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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 Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, September 19, 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

Marissa Lamphere and Sharon Fischer from the Broome County Health Department – Tobacco Control Program gave a presentation on their various Tobacco Free Programs. They did an evaluation project over the last year studying the tobacco retailers in Johnson City and presented their findings. They also introduced students, Jacob (last name unintelligible), Ethan Nichols and a third student whose name was unintelligible. The students are a part of a program called Reality Check and they also gave a presentation on youth smoking.

Mayor Deemie stated at on October 10, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Court Building the Dean of the BU Pharmacy School and President Stenger are going to be holding a Town Hall meeting. BU will advertise the meeting.

The Town of Union has begun installing the new LED street lights in the Village. There are 1,916 lights to be changed in the Village. Mayor Deemie stated he has received complaints that some people don't like them. They are too bright.

Mayor Deemie reported that when we agreed to put no parking on Floral Avenue there was a handicap space that was granted years ago at 127 Floral Avenue. We are trying to figure out what we can do. The street has been restriped and now the space doesn't work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:14pm to discuss personnel in the Fire Department was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 6:19pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. 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 6:20pm to discuss the Police Contract was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 6:28pm 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 6:29pm to discuss Joint Sewage Treatment Plant Litigation 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 6:36pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

AGENDA - The Board reviewed the agenda and the resolutions.

Trustee Walker stated that there are no minutes from September 5th on the website to review. Mayor Deemie stated that Diane e-mails the minutes from the meeting and the work session and the meeting to the Board for review before each meeting and asked the other Trustees if they had received them. They stated yes they have.

Mayor Deemie stated that the County Executive will be at the meeting to give a brief budget address.

Attorney Sacco explained that we have not yet received a recommendation from the Planning Board on the proposed changes to the chicken law so we will be leaving the public hearing open and will not be acting on the law tonight. We have received the 239 comments from Broome County.

Mayor Deemie stated that we will look at changing the fees for peddlers and solicitors.

Trustee King stated that he had many questions on the changes to the Peddlers and Solicitors Law and listed a few of them. He stated that he had not reviewed the entire law but these were the concerns already. Attorney Sacco reviewed some of the definitions and changes. Trustee Meaney asked about the sales at the Best Western. Mayor Deemie stated he doesn't think they get licenses. Trustee Walker asked out outdoor sales area – is it for services as well as sales. Attorney Sacco stated that the key term is “a business”.

Trustee Meaney stated that he was recently with a NYS Police Captain about quality of life patrols. They are working well in Endicott. Trustee Meaney asked if we can establish that in the downtown area. Mayor Deemie stated he would like to talk to the Chief first.

Trustee Meaney asked about the location for the DPW facility. Trustee King reviewed the 3 sites. Trustee Walker if there are FEMA monies for this. Trustee King and Mayor Deemie stated there wasn't a lot of FEMA money at all. Trustee Meaney asked why we are looking at 59 Lester Avenue. Mayor Deemie stated that it is just a study.



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Trustee Walker asked about tax incentives the County will offer for 59 Lester Avenue. Trustee King stated we have no idea. Trustee Meaney asked that 59 Lester Avenue be looked at last in case the county gets any proposals and it is off the table in an effort to save time and money.

Mayor Deemie explained to the Board that there was an incident on Nassau Street involving the neighbors this weekend. They are fighting over the parking situation again. They also are complaining over the Police response. Mayor Deemie stated that if this continues he would like to consider eliminating parking on both sides of that section of the street again.

Trustee Walker asked about a credit card charge for Craig's List. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup stated that it was for the help wanted ad.

Trustee Balles asked about his question from last time regarding the gazebo. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup stated that Bob and Laurie's e-mails were not working today and did not bounce back to her until very late. Mayor Deemie stated that he thought we discussed that. Trustee Balles said he did not get his answer and wants to know what Bob based his answer on.

Trustee Walker asked about the 500 mile service on a back hoe – don't we have mechanics that can do oil changes on it. Trustee Meaney stated that it was probably part of the 500 mile service. Our mechanics do the regular oil changes.

Trustee Meaney asked if anyone spoke to Mr. Tripp regarding his concerns with the ditch project. Mayor Deemie stated that he did and Mr. Tripp basically wants the whole thing surveyed. Mayor Deemie reviewed the steps Mr. Bennett took before the project. Mayor Deemie stated he is looking into what we can do.

Trustee Meaney asked about the tower ladder truck and the demonstration that took place. Trustee King reviewed the cost of the demonstrator model they saw and other options. Trustee Balles asked about the status of the grant the Chief applied for. Chief has not heard yet.

Trustee Balles stated that he reached out to the mall management regarding the rumors of the mall's future. The manager stated because of confidentiality he can't come to speak to the board but the mall is not closing.

Mayor Deemie spoke regarding Trustee Walker's comments last meeting regarding comments he said were missing from past minutes. Mayor Deemie read from past minutes where those statements were indeed in the minutes. Trustee Walker stated that he stands corrected.

Trustee Walker stated that Assemblywoman Lupardo said that our local representatives have to come in as a group to talk to the board. Mayor Deemie stated that he is setting that up.

Mayor Deemie introduced the new library director, Ben Lainhart.

Trustee Walker asked about sign restrictions in relation to the earlier presentation. Attorney Sacco will look into the Code.

Trustee Meaney asked about signage and the Bergman study. Mayor Deemie stated that we are still in the planning stages of that. Trustee Meaney suggested looking at a temporary moratorium on signage.



ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:21pm.

Cindy Kennerup

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Village Clerk/Treasurer

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Recordings of the Village Board meetings and work sessions are available for review through the Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office.