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Village Board

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

Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, March 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
 Joe Steflik, Legal Counsel
 Robert Bennett, Director of Public Services

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

Trustee Meaney questioned the condition of the pavement and sidewalk on Reynolds Road by the Oakdale Mall.

Garrett Guiles, Technical Advisor and Justin Guiles CEO Vestal Asphalt discussed:

- Road Infrastructure
- Pavement Preservation – Diff tools and services you can use to maintain your road network
 - Most cost effective approach in getting the most out of your roads and making your taxpayer dollars go further.
 - Challenges
 - Hurdles facing Johnson City
 - Strategies
 - Solution
 - Pavement Management System
 - Plan
 - Pavement Options

Robert Bennett, Director of Public Services discussed the following:

- Village plan regarding paving
- Procurement Policy
 - Fencing of Wren Street tanks
 - 3 quotes
 - Grand & Willow traffic signal
 - 3 quotes for electrical and loops
 - Public Works Committee
 - Quotes and process of quotes
 - Bid is formal
 - 219 Main Street demolition

Bob Bennett, Mayor Deemie, Attorney Sacco, Trustee Walker, Trustee Meaney and Trustee Giblin discuss the Procurement Policy, Professional Services and Goods and Services, Quotes, Bids and flow of information.

Mayor Deemie and the Board discussed the following:

- Plumbing Board
 - Testing
 - Reciprocal Licensing
 - Agreement with Binghamton
- Gathering more information on parking kiosk information
- Permission to add \$100 to General Fund Abstract for lateral file purchase
 - Board gave permission
- Calvary Community Church Sign on Harry L Drive/Valley Plaza
 - Front yard is right-of-way for the Village
 - Agreement for them to change the face – license to have
 - Board gave permission

Mayor Deemie reviewed the Agenda and Resolutions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 5:30 pm to discuss on-going litigation 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 5:51 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 6:54 pm to 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 7:02 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 7:18 pm to discuss pending litigation in the Police Department 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 7:28 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Cindy Kennerup
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.

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- 1) I asked why the Verizon charge for 601-422-6324 was \$44.64 and I was told because the number had the highest usage. It is not the most used number, will you please check again.
Again, the iPads were changed to a Flex plan a year and a half ago. All iPads contribute to the shared pool of 100mb. Verizon is using the iPad with the number 607-422-6324 as the "main iPad", therefore, was assigned the higher monthly base charge. The other iPads have a lower base rate but they all share equally in the 100mb pool. The equipment charge of two iPad chargers was added to the "main iPad" charge.
 - 2) Why is the bill for a meal for the BCAOTV for \$22.00 resubmitted? As stated at last work session it was to be resubmitted.
 - 3) Why did we need to purchase 193 tons of salt for \$11,319 this late in the season, with no threat of a major storm in the long range forecast? It usually takes 2 weeks to 6 weeks to have our salt orders completely delivered. A "minor" storm usually takes approximately 200 tons to cover the entire Village. A major storm uses less salt because the roads are not salted until after the plowing operations are completed. If we experience numerous "minor" storms within days of each other the amount of stored salt is depleted quickly, therefore we order salt as it is used in an attempt to stay ahead.
 - 4) Why are we paying \$135 to have info added to the village's web site? Don't we have someone who can do that? Every time someone wants something added to the website they charge us \$15. No one in the Village has been given access to change the website
 - 5) What were the shades for \$82.00 from Home Depot for? The shades are in the training room at VH windows.
 - 6) Why did we need to travel to Kovariks when we have Home Depot? For example on 3/1 someone went to Kovariks for 2 bolts and that was all that was purchased. Joe needed the bolts to finish a project.
 - 7) Why is the parks phone bill \$166.96 when the parks are closed? The phone bill is based upon percentage, parks being one of the lowest percentage rates on the phone bill. The phone line for the carousel must be in function due to the alarm system.
 - 8) What was the camera for \$229.99 purchased in the fire department for? Camera is for fire investigation.
 - 9) Why was car 713 sent to Royal Ford for repairs for? Why was it not done in house? Was Royal Ford the least expensive?) We have started taking all of our warranty repair work to Royal Ford out of necessity because the service department at Feduke has proven to be very slow and poor in quality. They have missed things that they shouldn't have missed, and made crucial mistakes that they should not have made. In fact, we recently had to put a brand new engine in a patrol vehicle that was only covered under warranty because it had been to Feduke numerous times and not diagnosed until the engine was shot and the mileage exceeded. Our turnaround times and quality of service has been much improved since we started using Royal. We do use DPW for smaller jobs that they have time for, but they sometimes can't fit us in. My understanding is that DPW's protocol is to prioritize all public works jobs over the PD jobs. This sometimes makes us have to wait many weeks or even months before getting our vehicles back on bigger jobs. They are also sometimes not able to diagnose the issue and tell us that we have to go to the dealer anyway. This most recent voucher you saw was for a water pump and timing chain. DPW sent us to a dealer because they said that the whole engine has to be dropped for that job. The last time DPW did a water pump and timing chain for us was the former K9 Durango. I say former because a mistake was made that ruined the engine and we had to get rid of the vehicle. I'm not running down the DPW mechanics, anyone can make a mistake. But, if this were to happen at a dealer, they would have to install a new engine at their cost.
- Joe does do all of the work that he has the tools, time, and ability to do here, but some jobs are beyond what he can handle. Some jobs we have done at Southern Tier Auto when DPW can't get to us. But outside of those circumstances, we have found Royal to be our best option for big jobs and warranty work.

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10) Why are we not purchasing office supplies in bulk? **We did this in the past and it did not save us money. A lot of the items aren't sold in bulk.**

11) Can we have more details on the items that are purchased at Unicorn Electronics? **The items purchased at Unicorn are for some of our camera systems. There were originally 24 in-station security cameras in this building, but they were not recorded. They could simply be monitored live from the front desk. As you can imagine, in this day and age it is imperative for liability and accountability reasons that all cameras are recorded with playback ability. The original cameras were 16 year old analog cameras of poor quality, some of which were beginning to fail. As part of this year's budget, we purchased replacement digital cameras and added a few cameras in critical dead spots and budgeted for a system to record the footage. Most of the items purchased at unicorn were various components that Joe needs to connect it all together. One of the items was to replace a bad power supply for the street camera mounted on the fire station.**

12) Are any of the repairs on Tower 26 covered by warranty? **T26 was maintenance oil change lube not covered by warranty.**

13) Why are the monthly surcharges and taxes so different on the Verizon cell phone bills from department to department? There are taxes being charged on the police and fire department bills but no taxes are being charged on the other departments.

Our account manager is constantly trying to lower our costs. We just changed the police over to a Public Safety Plan and the Fire Department lines to a Government Share Plan to lower costs. Our other departments are on a plan that is the lowest possible at this time. Because of the different plans, the taxes are not the same around the board.

14) Why are we purchasing cold patch from Broome Bituminous when it is \$8.47 per ton cheaper at Vestal Asphalt? **They both charged the \$88.70 per ton Broome County contract price, except that Broome Bituminous choose to charge for the asphalt escalation and Vestal Asphalt did not. Also, the two company's material are different and DPW's experience is that the material from Broome Bituminous has better adhering qualities than Vestal's material.**

I respectfully request that the bill for a meal from BCATOV for \$22.00 and the bill for the meal including tip for \$24.00 for the magistrate's dinner be removed from the abstract.

I respectfully request that these questions and comments be entered into the minutes of the work session.

Thank you,
Trustee Meaney