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## Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor

Richard Balles, Trustee

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Martin Meaney, Trustee

John Walker, Trustee

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### **Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main St., Johnson City**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Cindy Kennerup, Village Clerk/Treasurer  
Jeff Jacobs, Attorney for the Village  
Trustee Elect Bruce King

The Board met with Doug Barton and Louise Gava with Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance (MEGA) to discuss the Community Choice Aggregation Programs. They go out to bid for electricity for their partners. In the past this would be for the government itself, not the residences in the municipality. They are not an energy supplier. They are a not for profit organization. Mr. Barton explained the bidding process and stated that in the past they were not able to do anything for residences but that has recently changed. Ms. Gava how, with the process of deregulation, residents can now find an energy supplier other than NYSEG. It is essentially a bulk purchasing program for residents and small businesses. The Town of Union is moving forward with this for the Town residents. Ms. Gava reviewed in detail how the program works. Mayor Deemie asked what happens if the resident's supplier is not NYSEG at this point. Ms. Gava explained that they would have to choose to join CCA. Trustee Walker asked for clarification on the process. Trustee Meaney asked how far the Town of Union has gone with this. Ms. Gava stated that they have paused at education and outreach. Trustee Meaney asked if anyone other than Westchester County is participating. Ms. Gava explained that they are building the aggregates right now in this area. For this region they committed to 40,000 households by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Meaney asked how many they have right now. Ms. Gava stated 30,000 that have signed the agreement. They cannot go out to bid until they have the 40,000. Trustee Meaney asked what happens if they drop below 40,000. Ms. Gava explained they will have to go find more people.

Attorney Jacobs asked if they pay a gross receipts tax to the municipality. Ms. Gava stated yes.

The Board met with Binghamton Mayor Rich David and Chuck Shager to discuss the Joint Sewage Treatment Plant. Trustee Meaney explained that he was still learning about all of this and was asking about the fact that we have 18% usage of the plant but pay 45% of the bills. Mr. Shager explained that the Village owns 45% of the plant so it owns 45% of the assets and has 45% of the liabilities. The City of Binghamton takes the other 55%. As the Village makes payments on the debt each year, we get credit for that against the bill. When all the bills are calculated at the end of the year, they take the





plant operations and then they add in the debt associated with it. It all goes into one bucket. The municipalities who are not owners pay the plant every quarter and they don't get a credit. The Village pays a smaller amount quarterly because of the credits. Mr. Shager provided examples to the Board and explained what the other municipalities pay. Trustee Meaney asked what we are going to do with the administration building. Mr. Shager stated that it is 6 individual pods and could be moved. Trustee Meaney asked if there was any land that we could move it to. Mayor Deemie explained that it has been brought up by several people and Mayor David stated that they are talking about it too. Mr. Shager explained that the company that is doing the work at the plant may be interested in it if they can move it.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:28pm to discuss Personnel in the Clerk's Office was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Fuller. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative. (Trustee Elect King was asked to stay for the executive session.)

A motion to exit the executive session at 6:39pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

The Board reviewed the agenda and the resolutions.

Regarding the resolution for the Police body cameras, Trustee Meaney asked about the cost for the storage of the cameras as that was the most expensive part. How does the grant offset that? Mayor Deemie stated that he believes that it is a part of this but we are going to have to start budgeting for this. Trustee Meaney asked how it will impact the budget. Mayor Deemie stated he will have to check. Trustee Balles asked how many cameras we are purchasing. Mayor Deemie stated that he will need to check with the Chief.

Regarding the resolution for the rezoning of 117 Oakdale Road, Trustee Meaney asked if the applicant is going to use the entire property. Mayor Deemie stated that he wasn't sure but explained that it will be for classic cars, not a typical used car lot.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #2**

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:53pm to discuss the purchase of 52 North Harrison Street was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative. (Trustee Elect King was asked to stay for the executive session.)

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:22pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

The Board met with Chief Dodge to discuss the body cameras. Chief Dodge stated that he does not have the itemized breakdown. Sgt. Mason has that. The cameras was \$400.00 each. You have to have 2 docking stations that charge them and uploads the footage. They are approximately \$1,600.00 each. Everybody also has to have a user license at \$100.00/year and 2 administrative licenses plus there is the software. We are getting 27 cameras. Trustee Meaney asked about the yearly expense for storage. Chief Dodge state approximately \$5,000.00/year. Chief Dodge explained that they had gotten special pricing from Taser which will change at the first of the year which is why they want to put it through tonight.



ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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