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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor

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

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main St., Johnson City

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

Absent: None

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'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [1] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm
- [2] There will be a free electronics drop off event from 7am – 11am on Sat., April 23rd at the DPW garage at 124 Brown Street. Proof of residency is required.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 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 #3-2016, amending sections of Chapter 264 of the Village Code entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" as follows: §264-52 (Overnight parking in metered zones prohibited) to add "on-street"; §264-87 (Schedule XII Parking Prohibited at All Times) to add a portion of Baldwin Street-243 feet south of Main Street to parking meter BS-37, and a portion of Arch Street-from Corliss Avenue to Faatz Alley; §264-89 (Schedule XIV: No Standing) to add 9-11 on the West side of Avenue C, to delete Arch Street-86.3 feet to Corliss Avenue, and to delete Baldwin Street-North Entrance of emergency patient parking garage; §264-92 (Schedule XVII No Parking or Standing Certain Hours) to add Laurel Street from Lester Avenue to the property line at 24 Laurel Street 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. School Days Only, and Corliss Avenue between 214 feet East of Arch Street and 42.5 feet West of Willow Street 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; §264-93 (Schedule XVIII (Time Limit Parking) to add All municipal parking lots (except Willow Street lot) from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m./All-permit parking only, and Willow Street Lot from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m./All; §264-97 (Schedule XXII Bus Stops) to



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add Corliss Avenue, South side 157 feet East of Arch Street, and Corliss Avenue, South side 214 feet East of Arch Street.

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

PETITIONS RECEIVED - None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Deemie opened the first privilege of the floor.

Carol Laskoski, Edward St. – Stated that someone sold the Business District sign on Floral Avenue.

Corinna Johnson, Cook St. – Stated that the Neighborhood Watch sign is missing on Broad Street.

Travis Nevins, International Painter's Union (District Council 4) – Asked what the Board came up with regarding resolution #73 and the USG proposal which was held over at the last meeting. Mayor Deemie explained that they voted on that during a Special Meeting and decided to move forward with USG. For the labor part of it they will be using a group out of Syracuse that they own.

Corinna Johnson, Cook St. – She stated that the code complaint forms do not state where to return them to.

Bruce King, First St. – Stated that some budget numbers have changed since the public hearing and asked if there is a printout of the changes. Asked why the actual taxes to be levied went down but the percentages went up and stated that he thought that any changes that were made following the public hearing had to be listed. Mayor Deemie stated that there 2 changes that were made, one was that they put money back into one of the stipends and they put \$10,000 into contingency but that was taken out of legal. Mr. King questioned the budget amounts again based on the copy of the budget he had. Mayor Deemie explained that the amount of taxes to be raised is \$10,166,767.00. Mr. King stated that he got an error when he tried to pull up the website on his cell phone and he did tell Diane Salva of the issue and she got them same error when she tried it.

Mayor Deemie closed the first privilege of the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS

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] Notice of new liquor license for Pizza on the Plaza, 365 Harry L. Drive

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

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

[1] Minutes of the February 8, 2016 regular meeting of the JC Zoning Board of Appeals

[2] Minutes of the April 6, 2016 regular meeting of the Town of Union Board



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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

[1] Department of Public Works Monthly Report – March 2016

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve abstract #19 of the 2015 - 2016 fiscal bills, having been audited by the Board and approved, was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Fuller.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 4 (*Meaney, Fuller, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

GENERAL FUND	\$105,557.08
WATER FUND	\$11,280.46
SEWER FUND	\$699,630.89
REFUSE FUND	\$22,346.54
JSTP	\$533,233.14
VARPUR	\$533,233.14

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)

Resolution #2016 - 74

A motion to adopt Local Law #3-2016, amending sections of Chapter 264 of the Village Code entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” as follows: §264-52 (Overnight parking in metered zones prohibited) to add “on-street”; §264-87 (Schedule XII Parking Prohibited at All Times) to add a portion of Baldwin Street-243 feet south of Main Street to parking meter BS-37, and a portion of Arch Street-from Corliss Avenue to Faatz Alley; §264-89 (Schedule XIV: No Standing) to add 9-11 on the West side of Avenue C, to delete Arch Street-86.3 feet to Corliss Avenue, and to delete Baldwin Street-North Entrance of emergency patient parking garage; §264-92 (Schedule XVII No Parking or Standing Certain Hours) to add Laurel Street from Lester Avenue to the property line at 24 Laurel Street 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. School Days Only, and Corliss Avenue between 214 feet East of Arch Street and 42.5 feet West of Willow Street 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; §264-93 (Schedule XVIII (Time Limit Parking) to add All municipal parking lots (except Willow Street lot) from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m./All-permit parking only, and Willow Street Lot from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m./All; §264-97 (Schedule XXII Bus Stops) to add Corliss Avenue, South side 157 feet East of Arch Street, and Corliss Avenue, South side 214 feet East of Arch Street was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 4 (*Meaney, Fuller, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0



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Resolution #2016 - 75

A motion to appoint Margaret Mary McCann to the position of Part Time Clerk in the Village Court at the rate of \$10.00/hour effective April 21, 2016, not to exceed 19.5 hours/week with a performance evaluation after 6 months and contingent upon the successful completion of a background check was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Fuller.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 4 (*Meaney, Fuller, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2016 - 76

A motion to appoint Caroline Lewis to the position of Account Clerk at the negotiated salary of \$21,499.36, effective April 20, 2016 from Broome County Civil Service List #AC, contingent upon the completion of a successful background check was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 4 (*Meaney, Fuller, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2016 - 77

A motion to waive the 30 day notice period to Matruski Food Corporation, 365 Harry L. Drive for a liquor license, with a letter of authorization from the Mayor was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Fuller.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 4 (*Meaney, Fuller, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2016 - 78

A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Fuller.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 3 (*Meaney, Fuller, Balles*) **Nays** – 1 (*Deemie*) **Absent** – 0

Whereas, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City having, on the 12th day of April, 2016 commencing at 7:00pm, duly held a public hearing on the tentative budget filed with the Village Clerk for the fiscal year commencing on June 1, 2016 and having heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter of the budget for this Village for such fiscal year having been fully discussed and considered, it is Resolved, that the said tentative budget, with such modifications and adjustments as approved by the Board of Trustees, is approved and established as the budget for the Village for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2016 and that such budget as so adopted be included and attached to the minutes of the proceedings of this Board of Trustees.

Mayor Deemie spoke about how hard the Board worked on the budget this year and explained that they were unable to get under the cap this year. They are approximately \$150,000 - \$200,000 above the cap. The cap was 0.12% this year. In 2015 – 2016 the increase was \$9.45 per \$1,000 with the tax levy increase of 2.52%. This year, 2016 – 2017, the increase is \$8.70 per \$1,000 with a tax levy increase of 2.23%. The borrowing in 2015 – 2016 was \$1.2 million, the borrowing this year is \$670,850.00 (\$300,000 in roads, \$200,000 for a new roof for Village Hall, new software for payroll and accounting, one police car, and curbs and sidewalks). The Mayor explained that when



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the first version of the budget came out he was eliminating the 3 SAFER hires in the Fire Department because the grant money is going to run out at the end of May. That would have eliminated \$206,000.00 in salaries and benefits. He further stated that when the SAFER grant was accepted he promised the residents that when the grant money ran out, the Village would not be permanently hiring the firefighters and there was an agreement with the Firefighters Union to that effect. Now, at this time, the rest of the Board has decided to keep them in the budget. This keeps the staff at 29. The Village has applied for another SAFER grant to add 5 more firefighters. Mayor Deemie stated that he tried to do what he had promised the residents.

Resolution #2016 - 79

A motion to authorize the Johnson City Elks to utilize the Johnson City Court Room and Atrium area in the George Korutz Justice Building, 31 Avenue C, on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 8:30am – 2:30pm contingent upon proof of liability insurance being provided with the Village of Johnson City been named as an additional insured and further requiring the Elks to contact the Town of Union for permission for the use of the Town of Union Court room also located in the Village's Building was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 4 (*Meaney, Fuller, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2016 - 80

A motion to authorize the granting of a parade permit to the Binghamton Health Campaign to hold the Herald of Victory Marathon which will travel through parts of the Village on Sunday, May 29, 2016 contingent upon proof of liability insurance being provided with the Village of Johnson City been named as an additional insured and further contingent upon receiving the necessary approvals from the NYS DOT, and coordination with the JC Police and JCDPW for road closures was made by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 4 (*Meaney, Fuller, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE (Trustee Balles) – No new business

POLICE (Trustee Balles) – No new business

PUBLIC WORKS (Trustee Balles)

Resolution #2016 - 81

A motion to appoint Theodore Connolly permanently to the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator - OC from Broome County Certified List #16-319 effective April 19, 2016, at the hourly rate as set by the Collective Bargaining Agreement was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 4 (*Meaney, Fuller, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0



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Resolution #2016 - 82

A motion to appoint Timothy Igo to the position of Water Distribution Operator/Trainee from Broome County list #62-592, effective April 25, 2016, at a starting hourly rate of \$16.07/hr as set by the Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the completion of the required Pre-employment drug testing, and the successful completion of a background check was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Fuller.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 4 (*Meaney, Fuller, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

RECREATION (Trustees 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 St. – Asked why the Elks are using the Court Room. Mayor Deemie explained that it was for the annual Drug Quiz Show.

Sarah Maxima, Andrews St. (Library Board) – Asked about the grant for the Library that was coming from Assemblywoman Lupardo for the roof. Mayor Deemie stated that the Village has not received it yet.

Richard Wallikas, Deyo Hill Rd. – Asked if there are any new Police being hired with the Pharmacy School coming. Mayor Deemie stated that he has spoken to the Chief and they are adding to the force slowly as best they can and said that the Chief has a great plan which has already been showing positive effects. The school will also have its own security. Mr. Wallikas stated that there has been an increase in violent crime in the Village. Mayor Deemie stated that there have been some incidents recently but the Police Department has done a great job solving the issues and projects like this typically help to reduce crime in the area.

Don Slota, Eldredge Ave. – Asked for an update on the Code Committee. Trustee Balles stated that because of the budget meetings they have not met often but they will be reconvening soon. Mr. Slota asked for an update on the house on Floral Avenue where the 2 children died. Mayor Deemie said he will contact Code Enforcement.

Carol Laskoski, Edward St. – Asked if the house on Floral Avenue where the fire was is purchased and the fire damage repaired, does any grandfathering apply to the new owner. Mayor Deemie stated that the house would have to be brought up to current code.

Broome County Legislator Ron Heebner, Riverside Dr. – Explained that the Elks and Rotary will be providing dictionaries to the 3rd & 4th graders this year in JC. Stated that he called and spoke to Diane Salva about people putting yard signs in public property, especially in the area around the traffic circle and asked that any public officials, DPW employees, Police, etc., remove any of the signs when they see them. Mayor Deemie stated that if he sees one he does remove it.



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Diane Bartlow, David Dr. – She is the President of the Friends of the Library and asked if they could advertise their books sales on the marquee on Harry L. Drive.

Mike Tugwell, Greenridge St. – Asked if they found out what was wrong with the Arch. Mayor Deemie explained that the NYS DOT came and helped us stabilize where it was crumbling. The Village is looking for money to do a more permanent stabilization. It's about a \$400,000 project to take it apart and put it back together again. He is working with the company that did the estimate to work on looking at the inside of the Arch without taking it apart. Mr. Tugwell stated that he heard a rumor that the carousel is falling apart and won't be running this year. Corinna Johnson said no, it's Carousel Day that is not happening this year. Mayor Deemie stated that there aren't any issues with the carousel itself. He stated that the Highland Park carousel will not be running for part of this year. It has a major roof issue and they need to dismantle the carousel to fix the roof. Mayor Deemie stated that the carousel at Ross Park is also scheduled to be closed this year for renovations. Mr. Tugwell asked if he can bring a microwave to the electronics drop off. Mayor Deemie explained that there was a flyer on the table listing what can be brought to the drop off.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Ave. – Stated that the JC Partners Organization is a 501c3 and can accept donations specifically for the Arch which they can give to the Village.

Mayor Deemie closed the second privilege of the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Deemie adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Clerk/Treasurer

CK/db