



## VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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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, August 6, 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

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

Mayor Deemie discussed the Agenda and resolutions:

Tom Augostini gave an overview of Excellus benefits for Village of Johnson City employees

- Health Plan Management Report – consistent year to year
  - ♦ Plan cost – increase
  - ♦ Advantages of being with Excellus
  - ♦ Consumerism
  - ♦ Emergency Room visits
  - ♦ Telemedicine
  - ♦ Prescription Drugs
    - Management techniques
    - Specialty
    - Cost
    - Members
  - ♦ Mailings
  - ♦ Snapshot of claims
  - ♦ Loss Ratio
  - ♦ High Claimants
  - ♦ Comparison from Medicare Advantage Plan to Classic Blue Plan

Discussion between Mayor Deemie, Trustees and Mr. Augostini regarding having a healthcare meeting for Village employees and retirees.

Trustee Meaney to work with Mr. Augostini and Ms. Kennerup regarding retiree insurance policies and direct mailings.

Chief Dodge discussed the SRO Program

- Johnson City School is the only school in the area that does not have a resource officer.
- The Superintendent approached him.

The SRO

- Recent retiree from a local police department
  - Not a member of the bargaining unit
  - Not subject to contract
  - No contribute to pension or insurance
  - Full-time officer there every day – 40 hours per week
- Chief Dodge met with teachers, school board members, parent group, superintendent meeting
- A lot of support, some opposition
- Did ground work and if approved by board, we will be ready to move
- Spoke with Broome County Personnel to make sure there are not problems with Civil Service. Ability to appoint someone as long as they have retired within the last year

Attorney Sacco confirms the SRO would be an insured Village Employee

She explains the four common models:

1. County Sheriff's office
2. DA's Office
3. Local Law Enforcement; and
4. Retired State Trooper

Chief Dodge told them they would be responsible for training and uniforms

Village Trustees, Chief Dodge, Mayor Deemie and Attorney Sacco discussed the following regarding having an SRO:

- Cost
- Liability
- Responsibility
- Civil Service

Chief Dodge will go back and talk to the school to see if they want to go forward with an SRO.

Village Trustees, Chief Dodge, Mayor Deemie and Attorney Sacco discussed gridlock on 201 to Harry L Drive West to Wegmans.

- Traffic
- Traffic signals
- Signs
- Cameras

Chief Dodge spoke about dangers of having an officer/patrol car near Wegmans.

Mayor Deemie will talk to Bob Bennett about timing of the light.

Chief Dodge confirms there haven't been any accidents there.

Mayor Deemie discussed not having a Village of Johnson City Plumbing Board

Attorney Sacco stated the City of Binghamton Plumbing Board is agreeable. Qualifications and application must be identical.

Attorney Sacco will prepare local law and will have motion to approve the agreement on the next agenda.

Plumbing Inspector will remain Miroslav Herzog.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

A motion to enter executive session at 6:44 pm 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 6:59 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 7:13 pm to discuss JSTP on matters leading to appointment 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 7:24 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 7:25 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 7:26 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Deemie discussed the Agenda and Resolutions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

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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.

08062019 ABSTRACT QUESTIONS

1. Do we have to pay the \$58,000 to LCP for the demo of 219 Main St? Are we reimbursed? **Yes, Grant monies received prior for this purpose.**

2. The bill from Keystone states we have to pay an extra \$634.80 because LCP needed an additional day. If they didn't get it done in time then why is that our responsibility? **Keystones quote for air monitoring was based on an ESTIMATED 3 days. It took 4 days to demo the building. When the spec was compiled it was assumed it would take 3 days to demo, it actually took 4 days to demo. Until a building is actually demo-de it cannot be determined the structural condition of the building.**

Thanks,

Clark Giblin, Village Trustee

1) How can the bill for Henderson be out of the 2018-2019 budget? Was this a carryover of surplus from last year's budget? **This was part of last year's budget and expenditures. The MCSJ software allows us a 3 month soft close. What this means is we can pay for certain budgeted expenses out of the correct/prior FY. No this was not part of the surplus.**

2) What happened to the gate at Floral Ave. Park (\$3,300.00)? **The gate was damaged last year sometime after our working hours. (Not by any Village Employee's). We assume it might be a vendor although we can't prove it. During the repair we widened the gate.**

3) Why are we getting blacktop from Broome Bituminous when it's less expensive from Barrett? **Broome Bituminous holds the current County bid award for hot mix asphalt patch. We only go to Barret Paving when patch is not available at Broome. On July 17<sup>th</sup> the Broome asphalt plant was broken down and we went to Barret. The reason per tonnage price is less is it was for a different material. They did not have type F2 asphalt patch available. They sold us type 6F 9.5mm which is indeed cheaper but because it has larger aggregate it is not recommended for patching roads due to the thickness of the patch that would have to be placed.**

4) On the Coughlin and Gerhart bill, under code violations GMM research regarding first amendment and political speech protection of flag \$410.00, what is this for? Also under notice of claims \$1,452.00 for Hill Street Properties, what is this for? **On the Coughlin and Gerhart bill, under code violations GMM research regarding first amendment and political speech protection of flag \$410.00, what is this for? The Code department called, they had gotten a complaint about a Flag that had some particular language on it (relating to a sitting federal politician); and Code was unclear how to handle it. In a nut shell it was a question if the particular wording made it a political sign or if there was more protection of the flag as a freedom of speech issue. We looked into it and got back to Code with a recommendation.**

**Also under notice of claims \$1,452.00 for Hill Street Properties, what is this for? Water department was getting contact repeated about this property as the owners were going through a Chapter 11 bankruptcy (reorganization). The water department had repeatedly been contacted by several different businesses claiming to own or have an interest in the property. The businesses wanted the names on the bill changed, and they wanted the current bills addressed certain ways. Initially we had suggested that the water department ask for the litigation paperwork and proof of having a successor interest in the property. Finally alleged proof was submitted. And this was a review of what was given, and a review of the Bankruptcy Chapter 11 reorganization plans (and the other items listed in the time entry). This Chapter 11 reorganization was complex and had many alleged successors and interested parties. We reviewed and got back to water with a recommendation. Cheryl Sacco, COUGHLIN & GERHART, LLP**

5) Will we be reimbursed the \$58,000.00 for the demolition of 219 Main Street? **Grant monies received prior.**

6) Why are we paying Grey Goose Graphics \$120.00 to update our web site? I believe that this can and should be done in house and that this expense is a misuse of taxpayer money. **If we want the web site updated we don't have a choice, as this is the agreement in place with Grey Goose. Both the clerk's office and the DPW offices are understaffed. Not sure who would/could have the time to keep up with this.**

Please pass on to the department heads that the explanations that are attached to the bills are very helpful and appreciated.

I respectfully request that these questions and comments are attached to the minutes of the work session.

Thank you,

Trustee Meaney