



# VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

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## Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor  
Bruce King, Deputy Mayor  
Richard Balles, Trustee    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, April 18, 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

The Board met with Tom Kowalik and Evan Bixby, who were hired by Cornell Cooperative Extension, to discuss a new program that is available through NYSERDA. They provided the Board with handouts. NYSERDA is making money available for municipalities to provide incentives to make some energy modifications in their infrastructure. They are asking municipalities to complete 4 of 10 high impact items. There are 4 grants of \$100,000 and 10 grants of \$50,000 available. The money has been set aside for the Southern Tier region and there is a competition element to this. If you become certified as a clean energy community there is no matching funds required. Mr. Kowalik and Mr. Bixby reviewed the handout they gave the board and would qualify. Mr. Kowalik and Mr. Bixby stated that it might count. They would have to confirm that. They will work with grant writer, Dai Korba. They will look into the cost of installing a charging station and described the high impact items in detail. They also described the ways they could help the Village with the process and application. Trustee Meaney asked if the upgrading to LED fixtures in our building in the Village for electric cars. The Village is willing to join together with another municipality.

The Board met with Thomas Augustini from Haylor, Freyer & Coon, Inc. to discuss the Health Care Benefits Renewal with Excellus. Mr. Augustini reviewed the most recent Village report regarding health insurance in detail. Trustee Meaney asked what the plan costs per contract are. Mr. Augustini explained that the premiums differ slightly according to which bargaining unit and are approximately \$1,060 - \$1,100.00 per month for individuals and \$2,583 – \$2,681 for the family plans. The differences are due to the RX plans. There are currently 5 different RX plans. Thanks to the Village's loss ratio there is a 0% increase again this year. Trustee Meaney asked if there is every a reduction in rates. Mr. Augustini stated rarely. Mr. Augustini explained the negotiation process with Excellus this year and reviewed the Village's claim history since the last renewal in great detail. Trustee King asked Mr. Augustini to get him the actual premium amount.

The Board reviewed the agenda and the resolutions.



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### Abstract Questions:

Regarding cold patch - Trustee Meaney stated that we could get that cheaper from Vestal Asphalt instead of Broome Bituminous and wonders why we are not taking advantage of that.

Trustee Meaney asked if we are or are not past due and what is the current amount that we need to send to Broome County Information Technology. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup stated that they send that monthly and it is possible that they are a month behind. Trustee Meaney stated that it say we are past due. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup stated that she thinks that came late.

Trustee Meaney asked about the code supplement. Mayor Deemie explained that is the yearly supplement.

Trustee Walker asked about \$1700.25 for copies for the Police Department. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup stated that it is probably their quarterly maintenance plus overage.

Trustee Walker asked about the 28 mop heads that were purchased by Police. Mayor Deemie explained that they go through a lot of them.

Trustee Walker asked about 3 boxes of alcohol prep pads from Staples. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup explained that when Kim Cunningham placed their Staples order they were on there because they needed them.

16 North Harrison Street – Mayor Deemie explained we were successful in getting the house. Trustee Meaney asked if, as long as it is structurally sound enough, could it be used for Police and Fire training before it is demolished. Mayor Deemie stated he has no problem with that. We just need to have Code check it out first.

The Board discussed the tax cap resolution. Currently we are under the cap.

Attorney Jacobos explained the changes to the telecommunications law to accommodate micro cell towers.

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the JSTP IMA. It is not on tonight's agenda. Trustee Meaney stated that he is happy that they put in the sunset clause. Trustee King stated that he talked to Chuck Shager about what lines the positions are being paid out of. He is confident in the information that he received.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:08pm to discuss personnel in the Fire Department was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. 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 King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.



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### EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:18pm to discuss personnel in the Police Department was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:23pm to discuss personnel in the Fire Department was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:25pm was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

### ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:27pm.

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Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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