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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor

Bruce King, Deputy Mayor

Richard Balles, Trustee Clark Giblin, Trustee John Walker, Trustee

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main Street, Johnson City

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor
 Bruce King, Deputy Mayor
 Richard Balles, Trustee
 Clark Giblin, Trustee
 John Walker, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel
 Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the fire exits.

County Executive Jason Garner gives an overview of his proposed 2019 budget

- Sales Tax Formula
- Delivered first proposed tax cut in 14 years
 - No services cut
 - Public Safety
 - 911 calls – increase number of people on staff
 - Added two emergency dispatch positions
 - Believe DA needs more resources for processing Court cases
 - Added two ADA positions
 - Hired four correction positions
- 4,000 open jobs - we need to attract people to come into the community to take the jobs.
 - Brand new initiative with DA
 - Training Program
 - Clean Sweep Program
 - Work Force Development
 - Partnering with local businesses
 - Welcome Wagon

Question and Answer Session:

Trustee Walker – Communication System for fire services is too expensive for the Village.

County Executive Garner responds the radio system network is failing in Broome County. We are using 1970 technology. Different agencies cannot communicate with each other. We are the only county in New York that is not upgraded to a modern system. Broome County is going to upgrade the radio communication network and build all the towers. They are going to buy all the radios and computers for all the municipalities. There is nothing for the municipalities to purchase. They want to communicate with a consolidated network at no burden to the municipalities. The county needs to come up with a funding source.

Trustee King –

- Communication issues. There are only 2 frequencies for fire, they would hear Binghamton calls and have to go to another channel.

County Executive Garner is unsure as to how it will work at this time.

- New positions in DA's Office and Public Defender's Office?

County Executive Garner explains Raise the Age. Due to State Law that was passed

- Beginning Oct 1st they will not be able to put a 16 year old in the Broome County Jail.
- Next year, starting October 1st, they will not be able to put a 17 year old in the Broome County Jail.
- We have to provide a whole range of services for 16 and 17 year olds in lieu of going to jail.
- Increases in Public Defender positions, County Attorney positions DA positions and Sheriff's Office positions.
- They now will have to send them to a secure youth facility which may be 150miles away.
- There are transportation costs, but the State will be reimbursing us for these costs.
- 15 Raise the Age positions will be added.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Ave – Added positions, but held the line on the taxes. How did you do that?

County Executive replies they started budgeting very accurately. Our economy is doing really well now.

Don Slota, Eldridge Ave – Are there people working to improve the airport?

County Executive states that they talk to minor and major airlines constantly and partner with the Chamber. They have increased marketing and are working with local businesses. The airlines look at whether they are filling the seats on the plane. In the last 6 months passenger boarding percentages have increased from 78% to over 86%.

Marty Meaney, Weymouth Lane – How much revenue is generated from 911 and surcharges for cell phones? How much do we expend out of that fund every year? Are portable radios included for police and fire or just in the apparatus?

County Executive responds 30 cents/month for a landline and 35 cents/month for a cell phone. The state takes a lot of that money. A small amount trickles back to the local area in the 911 center and operations. His understanding is that it does include portable radios. \$20 million upgrade will come out of 911 fee and cell phone charges. The Legislature will have to approve this.

Trustee Balles – You mentioned you have \$4 million in surplus. Can you use it for anything you want?

County Executive responds it is a fund balance and you can, but it would be fiscally irresponsible. Typically Broome County keeps 8% fund balance and there is less than 1% fund balance. Fund balance is a cushion that needs to there because there is so much variance in money coming in and out. There needs to be money in the fund balance for paying bills.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [1] Broome County Risk Assessment Meeting for the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2018 from 1-4:00pm in the Community Room at Chenango Town Hall, 1529 State Route 12, Binghamton, NY
- [2] The Johnson City Partners Cruze-In finale will be held from 5-8pm Thursday, September 20, 2018 in the Village Hall Parking lot.
- [3] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm.
- [4] Village Offices will be closed on Monday, October 8, 2018 for Columbus Day. There WILL BE yard waste collection on Monday.
- [5] The Village of Johnson City Plumbing Board Meetings have been changed to the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held October 11, 2018 at 6:00pm in the second floor board room.
- [6] The Joint Sewage Treatment Plant will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the Joint Sewage Board First Floor Conference Room.
- [7] The Joint Sewage Treatment Plant will hold a Sewer Budget Meeting on Friday, September 28, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Village of Johnson City Training Room, First Floor.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

- [1] Minutes of September 4, 2018 regular meeting and work session.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

BIDS– None

PUBLIC HEARINGS– None

PETITIONS RECEIVED– Lincoln Avenue Residents

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

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COMMUNICATIONS

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

- [1] Correspondence from a New York Avenue Resident regarding 45 Brewster Street

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

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

- [1] Minutes of the September 5, 2018 Town of Union Board Meeting
- [2] Planning Board Report – August 28, 2018 Meeting
- [3] Fire Department Report – September 2018
- [4] Police Department Report – September 2018
- [5] Zoning Board of Report – September 10, 2018 Meeting
- [6] Your Home Public Library Agenda and Director’s Report – September 10, 2018 Meeting
- [7] JSTP Report – September 11, 2018
- [8] Binghamton/Johnson City Joint Sewage Board Agenda, Business Report and Superintendent’s Report – September 11, 2018 Meeting

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- [1] Fire Department Overtime Report for the weeks of August 23, 2018 – September 5, 2018
- [2] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of August 23, 2018 – September 5, 2018
- [3] Department of Public Works Monthly Overtime Report for August 2018

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Abstract #6 of the 2018 – 2019 fiscal bills, having been audited by the Board and approved, was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 127,139.74
WATER FUND	\$ 26,375.56
SEWER FUND	\$ 324,439.59
REFUSE FUND	\$ 49,922.31
JSTP	\$2,727,082.55
VARPUR	\$ 315,120.78

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #2018 – 162

A motion to table the Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Johnson City, Broome County, New York and the Village Administrative Support Unit until further notice was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)

Resolution #2018 – 164

A motion to authorize forgiveness of the August 22, 2018 Inspection Fee on the August 31, 2018 Town of Union bill in the amount of \$100.00 for the lawn not being mowed at 178 St. Charles Street, Johnson City, NY was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Failed– Vote:

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

Resolution #2018 – 165

A motion to authorize reimbursement of the reconnection fee in the amount of \$150.00 for the shut off of water at 235 & 239 Harrison Street, Johnson City, NY was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Discussion: Mayor Deemie explains the resident has two residences. He went to where his escrow is paid and he gave them the bill for the rental, not his residence. They sent a check for the amount of the rental even though it was the wrong one. We got the check and hung onto it and didn't notify him in a timely manner. He did try to pay it, and has now paid, so is asking that we reimburse the connection fee. There were errors by all parties involved.

Resolution #2018 – 166

A motion to authorize the Johnson City Business & Professional Women to hold the 34th Annual Holiday Parade on Thursday, November 29, 2018 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 NY was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE (Trustees Balles & Walker) - No new business

POLICE (Trustees Balles & Walker)

Resolution #2018 – 167

A motion to approve a travel request for Dan VanWie and Todd Haven to attend the Narcotics Investigators Information Sharing Conference from Monday, November 5 – Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD at a cost of \$1316.00 from budget line A3120.4.930 was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Resolution #2018 – 168

A motion to approve a travel request for Nicholas Crandall and David Williams to attend IACP Leadership Training from Monday, October 1 – Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at the Albany Police Department Training Center, Albany, New York at a cost of \$1,232.83 from budget line A3120.4.930 was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Resolution #2018 – 169

A motion to authorize the auction of the following Police Department property was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

- 1) 2005 Jeep Cherokee VIN 1J4GR48K35C685757 (JCPD K-9 Patrol Car 742)
- 2) 2007 Ford Taurus VIN 1FAHP53U87A185791 (JCPD Detective Car 723)
- 3) 2010 Chevrolet Impala VIN 2G1WD5EM2A1250068 JCPD Detective Car 722)
- 4) 2012 Chevrolet Impala VIN 2G1WD5E33C1229062 JCPD Patrol Car 713)

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

PUBLIC WORKS (Trustees Balles & King) - No new business

RECREATION (Trustees Balles & King) - No new business

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

JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD ((Trustees Giblin & King) - No new business

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Deemie opened the second privilege of the floor.

Martin Meaney, Weymouth Lane

- Why is there a for lease sign on the old victory factory?

The Mayor responds Isaac Anzaroot would be the person to ask. He is looking to rent commercial space.

- The mall is seeking 90% reassessment, Sears, Macy's, JC Penney's are independent. Most of the mall is occupied. Whoever is representing municipality should bring this forward. Has anyone from the Village tried to market the mall property? Amazon is looking for regional distribution centers. The Village should talk to Sen. Akshar, Co. Assemblywoman Lupardo and Co. Exec. Garner to see if they can get involved.

The Mayor responds this is in litigation. The mall is private property. They have met with them and discussed this issue.

Trustee Giblin had been in contact with Amazon and he said they have not bought anything in New York and have no plan to.

Mayor Deemie closed the second privilege of the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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are available for review through the Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office.