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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, November 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
 Jody Kennedy, PBA President

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

Mayor Deemie discussed the following:

- We did not receive the SAFER grant for personnel
- Received the radio grant which will help the radio system going in.
- Health Department report regarding water
- 19 Avenue B
- Insurance Committee – assigned Trustee Giblin and Trustee Reynolds
- Medicare PPO

Mayor Deemie, Attorney Sacco and Village Trustees discussed the Agenda and resolutions.

Trustee Meaney gave kudos to the employees who worked the electronics drop off, great job by them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 5:30 pm for PBA Contract 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 executive session at 6:26 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 6:27 pm to discuss ongoing arbitration within 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 executive session at 6:38 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 6:38 pm for legal recess was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 6:58 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Reynolds. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #4

A motion to enter executive session at 7:03 pm for legal advice 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 executive session at 7:11 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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

Meaney

ABSTRACT 11/19/19 QUESTIONS

- 1) JSTP Fund PO#20-00933 and PO#20-00934 are stapled together. **These are direct pay bills and processed together, that is why they were stapled together. Two invoices on the same check.**
- 2) Energy Upgrades PO#20-00896 for \$132,317.90 and PO# 20-00897 for \$132,318, what are these for and why is Jennifer Kakusian still on the bill? **Jennifer was the Treasurer when this loan took place; we have requested repeatedly for them to take her name off it to no avail. This was the JCI energy upgrade that the board at the time thought was a great idea. We are stuck until this is paid off.**
- 3) American Water Works Association 2,141.00, what is this for? Is it mandatory or required? What do we receive for this membership? **It is mandatory. It keeps us updated on industry standards (10 State Standards) , they will help with emergency crisis situations. We have went/participated in their classroom training.**
- 4) Sneaker Balls Happy Feet from Gearcor are air fresheners not clothing. Why are we paying for this? **After speaking with Amanda, I learned Sneaker Balls Happy Feet from Gearcor are air fresheners and collect moisture from your boots. These are a maintenance product for work boots. If there is a problem, she will reimburse the Village. JC and others have bought boot dryers in the past for maintenance of our boots using the clothing allowance.**
- 5) Why is the bill from Agway severely past due? **The DPW clerk received the notice on 10/25/19; checked in MCSJ to see if it had been previously paid, it had not and she processed it. Unfortunately, some of the invoices we receive look like packing slips and some of the clerks are learning the process. Agway – just sent the notice.**
- 6) Bill from Binghamton Johnson City Monuments, is this for a new plaque or is this a replacement for a damaged one? Why is Rick Balles authorized to make this purchase? **This is a new plaque. Rick discussed with the Mayor. Rick and Diane Salva were the people who handled the Veterans park plaques. This is the first one that has taken place in years.**
- 7) If we had the ability to update the villages web site we could have saved \$165.00 this month. When are we going to get authorization from Grey Goose Graphics to update our own web site? **Nothing has been done yet, Mayor will be reaching out to Grey Goose and other website developers.**
- 8) Why did we need to replace the 4 computer displays for \$392.52 in the police department? I understand the need to upgrade the computers, what was wrong with monitors? **Some of those computers we replaced were approaching 10 years old, and the monitors had already been reused from the computers before that. Over time, they start to dim and the resolution becomes less crisp making them more difficult to read. In addition to that, the monitors that aren't too bad have been repurposed as many of the detectives and administrators have gone to a dual monitor system to increase their productivity. For instance, if they are writing up a lengthy investigative report and need to repeatedly refer to the records management system, they can have both screens up simultaneously.**
- 9) What is the Image trend annual fee for \$500.00 in the fire department for? Why is David Nugent still in the bill? **Image trend is the system that we use for all med calls, all calls are put into the computer system and sent to the hospital. We are in the process of changing the contact name.**
- 10) What happened to car 718 in the police department? **One of our patrolmen was responding to a suspicious person walking through the back yard of a residence when he cut a turn too sharp and got into a minor fender bender. Nobody was hurt but the vehicles did require some fairly minor repairs.**

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- 11) The dipstick for the loader is listed as a brake kit on the PO. Clerk erred in documenting the information, it is not a brake-kit.
- 12) PO#20-01053 and PO#20-01055 are stapled together. Direct pay – two invoices, one check.
- 13) Why is the NYSEG bill for the Little League field \$94.27? This is in proportion to the same time last-year.
- 14) Why are we prepaying Pyramid \$4942.80? Leaving this money in the Village's bank account until services are rendered is better for the taxpayer than letting Pyramid make interest on it. If we do the pre-paid, we do not get charged for travel time; plus, it secures us a lower rate. Time and material rate are a higher rate and is charged for travel time. Most of this bill was to cover a negative balance – which means that the money was in our bank account and the bill is a catch-up bill. The bill is larger than normal because Pyramid was doing the computer conversion of the old computer to windows 8 and or adding the new computers to the network and then making sure that all programs, printers, etc. work on all work stations. Some cases were not an easy task.
- 15) Is a sleeve for knee support part of clothing allowance? If it is why? Knee Brace – there is no specifics in the contract for what is and isn't covered Page 20 of contract. However, if an employee needs something of this sort to do their job especially given the American Disabilities Act it would seem appropriate that we would allow for this. An employee receives a set dollar amount contractually every year, once it is spent it is gone.
- 16) Why is the lease for the copier in the fire department listed as supply freight? The supply freight is the shipping fee that Toshiba's Rochester office charges rather we are shipped supplies or not. It's a every month charge.
- 17) Why wasn't the repair of nitrogen sensor for the tower ladder in the fire department covered under warranty? The ladder truck is no longer under warranty.

I respectfully request that the above questions and comments be attached to the minutes of the work session.

Thank you,
Trustee Meaney

Bill Questions for November 19, 2019

1. Can we please get Jennifer Kakusian off the M & T bank account? Probably not – we have been trying to accomplish this for years. We asked them to send to Treasurer – Village of Johnson City, they ignore our request.
2. Why are there no times on several of the Gearcor purchases? Gearcor did not send us the second page of the 3 bills in question. We have left a message with their accounting representative to supply us with the missing documentation.
3. We purchased a ladder for \$1280. For the Water department? How tall is the ladder? Why so much money? Why was it purchased under F8320.2.641 which is Water-equip-well #6? These rolling step ladders that are 5' with a work platform. There is a need for technicians and operators to access both sides of the generator for maintenance and repair.
4. Thursday, 10/17 Nick Bidwell purchased clothing at 1:31pm was he off that day? Nick Bidwell was working on third shift that week, annual flushing .
5. We purchased a new snow blower from Goodrich for \$4,629.00. Was this budgeted for? Is this an attachment to a tractor? Per MS if you check your Approved 2019/2020 Village Budget, you'll find that it was budgeted in the parks for use with one of our existing Kubota tractors Parks line number A7140.2.758

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6. What is the annual fee to Image Trend for fire for? **Image trend is the system that we use for all med calls, all calls are put into the computer system and sent to the hospital.**
7. What is the user fee to Maglocen for \$400.00 for police? **This is the yearly membership fees to the Mid-Atlantic Law enforcement Network. By belonging they assist with equipment, funding and investigations.**
8. What is the tech fee to Pyramid for \$4,896.80 for? **See #14 above**
9. We purchased a shredder from Staples. Didn't we purchase one just a few months back? **The current shredder is for the Fire Department. The prior Shredder was for the Court. I believe that most of the departments have small shredders, (with the exception of the Court – which is a large one. When one breaks, they need to be replaced.**
10. I see two invoices for Tre-Gen for \$39,264.44. One we paid \$25,000. And it said "Grant" on it. What is this and where did the grant come from? The other invoice is for \$14,264.44. I assume that we just paid the total and they are copies of the same invoice? **Your assumption is correct regarding the copies of the same invoices. The \$25,000 was a grant that was secured and was budgeted as part of the 2019-2020 budget.**

I respectfully submit these questions and ask that they be placed in the minutes of the work session.

Thank You

Trustee Walker