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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor

Richard Balles, Trustee Martin Meaney, Trustee

Deborah Fuller, Trustee John Walker, Trustee

Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main St., Johnson City

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Cindy Kennerup, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Thomas Johnson, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Jacobs, Attorney for the Village

The Board met with Director of Public Services, Bob Bennett to discuss cell phones, I-Pads and radios in the Water Department. They also discussed the Wren Street water tanks and the fact that only one tank is being done this year. Mr. Bennett provided an update on the Anna Maria Drive ditch project. Trustee Walker asked about a couple of bills in the water department regarding blocks and gas purchase at Mirabito in Vestal. Mr. Bennett explained that certain trucks need the ethanol free gas. Trustee Meaney asked about Kovarik bills in the DPW. Mr. Bennett explained why the department goes to Kovarik at times. Trustee Walker asked how it is determined what streets get redone and when. Mr. Bennett explained the process for selecting the streets and funding such as CDBG funds. Trustee Walker explained that Lincoln Avenue is in very bad shape. Mr. Bennett explained the projects being considered in the near future and the sewer separation projects being looks at.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jacyna to discuss the SAFER Grant and the new hires in the Fire Department. The grant does not cover the training or gear for the new firefighters. The cost to the Village will be around \$35,000.00. The grant will cover salary and benefits for 2 years. Trustee Walker asked how many current firefighters are retirement eligible in the next 2 years. Chief Jacyna stated that there are at least 5 that will be eligible. Trustee Walker asked about backfilling those positions with SAFER hires. Chief Jacyna explained the process and the staffing levels that must be maintained for the duration of the grant. The additional firefighters will enable them to lower overtime costs and increase the number med calls they can respond to. Trustee Balles asked if we have to hire all 5 firefighters. Chief Jacyna explained that yes we do because of the grant. Chief Jacyna also stated that since January the Fire Department has used 27 doses of Narcan.

Trustee Meaney reported on his recent meeting with Senator Akshar and the items they discussed.

The Board reviewed the agenda and discussed the resolutions. The Board also discussed the JSTP resolution that failed 2 meetings ago.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:53pm to discuss Police litigation was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Fuller. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:17pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Police Chief Brent Dodge stated that he does not have exact numbers but the Police have used approximately 20 doses of Narcan so far this year. The Board and Chief discussed repeat calls to the same address for Narcan and tracking the calls and usage.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Cindy Kennerup, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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