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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 Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, October 15, 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
Richard Balles, Broome County Legislator

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

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE – Brief Budget Address:

Jim Dutcher, Director of IT for Broome County Government presented the budget address.

Don Slota, Eldredge Ave – What is going on with the radio system upgrade for the Village?

Mr. Dutcher responded they are upgrading the system to make it modern and digital and will be completed in the next year.

Mayor Deemie confirmed radios will be upgraded in some Village of Johnson City departments.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Ave

Asked Mr. Dutcher to explain funding he mentioned.

What is average award and what type of projects?

Who needs to ask?

Mr. Dutcher stated \$150,000 for Small Community Fund. The average award is \$20,000 improving parks, demolition, fixing community centers. The municipality needs to make the request and is unsure if a community organization can ask.

Questioned community brochure for Johnson City to bring in tourism.

Mr. Dutcher responded they would direct you to the Chamber

Where do they get the application?

Mr. Dutcher said it is most likely on the Broome County website.

Lurline Crampton, Riverside Dr – Is the VA office moving?

Mr. Dutcher responded it will be at the Vestal Hills Country Club site.

Richard Balles, Richard Dr – He will find out about the application, who they need to contact and let Mayor Deemie and Julie know.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Ave – SUNY Broome. Is funding from County because County residents get discount?

Mr. Dutcher stated Community Colleges get funding 1/3 from each County, State and tuition.

Trustee Walker asked about the AIM monies.

Mayor Deemie explained he talked to the Chairman of the Legislature and was told is coming off the County's portion of the sales tax, not our portion and that if there is any issue going forward or have any questions to contact him and he will see what he can do.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [1] Congratulations to the JC Marching Band for their 1st Place sweep at the Columbus Day parade.
- [2] The next Town of Union Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:00pm with a work session at 5:30pm at 3111 East Main Street, Endwell.
- [3] Johnson City redevelopment and revitalization story map at the Pharmacy School Wednesday, October 16, 2019.
- [4] The next Association of Towns & Villages meeting will be held at The Spot Restaurant, 1062 Front Street, Binghamton, on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. social time with dinner and guest speaker following. Guest speaker will be Joel Kie from the Broome County Highway Association.
- [5] Electronics Drop Off is scheduled for October 26, 2019 from 7:00am – 11:00am at the DPW Garage, 124 Brown Street.
- [6] Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 31, 2019 from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the Schorr Family Firehouse Stage.
- [7] Village Hall will be closed on November 11, 2019 for Veteran's Day. There will be a service at the gazebo at 10:45am
- [8] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm at Village Hall.
- [9] Last yard waste day is scheduled for December 9, 2019
- [10] Congratulations to Johnson City Graduate Carly Gill for her qualification for Olympic Trials.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

[1] Minutes of October 1, 2019 regular meeting and work session

A motion to approve the minutes of October 1, 2019 was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

BIDS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PETITIONS RECEIVED – None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Deemie opened the first privilege of the floor.

Chris Waters, Adams Ave – Status of Floral Ave Park. What is the plan for the park? Will it re-open? What’s the plan as far as the pool?

Mayor Deemie responded it will open up at some point. They are trying to get the graffiti off the slide. There is constant vandalism, graffiti, throwing of items in the pool. The plan is to have the pool open for the summer. We are waiting for numbers from Robert Bennett.

Lurline Crampton, Riverside Dr – Daughter mentioned the number of people and seniors that go from the Fire Department to the diner. Can they put in a crosswalk?

Mayor Deemie stated there is one at the corner of Floral and Ackley. We are in the process of putting in automated pedestrian crossings. One will be down by Main gate to Floral and one near Hudson.

Richard Balles, Richard Dr – Do we have a camera on the fire station?
Discussed what Broome County has been doing for Johnson City?

Mayor Deemie responded the camera is broken and they have not been able to fix it.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Ave – Basketball courts at CFJ Park and destruction at Floral Park.

Mayor Deemie closed the first privilege of the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

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] Joint Sewage Treatment Board Meeting Reports dated September 30, 2019

[2] Your Home Public Library Agenda and Director’s Report dated October 8, 2019

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- [1] Fire Department Overtime Report for the weeks of September 19– October 2, 2019
- [2] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of September 19– October 2, 2019
- [3] Town of Union Code Enforcement Monthly Reports for September 2019

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Abstract #8 of the 2019 – 2020 fiscal bills as stated and/or amended and attached to the work session minutes and recorded as part of the work session minutes, having been audited by the Board and approved, was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

GENERAL FUND	\$1,338,246.86
WATER FUND	\$264,067.26
SEWER FUND	\$266,159.38
REFUSE FUND	\$41,191.75
JSTP	\$270,372.05
VARPUR	\$10,891,680.79
CAPITAL	\$0
DEBT SERVICE	\$88,150.09

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #2019 – 142

A motion to approve Village Justice Gregory Thomas’ request for permission to apply for the 2019-2020 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant through the New York State Unified Court System for the Village of Johnson City Court was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. *(As Amended)*

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

A motion to untable Resolution #2019 – 161 was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

Resolution #2019 – 161

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Delta Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors to provide professional engineering services for design in the amount of \$446,298.00 minus the cost of the bid phase services to be funded through FY19-20 Budget line A1640.4.975, ‘New DPW Facility’, with the option to contract at a later date for the bid phase services, if necessary was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. (Tabled on 9-17-19, Untabled on 10-15-19)

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Discussion: Trustee Meaney explained we have tabled this the last couple meetings because we want to make sure we are doing this right. We are doing our due diligence to make sure we are moving in the right direction for everyone involved.

Resolution #2019 – 185

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Paychex, Inc. regarding a village wide timeclock system, in a form acceptable to legal counsel was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Failed – Vote:

Ayes – 1 (Deemie) **Nays** – 4 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker) **Absent** – 0

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)

Resolution #2019 – 187

The following resolution was held over by Mayor Deemie

WHEREAS, a local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 264 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”” a copy of which is attached hereto, was introduced at this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to hold a public hearing with respect to the adoption of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Johnson City with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid Local Law at 7:35 p.m. on November 5, 2019, at Village Hall, 243 Main Street, Johnson City, New York, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

Discussion: Mayor Deemie stated this was held over due to a misunderstanding with regards to which street parking was being changed.

Resolution #2019 – 188

A motion to authorize the Village, in partnership with the Johnson City Celebration Committee, Inc. to hold the 10th Annual Lights on the Carousel at the CFJ Carousel from 5pm – 8pm on December 6th & 7th and December 13th & 14th, 2019 was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

Resolution #2019 – 189

A motion to authorize a Municipal Cleanup Day, free to Village residents, on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Public Works Garage, 124 Brown Street for the collection of electronics only was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

Resolution #2019 – 190

A motion to approve forgiveness of \$105 to Heather Fuimo for TV removal at 52 Broad Street due to her lack of knowledge of the Village not accepting electronics and it was picked before she was able to pull it back was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Failed – Vote:

Ayes – 0 **Nays – 5** (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Absent – 0**

Resolution #2019 – 191

A motion to hire Evans Mechanical, Inc. to replace the steam boiler at Your Home Public Library at 107 Main Street in an amount not to exceed \$24,600.00 was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

Discussion: Mayor Deemie explained this is an emergency situation.

Resolution #2019 – 192

A motion to accept two sets of pedestrian crosswalk signals from Broome County was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

Discussion: Mayor Deemie explained we have to accept this as a donation. It is regarding the crossing signals we talked about earlier.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE (Trustees Balles & Walker) - No new business

POLICE (Trustees Balles & Walker) - No new business

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.

Carol Laskoski, Edward St – What did you say regarding crosswalks?

Mayor Deemie responded they were discussing people crossing over by the Village Diner from the Fire Station. He confirms we were given two pedestrian crosswalks from Broome County to put on Floral Ave near the park.

Chris Waters, Adams Ave – Repairing the heat in the old DPW facility are they moving forward?

Mayor Deemie stated yes, they passed the resolution to move forward with the study to review it and repair it.

Lurline Crampton, Riverside Dr – Has any thought been given for flooding the place for ice skating at Floral Ave?

Mayor Deemie responded that question has come up, but we have not done it as far as he remembers. They did it at CFJ, Northside. He would have to look into the liability.

Attorney Sacco stated Town of Conklin does it and it is a problem because people skate on it when it isn't frozen and they cut the understructure and it is a liability and a cost.

Don Slota, Eldredge Ave – What happened to our publication/newsletter we were going to send out?

Trustee Reynolds responded they are trying to find a way to collect account numbers securely. He spoke with Grey Goose and they will be talking with them regarding options.

Mayor Deemie stated they are hoping to have a decision by the end of the year so we can start off the new year with all the information everyone needs with regards to dates for next year.

Karen Beebe – Would it be feasible to have a print copy and have it go out with the water bill?

Mayor Deemie responded we only send out postcards so we do it different.

Rick Balles, Richard – Gannett building. Has the deed issue been resolved? Also, Resolution #185 - Paychex, why did Mayor vote yes and the Village Trustees vote no.

Mayor Deemie stated he said they are working through the deed process and does not know where it stands.

Mayor Deemie discussed the possible time clock system and current software. The Trustees were under the impression that the new software could do what we needed, but it can't. We need another vehicle to capture the information and download it into the software to manipulate it into what we need to do for payroll. It will save time and effort. We budgeted \$40,000 village wide and this is only \$10,000.

Trustee Meaney explained he's talked to some people and we are underutilizing present system. We should use the current system to its maximum potential before we spend any money.

Trustee Giblin stated there are multiple things to look at and multiple avenues to pursue.

Mayor Deemie further explained we are not using it to its potential, but current software can't do what this Paychex software can.

Chris Waters, Adams Ave – Kudo's to whomever is doing the Facebook page.

Mike Tugwell, Greenridge St – JSTP status.

Mayor Deemie responded they are in the process of removing the equipment by the first week of November. A lot of processes have gone online. DEC is happy so far.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Ave – payroll software

Mayor Deemie and Trustee Meaney further discussed payroll software.

Mayor Deemie closed the second privilege of the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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