



VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

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243 MAIN STREET, JOHNSON CITY, NY 13790

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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, December 3, 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 7:30pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the fire exits.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [1] Alternate Street parking went into effect on December 1, 2019
- [2] The next Town of Union Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:00pm with a work session at 5:30pm at 3111 East Main Street, Endwell.
- [3] The JCBPW Association's Annual Holiday Parade will be at 7pm on Thursday, December 5th on Main Street.
- [4] 10th Annual Lights on the Carousel will be held from 5 – 8pm on Dec. 6th & 7th and Dec. 13th & 14th.
- [5] The next Zoning Board Meeting will be held Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:30 in the Village of Johnson City Board Room, Second Floor.
- [6] The next Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board Meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 3:30pm at the Administration Building, Joint Sewage Treatment Plant, Vestal, NY.
- [7] The Johnson City Electrical Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00pm at Johnson City Village Hall, Second Floor Board Room.
- [8] The next Planning Board Meeting will be held Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:30 in the Village of Johnson City Board Room, Second Floor.
- [9] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm.
- [10] The Broome County Association of Towns & Village's Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 6:00pm at Riverdale Banquet Hall, 2901 Watson Blvd, Endwell.

- [11] The Village offices including Johnson City Village Court, will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th in observance of Christmas and Wednesday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.
- [12] Refuse Collections will be as follows: Garbage normally collected on Wednesday, Dec. 25th will be collected on Thursday, Dec. 26th. Garbage normally collected on Thursday, Dec. 26th, will be collected on Friday, Dec. 27th. Garbage normally collected on Friday, Dec. 27th will be collected on Monday, Dec. 30th.
- [13] Mooney's Sports Bar & Grill grand opening is Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 10:00am.
- [14] There will be no further yard waste collection.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

- [1] Minutes of November 19, 2019 regular meeting and work session

A motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 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

- [1] Local Law amending the Village Zoning Map - Rezone portions of Hudson Street and Park Place from the Urban Multi-Family District to the Neighborhood Commercial District.

Mayor Deemie opened the public hearing.

Attorney Sacco explained 239 Review is not required and the SEQRA is negative. The Planning Board recommends approval.

Trustee Walker questions Rich Keehle of UHS regarding owning another property on Park.

Mr. Keehle confirms they own one other properties on Park, but do not have any plans to demolish it at this time and is occupied by staff.

Carol Laskowski, Edwards St. - asked for definition of neighborhood commercial district and what is allowable.

Mayor Deemie explained neighborhood commercial means there is neighborhood and commercial mixed. This Public Hearing includes 60 Hudson Street, 64 Hudson Street, 66-68 Hudson Street, 72 Hudson Street, 76 Hudson Street and 37 and 41 Park Street.

Mayor Deemie closed the public hearing.

PETITIONS RECEIVED – None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Deemie opened the first privilege of the floor.

Don Slota, Eldredge Ave – Is Lusk Street going to be parking? Does it have to be rezoned?

Mr. Keehle confirmed it will be parking it is in the process of going from the Planning Board.

Mayor Deemie closed the first privilege of the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

[1] Fire Department Overtime Report for the weeks of November 14– November 27, 2019

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Abstract #10 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	\$2,017,728.53
WATER FUND	\$168,896.52
SEWER FUND	\$35,635.59
REFUSE FUND	\$90,945.87
JSTP	\$35,331.32
VARPUR	\$0
CAPITAL	\$0
DEBT SERVICE	\$0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)

Resolution #2019 – 208

A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Johnson City scheduled a public hearing for December 3, 2019 at 7:35 p.m. for Local Law No. 9 of the year 2019 entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE VILLAGE ZONING MAP” regarding parcels on Hudson Street and Park Place; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village and posted on the Village Clerk's sign board; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at Village Hall, 243 Main Street, Johnson City, New York on the 3rd day of December, 2019 at 7:35 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Village Board that this is an Unlisted Action as defined under said regulations. The Village Board has considered the possible environmental impacts of the action, concluded that it will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and adopts a negative declaration with respect to the same; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby adopts said Local Law as Local Law No. 9-2019 entitled "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE VILLAGE ZONING MAP", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Village Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

Resolution #2019 – 209

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with McFarland Johnson for Preliminary Engineering/Design and Right-of-Way Incidentals services for the Resurfacing of Floral Avenue from Lusk Street to Ackley Avenue, Federal-Aid/Marchiselli-Aid Project D036221, PIN 9754.11; in the amount of \$53,969.00, with 80% of the cost to be reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Resolution #2019 – 210

A motion to appoint April L. Chapman to the position of full time Clerk in the Johnson City Village Court at a base salary of \$24,499.36 effective Thursday, December 5, 2019. This appointment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background check, and successfully passing a General Clerical-OC civil service exam when the next test is offered and scoring within the top three on the list. There will be a performance evaluation after 6 months of employment was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

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)

Resolution #2019 – 211

A motion to authorize the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board's request that the Owners pass legislation to amend the 2019 Budget to increase appropriations on the ledger account for Health Insurance (J9060.58000C) by \$10,000 and reduce Health Insurance – Retirees (J9060.58002C) by the same amount made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Deemie opened the second privilege of the floor.

Chris Waters, Adams Ave –

1. Has the heat in DPW been done? And how much did it cost?
 - Mayor Deemie responded it is in the process right now. They have put temporary heating in at the moment because it was not functioning at all. Mayor Deemie will have the numbers at the next meeting.
2. News on the privatization of the JSTP, do you know when that will happen?
 - Mayor Deemie stated there is nothing new to report at this time and does not know when they will have a decision.
3. Floral Park – what is going on? Is it still a plan to open the pool next year? If we can't keep Floral Park free of vandalism, how are we going to have a rail trail that miles and miles long? Are we going to close that if there is vandalism?
 - Mayor Deemie responded, it may reopen.
 - In regards to the graffiti on the slide, the individuals also kicked and broke the safety panels. They are in the process of finding the safety panels which are molded to fit the sides. They are in the process of ordering the panels. Until that is safe, we cannot reopen the park. At this time the bucket truck cannot get in the park because it is too wet.
 - The graffiti is almost off the slide. He is unsure whether they have had time to get back in there and clean it.
 - Yes, the plan is to open a pool.
 - It is a specific park that has issues. We don't have that issue in the other parks. The rail trail is a whole different animal. Hopefully when the people see the growth and enthusiasm, they will stop vandalizing.

- Trustee Giblin stated that if people are going to continually vandalize the park why are we going to put money into it?
- Trustee Meaney explained we have a fiduciary responsibility to spend the tax payers money wisely. We just spent \$40,000-\$50,000 on a new liner and it gets wrecked. How do we explain to the taxpayers that we are going to spend \$150,000 on a new pool.
- Mayor Deemie stated he chained and locked the CFJ basketball courts in the off season and reopened it when the parks opened. There has been no vandalism to the courts, no garbage and no problems. We are trying to send a message.

Corinna Johnson, Cook St – Do you know who is doing the vandalism?

Mayor Deemie responded we knew who broke the chain and lock, but if they are under 18 we cannot do anything.

Mayor Deemie closed the second privilege of the floor.

Mayor Deemie wished Trustee Ben Reynolds a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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