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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor
Bruce King, Deputy Mayor
Richard Balles, Trustee Martin Meaney, Trustee John Walker, Trustee

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main St., Johnson City

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor
 Bruce King, Deputy Mayor
 Richard Balles, Trustee
 John Walker, 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 Deemie stated that he received many compliments on the work that the DPW, Fire & Police did on the recent snowstorm. Trustee Meaney shared compliments that he received from his wife's co-workers at Wilson Hospital on the conditions of the roads in the Village during the storm.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [1] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm
- [2] Recognition of the JCHS Boys Varsity Basketball Team
- [3] Budget Meeting #1 will be held at 6pm on Wed, March 22, 2017 in the 1st floor training room

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2017 regular meeting and work session was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

BIDS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

PETITIONS RECEIVED - None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Deemie opened the first privilege of the floor. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Deemie closed the first privilege of the floor.



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COMMUNICATIONS

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

- [1] Notice of postponement of Joint Sewage Board meeting to March 16th at 4:00pm
- [2] Notice of the March 23, 2017 meeting of the Broome Co. Assoc. of Towns & Villages
- [3] Amended liquor license application for Hookah Heaven, LLC, 265 Main Street
- [4] 2016 JC Water System Sanitary Survey from the Broome County Health Department
- [5] Notice of a joint meeting of the JC Board of Trustees, Binghamton City Council & the Joint Sewage Board on March 20th at 5pm at City Council Chambers.

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 January 9, 2017 regular meeting of the JC Zoning Board of Appeals
- [2] Minutes of the March 1, 2017 work session of the Town of Union Board
- [3] Minutes of the March 1, 2017 regular meeting of the Town of Union Board

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- [1] Police Department Overtime Report for the week of February 23, 2017 – March 8, 2017
- [2] Fire Department Overtime Report for the week of February 23, 2017 – March 8, 2017

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve abstract #17 of the 2016 - 2017 fiscal bills, having been audited by the Board and approved, was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

GENERAL FUND	\$185,556.94
WATER FUND	\$ 21,521.22
SEWER FUND	\$ 77,074.45
REFUSE FUND	\$ 44,118.83
JSTP	\$782,864.24
VARPUR	\$339,687.40

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #2017 – 44

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Fire Protection Agreement between the Village of Johnson City and the Town of Union for calendar year 2017 for the Westover Fire Protection District #6 in a form acceptable to Counsel for the Village was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0



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NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)

Resolution #2017 – 47

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a one year agreement with Magna 5 for telephone and internet service in a form acceptable to Counsel for the Village was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

Resolution #2017 – 48

Accept the resignation of Sean Fitzgerald, Plumbing Board member, effective immediately.

This resolution was held over by Trustee King.

Resolution #2017 - 49

Accept the resignation of Frederick Kocan, Plumbing Board member, effective immediately.

This resolution was held over by Trustee King.

Resolution #2017 – 50

A motion to grant permission for the Johnson City Partners to utilize the Municipal Parking Lot behind Village Hall and the parking lot of the George Korutz Justice Building on the 3rd Thursday of May, June, July, August and September between the hours of 5:00pm and 8:00pm for a “Classic Car Cruze In” and with a location for musicians/bands to perform and resolve further, that the Johnson City Partners shall be responsible for providing insurance naming the Village as an additional insured and authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the Village and Johnson City Partners in a form acceptable to Counsel for the Village was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE (Trustees Balles & Walker)

Resolution #2017 – 51

A motion to appoint Robert Blakeslee, Jr. Fire Prevention Officer with no change in salary was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

POLICE (Trustees Balles & Walker) – No new business



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PUBLIC WORKS (Trustees Balles & King)

Resolution #2017 - 52

A motion to approve a request for Precious Turkow Dickson and family to hold the 2nd Annual Jamison Turkow Memorial Walk for Addiction Awareness at CFJ Park on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 1:00pm – 4:30pm contingent upon proof of insurance being provided listing the Village of Johnson City as the certificate holder and the submission of security details was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

RECREATION (Trustees Balles & King) – No new business

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

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Deemie opened the second privilege of the floor. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Deemie closed the second privilege of the floor.

Trustee Meaney stated that we are going to be starting our budget and we are going to be up against a tough number and it seems that the Village are being unfairly held to a higher standard than other municipalities throughout the state. He respectfully requests that these resolutions are researched and are hopefully on the agenda for April 4th - where we ask State Senator Akshar and State Assemblywoman Lupardo to help us. We need to generate revenue other than property taxes because we are handcuffed – where we have resolutions sent to them, where we will be able to seek a fee for service from the non-profits, where we can have a resolution that they could put out there that we can also participate in the exempt status for sales tax so we can become sales tax exempt so we can earn more money. Also, something that the Mayor brought out, which is a brilliant idea, which is to seek that we are able to go after the hotels/motels for a tax for the Village. These are all things that the larger municipalities can do to generate revenue and we can't because we are a Village and that is by state law. He feels that if we can further these to start, just as a whole new issue, whole new legislation that that enables us to generate revenue to continue to provide the services that we need to do.

Mayor Deemie explained that he has started to draft letters in regards to not for profits similar to what they have done in Whitney Point and Syracuse and he has also has drafted some legislation that he has put up to Assemblywoman Lupardo and Senator Akshar in regards to the hotel/motel tax to get their input before he brought that forward. We will see what we can do with the sales tax one. Trustee Meaney stated all they can say is no. We have to move these and they are in session now. They are doing the budget now so he thinks it is time we held their feet to the fire also. Mayor Deemie stated let's just hope they don't go the route with the dissolution and loss of AIM funding and other stuff. As everyone saw, the President wants to cut CDBG funding and the COPS grants and a few other things out there so it could get really rough for us in the next few years. We will do our best to do what we can to alleviate those issues.



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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Deemie adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Cindy Kennerup

Cindy Kennerup
Clerk/Treasurer

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