



## VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

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### Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor  
Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin    Trustee Martin Meaney  
Trustee Benjamin Reynolds    Trustee John Walker

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### **Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main Street, Johnson City**

Present:            Gregory Deemie, Mayor  
                        Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor  
                        Martin Meaney, Trustee  
                        Benjamin Reynolds, Trustee  
                        John Walker, Trustee

Absent:            None

Also Present:    Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel  
                        Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer  
                        Ben Lainhart, Library Director

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Ben Lainhart discussed the library update.

- 2019-2020 Budget. Runs March to February.
- Update on policies
  - Policy committee to see what needs to be changed/updated
- Strategic Planning
- Hired FreshySites to update website
  - mobile friendly
- Building Issues
  - Roof biggest current building issue
  - Boiler
    - Possibly get a construction grant next year
  - Front porch
    - Needs to be taken care of in the next year or two
    - May be able to get a grant through the community foundation
- Lease
- 2018 was much busier than last several years

- If you receive Meals on Wheels in Broome County
  - Get bag every month with reading materials for people that cannot get out
- Hot spots for reservation
- Summer party – over 500 people in attendance
- Drive-In Movie – 175 attended
- Haunted House – over 300 people in attendance
- Dinosaur program – 250 people attended
- Barb Williamson who has been at the library for 47 years is retiring at the end of March
- Part-time Clerk looking to be hired for 19 hours per week.
- Annual report for 2018. Runs on a calendar year.

Daria Golazeski discussed the following:

- Code issues
  - 59 Allen – waiting for the engineering report
  - 20 Lincoln – going to Court next Thursday
  - Raymour & Flanigan – Trustee Meaney questions the overnight truck parking. Ms. Golazeski will check into it.
- Plumbing Board
  - Licensed Plumbers
  - Inspections
  - Prometric Testing
  - Used to be joint testing between Binghamton, Endicott and Johnson City in the 1990s
- Concern is that NY will never do statewide licensing because of NYC. Other states require Continuing Education. NY has never required that.
  - Code changes every two years
  - Some plumbers don't have code books
  - Can teach practical hands on, but do they understand code

Discussion with Trustee Walker, Mayor Deemie and Ms. Golazeski regarding reciprocal agreement and Prometrics.

- Electrical Board issues one time licenses.
  - Test is only offered two or three times per year

Mayor has gotten numerous complaints about Plumbing Board and only one complaint about Electrical licensing.

Discussion with Trustee Giblin and Mayor Deemie regarding testing.

- Electrical
  - Take Prometrics
  - Show qualifications
  - Receive license
- Plumbing
  - Take Prometrics
  - Take practical/hands on exam
  - Still can get held back from getting licenses

Discussion between Mayor Deemie and Trustee Meaney regarding status/follow up from Plumbing Board.

Ms. Golazeski explained in Binghamton, they give the exam 3 times per year with caveat that examinations are given January, May and September unless not enough applicants to take exam.

Attorney Sacco explained the different levels:

- We can do away with the testing completely and just do registration and insurance.
- Reciprocity with Prometrics with other states if they have continuing education
- Prometrics with local testing; or
- Local testing.

Ms. Golazeski

- What is the plumbing work that requires a permit (can change by inspector)?
- What is the adequate training? Do they have to work under licensed plumber or accept BOCES training like they do for Electrical Board? Is New Jersey license adequate to take the test?

Mayor Deemie, Trustee Meaney, Trustee Giblin discussed requirements to take the Prometrics test.

Chief Jacyna stated the Safer Grant was released and is due March 22<sup>nd</sup>

- The Chief asked the Board for a decision whether or not to go ahead with Safer Grant.
- Three year 75% 75% 35%. First and second years it covers 75%, and the third year it covers 35%. It covers salary and benefits for new hires. Clothing and equipment is not covered in the grant.
- Looking to hire three guys.

Mayor Deemie, Trustees and Chief Jacyna discussed the grant and upcoming retirements. The Board gave Chief Jacyna to go forward with the grant.

Chief Jacyna discussed the problems with Engine #1.

Mayor Deemie, Trustees and Treasurer Cindy Kennerup discussed online payments and property taxes.

Mayor Deemie reviewed the Agenda and Resolutions.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

A motion to enter executive session at 6:57 pm to discuss a personnel issue in the Police Department was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:05 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION #2**

A motion to enter executive session at 7:06 pm to discuss recess for legal advice was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:14 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION #3**

A motion to enter executive session at 7:14 pm to discuss recess for legal advice was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:20 pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

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Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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