked about lines 53 & 54 in the budget – CHIPS and Capital Projects Aid has been reduced. Deputy Treasurer Johnson explained that the \$124,000 is reimbursements from the water & sewer funds. There is nothing coming in under Capital Projects Aid. Mr. King asked what items the Village will be bonding for. Mayor Deemie explained that the items are: financial accounting software for the treasurer's office - \$50,000, Village Hall Roof - \$200,000, 1 Police Car - \$30,240, light bar & sirens for the new police car - \$10,610, Street reconstructions - \$260,000 and sidewalks/concrete - \$120,000.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Avenue – Asked the Mayor to read the list of streets. Mayor Deemie explained the streets are \$57,809 for Placek Drive, \$37,174 for Division Street from Burbank Avenue to Margaret Street, \$33,463 for Arch Street and Faatz Alley, \$40,732 for Adams Avenue, \$85,333 for Richard Street from Harry L. Drive to Fairfax Avenue and \$5,489 for additional miscellaneous items.

Bruce King, First Street – Asked about changes in the Fire Department budget lines and asked about the specific number of personnel other than the Chief and Fire Marshal. Mayor Deemie explained that there are 4 Captains, 4 Lieutenants, 15 firefighters, 3 SAFER hires, and 1 mechanic. There was a mistake made in the account clerk line, where the salary was listed twice. It should be \$28,070. Mr. King asked if 3 SAFER hires were staying. Mayor Deemie stated that at this point the 3 fire fighters hired under the SAFER grant are going to remain as the rest of the Board felt it was in the best interests of public safety to keep them. Mr. King asked what number the Board has to hit to be under the cap. Deputy Treasurer Johnson stated it is \$9,985,239.00. The Board is \$180,028.20 away from the cap. Trustee King asked about the funds that were budgeted in this current fiscal year for software but not used. Mayor Deemie explained that we need a new server and a few other things that need to be done in the building due to new security initiatives that are in place.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Avenue – Asked if the mechanic in the Fire Department can drive a fire truck. Mayor Deemie stated that he is qualified to drive one but at this time he cannot because of injury. Mrs. Deemie asked if, prior to his injury, he was able to drive a fire truck. Mayor Deemie stated that yes he could, he was an on staff fire fighter and went on fire calls. Mrs. Deemie asked what the amount of the 3 SAFER fire fighters is with full benefits. Mayor Deemie stated it is \$206,137.48.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Avenue – Asked about the checks the residents received for staying under the cap. Does the Village, School, Town and County all have to stay under the cap to get the check. Mayor Deemie stated no, the check will just be smaller.

Bruce King, First Street – Asked about the formula for the tax cap. Deputy Treasurer Johnson explained the formula and how the numbers are figured out.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Avenue – Asked how much more per thousand will she have to pay in taxes. Mayor Deemie stated \$8.65 per thousand.

Mayor Deemie stated that the borrowing amount this year is not extravagant. They are working hard to keep the amounts down.



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Bruce King, First Street – The extra \$2,000,967 that we realized in BAN proceeds, what did that come in for. Deputy Treasurer Johnson stated Arch Street and Reynolds Road. We are still awaiting for full reimbursement from the state.

Mayor Deemie closed the public hearing.

The Borrowing list:	Road	\$260,000
	VH Roof	\$200,000
	Police Car	\$30,240
	Lt bar & Sirens	\$10,610
	Software VH	\$50,000
	Sidewalks/concrete	\$120,000

Trustee Balles updated the board on his meeting with Vince Trayling pertaining to the CFJ Park ballfield. Youth baseball wants to reconstruct the field at the park and make it the main field for T-Ball and junior league. They also would like to possibly use it for some little league games.

Trustee Meaney updated the board pertaining to the JSTP and asked if the Sewer Vac could be used at the plant. He would contact Bob Bennett.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:40pm to discuss DPW negotiations was made by Trustee Balles seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 8:24pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Fuller. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter into executive session at 8:25pm to discuss Fire Salary negotiations was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Fuller. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 8:32pm was made by Trustee Meaney seconded by Trustee Fuller. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Trustee Meaney asked regarding the Police rules and regulations and does the Board need to approve the updates. Mayor Deemie stated yes, Chief Dodge has been working on them. The Village needs to adopt a social media policy Villagewide.

Budget Meeting #7 is scheduled for April 18, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall 1st floor training room.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Deemie adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.

Cindy Kennerup, Village Clerk/Treasurer