



VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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 Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm 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
 Police Chief Brent Dodge
 John Hussar, Grey Goose Graphics
 Chris Waters

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

Grey Goose will be discussing the website at 6:00p.m.

Chief Dodge and Sharon Fisher will be here at 6:30p.m. to discuss the Tobacco Law.

Next meeting – December 17, 2019

5:30pm Legal with Bob Bennett regarding water

6:30pm Freshsites will be here at to discuss the website.

Mayor Deemie, Attorney Sacco and Village Trustees discussed the following:

- Public Hearing
 - They want to make the parking lot and the properties at the end one continuous property.
 - The Village Board will deal with the rezone
 - The Planning Department will deal with the parking
 - Attorney Sacco reviewed the SEQRA including recommendation from the Planning Board
 - 239 Review is not required
 - Negative Declaration for the environmental review

- PBA Contract – Meeting next week
- Insurance Committee
- Joint Fire District
 - Trustee Meaney suggested reaching out to City of Binghamton
- Code
 - Trustee Walker stated he reviewed the entire thing and looks like to take it back it wouldn't be overly stressing on the numbers. Around \$250,000 per year. He has not spoken with Dee yet.
 - Trustee Meaney stated we budgeted for \$207,200
- Parade
 - Trustee Giblin and Trustee Meaney will try and be there
- Lights on the Carousel
 - Trustee Meaney and Trustee Giblin will be there on Friday night
 - Trustee Walker will try and stop
- Deborah Drive
 - Bob Bennett and Sergeant Mason will take a look at it next week.
- Recycling costs
 - Cost per ton for recycling was at \$40/ton and is going up to \$65/ton.
 - Mayor Deemie will reach out to our State Representative
- Salt orders

Mayor Deemie stated he received several compliments from residents about the plowing and praised the work DPW does.

Trustee Meaney complimented DPW on the beautiful work they did on the streets.

Trustee Walker discussed complaints on Facebook and complimented how hard DPW works.

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

John Hussar of Grey Goose discussed his company, contract and website information. Handed out packet to Board. Mr. Hussar explained the website, charges, batching, updates and security. Mr. Hussar discussed cost options.

Mayor Deemie, Village Board and John Hussar discussed Facebook, videos and agendas.

Chief Dodge discussed his collaboration with Sharon Fisher of Tobacco Free Broome and Laura Kelly Public Health Educator of Broome County Health Department on potential legislation addressing tobacco retailers in the health and cultural district downtown and within a certain proximately of schools or youth center areas. The goal is to regulate tobacco retailers and limit where new tobacco retailers can come in and set up shop and in time reduce the number of tobacco retailers in these areas. There are 15 municipalities in New York State who have adopted such laws, including Binghamton.

Attorney Sacco questioned what has changed since they were last here.

Ms. Fisher responded some communities have adopted legislation and she will distribute details of municipalities related to tobacco legislation for anyone that wants it.

Chief Dodge confirmed they have conducted raids on multiple tobacco retailers in the health and cultural district within the last couple years. Some they found gross violations; code, health department, tax and finance, selling untaxed cigarettes. Weight of the violations has been able to get them shut down. They just put the business under an LLC and reopen, but the tobacco license does not transfer to the new business. If we write the law correctly no new license would be granted in that area.

Mayor Deemie, Chief Dodge, Village Board and Ms. Fisher discussed the following:

- Law and options to decrease retailers from year to year due to violations
- Tobacco retailers within 500 feet of a school or park
- Age increase in purchasing tobacco
- Hospital no smoking zones
- Loitering Law & loitering signs
- Marketing

Mayor Deemie stated that because we have a designated Health & Cultural District it gives us a little more power when it comes to legislation and stopping the sale of cigarettes and being able to force the issue. The basis behind it is to create a healthy environment.

Chief Dodge discussed:

- Parking situation on Deborah Drive. Spoke with Lou Castelluci and Bob Bennett and there have been no more issues since the date of the picture. Parking Enforcement will check more often and there will be more focused enforcement.
- Programming of traffic lights has been completed at Wegmans-201 area

Mayor Deemie discussed:

- Floral Avenue Park
 - Pool update
 - Graffiti on slide has almost been taken care of
 - Safety issue with slide
 - Panels have been ordered. Too wet to get bucket truck in
 - Trustee Meaney asked if there was any way we could upgrade or fix surveillance cameras in the park.
 - No surveillance cameras in the park
 - Camera covers 360°
 - We will look into putting cameras in the park
 - The better the resolution the higher cost
 - Approach Assemblywoman Lupardo and Senator Akshar

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 7:16 pm to discuss purchase of real property 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 executive session at 7:19 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter executive session at 7:22 pm to recess for legal advice and pending litigation 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 7:28 pm was made by 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.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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

Meaney

12032019 ABSTRACT QUESTIONS

- 1) A boot dryer was purchased from Gearcore for \$54.95, is this clothing? **No this is not clothing. However, it was purchased from their clothing allowance. This was allowed at least one other time for another employee. These are considered to be an item that preserves the longevity of the boots and also gets them back in use quicker.**
- 2) What is the Lektriever Maintenance agreement for \$1200.00 for? **This is the maintenance agreement for the Lektriever – which is the revolving file system in the Clerk’s office where the birth and death records are kept.**

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

Thank you,
Trustee Meaney

1. PO# 20-01145 for software license for 2019. Why are we paying for a 2019 license in December of 2019? **We are paying for the 2020 software. Cut and paste error, now fixed – thank you.**
2. We purchased a carburetor for \$220.50 for the water department on PO # WAB-20020. How much would a new Chainsaw cost? How old is the chain saw? **This saw is for cutting pipe cast , ductile iron , a replacement saw would be \$1,900. The saw was purchased in 2014.**
3. I thought we purchased new computers for the water department this year? If so, why are we purchasing Microsoft office for home and Business. Doesn’t that come loaded on the new computers? Is this a yearly subscription? **We purchase new computers off the State contract – when we purchase directly from whomever has to contract at the time – last several years – HP, these computers do not come fully loaded as all companies have different needs. We have to purchase the Microsoft Office separate for each computer. No – it is not a yearly subscription. The license goes until the computer quits or needs to be upgraded. Most up-grades are free; however, there are very rare occasions where we are forced to purchase a new up-grade.**
4. On our monthly C&G billing, \$8692. Was spent doe Code violations? Did we recoup that amount in fines? What is up with so much time spent for 59 Lester Ave.? **We have not kept track of time as property specific; and trying to do that is problematic. I can explain why in Recess for Legal. Also, we have very little control over the fine amounts that the Judge awards and even less ability to control collection. And the Judge needs to be judicial in his handling of fines. So, a direct correlation of fine recovery for time spent is impossible. I can explain that in Recess as well.**

If the board wants to know what properties are on the Court docket, I can ask that a docket be sent. But please be aware that Court is only a part of the process.

59 Lester is a major issue right now for Code, and it is a delicate, and confidential situation. We can discuss in Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation.

I respectfully submit these questions and ask that they be added to our work session minutes.

John Walker
trustee

12032019 ABSTRACT QUESTIONS

1. Why did we spend almost \$24 per snow shovel? That seems expensive to me.
2. What is a truck sideboard?

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