



# 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 Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held on Tuesday, August 15, 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  
                      Cheryl Sacco, 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'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [1]    The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm.
- [2]    Johnson City Partners Cruze-Inz will be held from 5-8pm on Thurs., August 17<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall Parking lot.
- [3]    Village Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day. There will be no yard waste collection on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- [4]    The 50<sup>th</sup> annual Johnson City Field Days will be held on September 1 – 4, 2017 at Northside Park.
- [5]    The Village's 125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration will be held on Sat., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – 7:30pm at CFJ Park.

#### APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2017 regular meeting and work session was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. 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.

*Chris Waters, Adams Avenue* – Asked for details on the Fire Fighters Contract. Mayor Deemie provided the following info – Fire Fighters health insurance contribution increased to 12½%, 7½% upon retirement, considering 5 year step for new hires vs current 2 year step, agreement reached regarding a clothing issue, cost of retro payments is approximately \$172,000.00, payroll increase of approximately \$45,000/year for the next 3 years, \$50.00 increase in longevity and a no layoff clause will be put back in the contract. Mr. Waters asked if enough was budgeted for the retro amount. Mayor Deemie stated yes. Trustee King stated that the contract expired in 2011. This is a 10 year contract and the average per year is a little over 1.3% increase.

*Julie Deemie, Zoa Avenue* – Asked what was given up in 2008 to give a huge raise to the Fire Department. Mayor Deemie stated it was the manning clause and reviewed the court decision regarding the no layoff clause in 2010. Mrs. Deemie asked for the difference between to no layoff clause and the no manning clause. Mayor Deemie stated that we can't lay off any of them unless we can prove that the Village is fiscally stressed. We don't have to keep a specific number of fire fighters. Mayor Deemie explained the backfilling required for the SAFER grant. Trustee Balles explained funds were set aside for a retirement incentive in conjunction with the no layoff clause. Mayor Deemie stated that the Village must prove fiscal stress to enact the layoff clause so why would we set aside funds if we are fiscally stressed. That did not sit well with him. Trustee King provided further details on the retirement incentive. Mrs. Deemie asked if any of the other department's contracts had this incentive. Mayor Deemie stated no. The Police have a no layoff clause but it is different.

*Ron Heebner, Broome County Legislator, Riverside Drive* – Expressed his thanks to Gordy Flueharty, AJ Weintraub and George Sherba for their help with preparations for Carousel Day.

Mayor Deemie closed the first privilege of the floor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- [1] Notice of a special Joint Sewage Board meeting on August 14, 2017 at 4:00pm

**COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS** - None

**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 July 13 – July 26, 2017
- [2] DPW Overtime Report – May 2017
- [3] DPW Overtime Report – June 2017
- [4] DPW Overtime Report – July 2017
- [5] Fire Department Overtime Report for the week of July 27 – August 9, 2017
- [6] Police Department Overtime Report for the week of July 27 – August 9, 2017
- [7] DPW Monthly Report – July 2017



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### PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve abstract #4 of the 2017 - 2018 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	\$ 507,871.39
WATER FUND	\$ 24,184.14
SEWER FUND	\$ 521,905.31
REFUSE FUND	\$ 30,819.68
JSTP	\$ 3,200,160.76
VARPUR	\$ 3,452,277.57

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

### NEW BUSINESS

#### FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)

##### **Resolution #2017 - 145**

A motion to authorize the granting of a parade permit for the annual St. James Church 5-K Run/2.5K Walk on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2:00pm contingent upon proof of insurance being provided listing the Village of Johnson City as an additional insured and coordination with the Johnson City Police Department and DPW for any road closures if needed was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried - Vote:

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

##### **Resolution #2017 - 146**

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village and the Johnson City Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 921 for contract years June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2021, as reviewed during executive session was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried - Vote:

**Ayes** – 3 (*King, Walker, Balles*)    **Nays** – 1 (*Deemie*)    **Absent** – 0    **Abstain** – 1 (*Meaney*)

*Trustee Balles read from a prepared statement regarding the contract. (statement on file)*

*Trustee Walker read from a prepared statement regarding the contract. (statement on file)*

*Deputy Mayor King stated that the fire fighters were very professional and they want the safest work environment, they need to be ready to go and be well trained. It was a pleasure to work with them.*

*Mayor Deemie thanked Trustee Balles, Deputy Mayor King, and the members of the IAFF. He is not comfortable with some parts of the contract such as the no lay off clause. There are some good things in the contract. We have a great Fire Department, he respects them all.*



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### **Resolution #2017 - 147**

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Binghamton University student Sam M. Clark for a Masters of Public Administration Internship to begin on August 23, 2017 through December 8, 2017 contingent upon the successful completion of a background check was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried - Vote:

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

### **Resolution #2017 - 148**

A motion to authorize the Johnson City Business & Professional Women to hold the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Parade on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 7:00pm starting at the corner of Main Street and Lester Avenue and ending at the Johnson City Senior Center on Brocton Street, contingent upon proof of insurance being provided listing the Village of Johnson City as the certificate holder was made by Trustee Meaney 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 - 149**

A motion to appoint Fire Fighter Ryan Willis to the position of Fire Lieutenant, at a base salary of \$68,534.53, from Broome County Civil Service List #76-017 effective August 17, 2017 was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

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

### **POLICE (Trustees Balles & Walker)**

#### **Resolution #2017 - 150**

A motion to promote Patrolman Nick Crandall to the rank of Sergeant from Broome County Certified List #76-223A, effective August 17, 2017 at the base salary determined by the Collective Bargaining Agreement was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried - Vote:

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

#### **Resolution #2017 - 151**

A motion to declare the following items as surplus equipment: 1) 2011 Chevrolet Impala (Former Patrol Car 743), VIN 2G1WD5EMXB1296913 as this vehicle was experiencing repeated mechanical problems and was damaged as a result of a crash, 2) Assorted ceramic roof tiles that are no longer needed from the Village Hall roof project, 3) Assorted retired equipment: Leather gear, clothing (non-uniform), and miscellaneous equipment (No weapons), 4) a Kubota diesel generator motor requiring repair from damaged light tower; no longer needed and the light tower received a new motor, and authorize the Police Department to dispose of these items via AuctionsInternational.com at no cost to the Village and further authorizing the Police



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Department to properly discard these items if they do not sell after the auction was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried - Vote:

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS (Trustees Balles & King)**

#### **Resolution #2017 - 152**

A motion to appoint Timothy P. Cooper to the position of Provisional Water Distribution Operator Trainee in the Water Department at \$16.72 per hour effective August 28, 2017 contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation and the passing of the required Civil Service test was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried - Vote:

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

*Trustee John Walker* – Stated that last week there was a large water main break on Avenue A in the middle of the night. The Water Department worked tirelessly through the night and he commended their work.

**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 closed the second privilege of the floor.

*Don Slota, Eldredge Avenue* – Asked why the contracts such as Police and Fire are not negotiated on time. Who is at fault? Mayor Deemie stated both sides. It all depends on where the negotiations go as you are doing them. With the Fire Department it was the no layoff clause that was a point of contention. Sometimes they get caught up in legal and stagnates. Police expired in 2013. DPW and all the other small ones were done on time.

Mayor Deemie closed the second privilege of the floor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Deemie adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm.

Cindy Kennerup  
Clerk/Treasurer

CK/db

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