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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor
Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor
John Walker, Trustee
Martin Meaney, Trustee
Benjamin Reynolds, Trustee

Minutes of the Village of Johnson City Special Meeting of the Village Board held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00p.m. in the Municipal Building, 243 Main St., Johnson City

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor
John Walker, Trustee
Martin Meaney, Trustee
Benjamin Reynolds, Trustee

Absent: Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor
Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel

Also Present: Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer
Thomas Johnson, Deputy Treasurer

Mayor Deemie called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **FIRE EXITS**
3. **OLD BUSINESS** - None
4. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Deemie opened by stating Tom Johnson will discuss the water, sewer, refuse rates in hopes to move things forward to setting a public hearing regarding rate changes.

Tom Johnson handed out the following:

- Actual Budget for 2018-19, Adopted Budget for 2019-20 Proposed Sewer Rate Changes for 2019-20 and Impact on the 2019-20 Budget
- 2020-2021 Budget Worksheets
 - Sewer Fund Expenses
 - Sewer Fund Revenues



Mr. Johnson discussed the sewer fund including:

- Consumption
 - Water consumption is the base for billing sewer, but not all used water is necessarily sewer.
- Water meters
- Revenues
- Will get more current figures from the Water Department for 2019 to compare
- Nursing School coming on will help situation, but unable to predict.
- Expenses are up because of debt
- We are struggling because we haven't increased rates
- Jump in debt is due to JSTP project
- Guestimation for next year is probably \$7.5 million
- Grants
- Loans
 - Hardship loan - \$6 million with 0% interest
- Outside Users
- Recommends increase in April to get us through this year
- Next year will have to be addressed through budget negotiations
- Water line size
- Sewer rate increase
 - Leave minimum at \$50 and increase \$2 for every 100 over 1,000 from \$5.25 to \$7.25
 - Set public hearing for increase

Mr. Johnson, Mayor Deemie and the Board discussed:

- Refuse rate will remain the same. Mr. Johnson stated it is stable at \$70
- Water and sewer rates will be discussed at budget time.
- Legal Expenses
 - Mr. Johnson will look into the overage on legal expenses
- Bonding fees
- Water Shut-offs
 - Mr. Johnson confirmed the cash flow has improved which means less we have to relevy.



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- Found that we did not receive City of Binghamton did not give us our quarterly rebate payment which is part of the \$1.6 million on revenue side. We only collected \$650,000. Mr. Johnson confirmed the \$401,000 was received this afternoon and was transferred to the sewer fund.
- Trustee Meaney suggested looking a tiered billing system
- Sears building.
- Tom will check with the Water Department regarding meter sizes and consumption numbers

Mayor Deemie, Trustee Meaney, Trustee Reynolds and Trustee Walker were all in agreement to set the public hearing to increase the sewer rates for every 100 cubic feet over 1,000 cubic feet from \$5.25 to \$7.25.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Deemie adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer