



# 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, May 2, 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 Kara Skellett to discuss the annual Family Nights in the Park event at CFJ on August 30, 2017 which is being held by the Drug Free Communities organization with support from the Broome County Promise Zone. Ms. Skellett reviewed the event and activities. The only food there will be are pizza, popcorn and possibly chips.

The Board met with Rocky Martinez from the JC Rotary to discuss partnering with the Village in the care of Jennison Park. Mayor Deemie stated that they will be putting in paperwork to adopt Jennison Park. Mr. Martinez explained that they are growing in membership and want to become more active in the community. Through their district they have the ability to get grant money. Mayor Deemie explained that the group that had originally adopted the park, the Shalom Society, have not touched it in years. Mayor Deemie explained that there is some grant money coming from the State Assembly. Grant Writer, Dai Korba explained that there funds to redo the park and the funds are extensive for such a small space. Mr. Martinez stated that they would mostly be looking at cleaning and installing benches. Trustee Balles suggested that if the veteran's monument that needs to be moved from the former American Legion doesn't fit in veteran's park, maybe it could go there. Mayor Deemie stated that the monument belongs to the veteran's so it is not up to us.

The Board met with Rocky Martinez from the JC Rotary to discuss Carousel Day. Mayor Deemie asked if they have reserved the park yet. Mr. Martinez stated that he sent it in for the second time. They will be partnering with the JC Partners this year. This will not be a fundraising event as much as it was in the past. It is intended to be a family event.

The Board met with Grant Writer, Dai Korba to discuss the Department of Public Arts Mural Fest and the letter of support they need from the Village for their CDBG grant application. Ms. Korba explained that she is unsure of how the distribution of the funds CDBG would be for this project. Trustee Walker explained how the CDBG process works from his time sitting on that board.





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The Board met with Pastor Jerry Terry from Calvary's Love Church to discuss their annual FUN FEST community event at Floral Park on Saturday, July 22, 2017. Pastor Terry stated that last year they were not allowed to park around the fire station. Mayor Deemie asked them to please do that again this year. Mayor Deemie stated that bounce houses and inflatables are not allowed in the parks. Pastor Terry stated that they didn't know that rule had changed. Attorney Jacobs stated it changed a few years ago. Pastor Terry asked if it is just bounce houses or any kind of inflatables are not allowed. Mayor Deemie stated there was still issues with litter in the neighborhood – the side streets. Pastor Terry stated they take care of the park and Floral Avenue. Mayor Deemie stated that the Police still have had some issues with the people at the event. Mayor Deemie stated that Pastor Terry needs to run any inflatable type items through him, Bob Bennett and Laurie Schultz.

Pastor Terry explained that the church is hosting women and children at risk for human trafficking. They are the working to educate people on how to spot the people at risk and will be having training sessions. They will also be going to the first responders for them to participate.

Trustee Walker explained that he received a call from a resident on the north side who is not happy with the new color of the water tanks. Mayor Deemie explained that they thought they had picked a light green color but they came out a light blue. They were advised to pick a lighter color to reduce the heating of the tanks.

Trustee Meaney asked about the new Wilson Deli on Main Street and asked if they would have to apply for permits, etc. Attorney Jacobs stated not necessarily and explained that it depends on what was in the space prior. Mayor Deemie stated that they went through Planning.

The Board reviewed the agenda and the resolutions.

Mayor Deemie stated that Dai Korba and a group of BU alumni cleaned the area around the Harry L. Monument. Trustee Balles stated that we should move that monument in the future. Mayor Deemie stated that he spoke to the family recently and they said we are to never move it. Trustee Balles complained about a lack of access to the monument. Mayor Deemie stated he was just there this weekend and you can walk right up to it. Mayor Deemie explained how expensive it would be to move it.

Regarding the bids for the Baldwin Street Water and Sewer Improvements – Trustee Walker asked if this is the project by Faatz Alley and Arch Street and not the one at the hospital. Mayor Deemie stated that it correct.

Bids for advertisement for fire hydrants & gate valves - Trustee Meaney asked about the supplier we got them from last time – the caps are breaking off when they are opening up the hydrants. Mayor Deemie stated that we can refuse to award a bid to a company if there have been issues with the company in the past.

JSTP IMA resolution – Trustee Meaney asked if we are going to ask or are we just going to let it go on charging back another year for the project manager – to 2015. Everybody else is 2016. Mayor Deemie stated it is up to the Board. Attorney Jacobs stated that he thinks it was because of when they brought the person on to start the project.





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### Abstract Questions:

Trustee Walker asked if there is an eye care provision in the health insurance. Mayor Deemie stated no. Trustee Walker asked if employees can get eye ware as part of their clothing allowance. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup stated that AFSCME can as part of their contract.

Regarding the toilets that needed to be replaced in the park – Trustee Meaney asked if the bathrooms are still locked at night. Mayor Deemie stated yes they are. Trustee Meaney asked if they are only open when the park is open, then how are they getting in and smashing the toilets. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup stated that they vandalize them during the day.

Code Enforcement – Mayor Deemie asked Trustee Balles if he got his action items ready yet. Trustee Balles started not yet. Mayor Deemie stated that Trustee Balles made a statement that we hired 2 code officers and that is not a true statement. We talked about it but there is no specific money for that in the budget.

Recreation Committee – Mayor Deemie explained this has been non-existent for the last few years. Everything is being done by Eric Putman and DPW now. They haven't met in years. It is in the Code (chapter 51) so we would have to change the code to get rid of the committee. Trustee Meaney suggested advertising for new members. Attorney Jacobs reviewed the code regarding the recreation committee. Trustee Balles stated that there used to be a recreation director that oversaw the parks. That position is gone.

Plumbing Board – Mayor Deemie asked if the board wants to put a moratorium on plumbing license in the Village. Trustee Meaney stated that he thought he asked for that when the plumbing board met with the Village Board. Mayor Deemie stated he didn't know if we they had definitely decided that. Attorney Jacobs explained that a resolution would be needed. Mayor Deemie asked if we would have the new board use Prometrics for testing or use their own test. Trustee Meaney suggested asking the board at that time for their professional opinion. The test the board has been using needs to be upgrades. Mayor Deemie has not received a resignation from Rick Holden yet. Attorney Jacobs stated that he could reach out to Ken Frank at Binghamton to let him know that we are considering revoking the reciprocal licensing. The trouble is without a complete board right now we can't issue any licenses.

Mayor Deemie stated that he spoke to Chief about 186 Grand Avenue and Code about 155-167 Lester Avenue but he hasn't heard back from them yet. Trustee Walker asked about 171 North Board Street. Mayor Deemie stated he spoke to them about that and they spoke to the owner but nothing has been done at the property yet.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:49pm to discuss personnel in the Police 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 7:00pm 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 7:01pm 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 7:02pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:03pm to discuss the Fire Chief's Contract 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 7:07pm was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION #4

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

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:09pm was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION #5

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:09pm to discuss the Fire Contract was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:18pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

### ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:19pm.

Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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