



## 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, May 21, 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  
                        Thomas Johnson, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

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

Tom Johnson discussed the following:

- EOY – Water Agreement with Endicott dates back to 2008. Rates have not been changed since 2008. We were charging Endicott \$.53/100 cu ft of water and we should be charging them \$1.34.
- Water/Sewer/Refuse Rate Schedule
- Deficit
- Debt Increase Schedule
- Sewer Rates

Mayor Deemie, the Village Board and Attorney Sacco conversed about the following:

- Agreement
- Renegotiations
- Commercial Rates
- Commercial v. Residential
- Health care
- Look at usage
- High School Rates
- Tier System
- Local Laws

- Flow – 2 separate flows for Johnson City and Binghamton
- Attorney Sacco to review the IMA
- Rates in place until June 30, 2019

Attorney Sacco will look into:

- Public Hearing v. Public Input
- Municipal v. Business
- Industrial v. Home v. Hospital rate
- IMA

The Board and Mayor Deemie discussed the following:

- Summer employee t-shirts and keys
- Parks Department time management
- Sidewalk Replacement Contract
- Excel class for employees
- Agenda – put flag box on the Facebook page
- Vavarium – research facility is putting a driveway on Corliss
- 19 Avenue B update
- Grant personnel/grant writing
- Town of Union billing
- UHS meeting regarding appraisal of property
- Trustees Meaney and Walker to look into bringing Code back to Johnson City.

Mayor Deemie discussed the Agenda and resolutions.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

A motion to enter executive session at 5:42 pm to discuss legal advice 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 5:57 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #2**

A motion to enter executive session at 6:58 pm to discuss ASU Contract – Court Contract 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 Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. 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 legal advice regarding JSTP RFP was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Reynolds. 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 Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

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Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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

Here are my questions and comments:

- 1) What was the large purchase of stone in the water department needed for? Was it purchased for the upcoming year? **Stone was purchased for upcoming season of hydrant, valve, and curb box installations.**
- 2) What was the tapping machine purchased in the water department for? **This is a replacement of our old one, once again we will be tapping mains for new services this year, and many Main St. buildings will be upgrading their domestic service size.**
- 3) What happened to the mowers in the water department? **We are replacing mowers that were purchased after the 2011 flood. We mow 44 Camden St., well #4, well#5, well #6, Wren St. tanks, Reynolds and Deyo Hill tank properties. Due to the landscape there are a lot of areas that require push mowers and trimmers to maintain. The old ones were just wore out.**
- 4) Radio monitoring at Village Hall and the carousel, is this a new provider? **No, this is the same provider that we have had for several years.**
- 5) Where did the \$1,000 transfer into castings/machines/pipes come from? **Transfer will be made from A8140.4.630 to A8140.4.631 as part of the year end transfers if necessary.**
- 6) Why are we providing uniforms for the meter person for \$139.65? Is this contractual? Is he part time? **We budget monies for this as he is out in the public – yes his is part-time.**
- 7) Was insurance money used to purchase the replacement tools for the bucket truck? **No, insurance check for \$41,000+ will be used towards the purchase of the new replacement bucket truck.**
- 8) Why are we paying for parts from Auto Plus in the police department from 2014 and 2015? **These were invoices that Auto Plus discovered that they had not been paid for. Not sure if some of the invoices got lost in process; but very sure part of the problem was on their end with new staffing and mergers. When the invoices were sent to the Police Department it took time for the Police Clerk and Treasurer to confirm that they had not been prior paid – and discussed because of the budgeting – we needed to see what dollars were available for processing of payments. Chief Discussed with Treasurer on how to handle.**
- 9) What happened to the garage door at public works that it needed an emergency repair for \$1789.34? **Sewer truck was leaving (backing) out of the west end of the Public Works garage and a separate employee in a pickup truck was leaving through the east end of the garage at the same time and inadvertently pushed the wrong button on the remote garage door opener and the door came down on the Sewer truck as it was leaving.**
- 10) Why is the contract with Pyramid prepaid? Why should they earn interest on village money? **We purchase prepaid blocks of time so that when we need Pyramid they are on-call; whether it be a remote assistance or on-site assistance. As well as it saves us on travel expense and locks us in on rate in case of increase.**

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11) Why was \$232.77 in the police department for equipment and not for physicals? **This was for new hire equipment and properly charged to the correct line. This line is all new hire expenses – equipment and physicals. Clerk should have stated equipment.**

12) With the new policy with shutting off water for nonpayment, why is the tax re-levy so high? **Last year the Re-levy was \$917,664.29, therefore we have made positive strides in the right direction. Unfortunately we have residents that will not pay their April w/s/r bills but prefer to let their bill roll to their taxes.**

Thank you,  
Trustee Meaney

After reviewing the bills I have a few questions.

1. Were all of the clothing allowance purchase completed during appropriate times? **Yes – Employees were either done for the day, or off the clock at the times of purchases.**
2. Does TOU next to an item on a voucher indicate that the TOU will be reimbursing the Village for this purchase? **Yes it does.**
3. What caused the emergency repair on the garage door on Brown St.? **See #9**
4. Do the prepaid hours paid for to Pyramid expire if not used by a certain date? Do we typically purchase blocks of time like this? **Prepaid blocks do not expire. Most departments do – that way we save on travel expense rate from Pyramid as well as rate increase – we are locked into the lower rate.**

I respectfully ask that these questions and their answers be submitted into the minutes of the work session. Thank you.

Benjamin Reynolds  
Village Trustee