



VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor

Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor

Martin Meaney, Trustee

Benjamin Reynolds, Trustee

John Walker, Trustee

AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 @ 7:30pm • Village Hall, 243 Main St., 2nd Floor, Johnson City, NY

We kindly request that you turn off or mute all cell phones and pagers. We kindly request that if anyone wishes to read from a prepared statement, please provide the Clerk with a copy so that the minutes can be as accurate as possible.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. FIRE EXITS

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [3.1] The Village of Johnson City Planning Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:30pm with a work session as 7:00pm.
- [3.2] The Broome County Association of Towns and Villages meeting will be held on February 27 at Atrio Buffet, 406 Hooper Road, Endwell, NY at 6:00pm.
- [3.3] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:00pm.
- [3.4] Congratulations to Matthew Pope on earning Eagle Scout for Troop 110.

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

- [4.1] Minutes of February 4, 2020 regular meeting and work session.

5. BIDS – None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. PETITIONS RECEIVED – None

8. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

9. COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

- [10.1] Code Enforcement - *No report submitted*
- [10.2] Court – *No report submitted*
- [10.3] Joint Sewage Treatment Board Reports dated January 31, 2020

- [10.4] Joint Sewage Treatment Board Reports dated February 10, 2020
- [10.5] Your Home Public Library February 11, 2020 Agenda
- [10.6] Library Director's Report dated January 13, 2020
- [10.7] Newsletter - *No report submitted*
- [10.8] Planning – *No report submitted*
- [10.9] Public Safety - *No report submitted*
- [10.10] Public Works – *No report submitted*
- [10.11] Zoning – *No report submitted*

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- [11.1] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of November 14 – November 27, 2019
- [11.2] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of November 28 – December 11, 2019
- [11.3] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of December 12 – December 25, 2019
- [11.4] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of December 26, 2019 – January 8, 2020
- [11.5] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of January 9 – January 22, 2020
- [11.6] Fire Department Overtime Report for the weeks of January 23 – February 5, 2020
- [11.7] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of January 23 – February 5, 2020
- [11.8] Town of Union Board Meeting Minutes dated January 15, 2020
- [11.9] DPW & Water Dept Monthly Reports for November 2019, December 2019 & January 2020

12. PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

Abstract #15 of the 2019 - 2020 Fiscal bills as stated and or amended and attached to the work session minutes.

GENERAL FUND	\$86,101.60
WATER FUND	\$12,557.51
SEWER FUND	\$650.21
REFUSE FUND	\$23,408.88
JSTP	\$143,270.57
VARPUR	\$0
CAPITAL	\$0
DEBT SERVICE	\$0

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #2020 – 38

In accordance with Village Law section 6-624, the Village hereby designates 219 Main Street, Johnson City to be park land.

14. NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)

Resolution #2020 – 44

AMENDATORY BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2020.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING A BOND RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO ARCH STREET BRIDGE IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE, TO EXTEND THE MAXIMUM MATURITY OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED BEYOND FIVE YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City, Broome County, New York, duly adopted a bond resolution on August 18, 2015, authorizing the issuance of an aggregate \$2,650,000 bonds of said Village to pay the cost of the construction of improvements to Arch Street Bridge, in and for said Village, at a total maximum estimated cost of \$2,650,000; and

WHEREAS, such bond resolution restricts the maximum maturity of the bonds to five years; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to remove such restriction and authorize the financing over the period of probable usefulness assigned thereto; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of **not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength** of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City, Broome County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The bond resolution set forth in the preambles is hereby amended to provide that the maximum maturity of the bonds therein authorized will be twenty years and will thus exceed five years with respect to the issuance of the bonds authorized therein.

Section 2. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in the official newspaper of said Village for such purpose, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. **THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

Resolution #2020 – 45

AMENDATORY BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2020.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING A BOND RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING OF ROADS IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE, TO EXTEND THE MAXIMUM MATURITY OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED BEYOND FIVE YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City, Broome County, New York, duly adopted a bond resolution on August 18, 2015, authorizing the issuance of an aggregate \$771,000 bonds of said

Village to pay the cost of the reconstruction/resurfacing of roads, including sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drainage, landscaping and other incidental improvements, in and for said Village, at a total maximum estimated cost of \$771,000; and

WHEREAS, such bond resolution restricts the maximum maturity of the bonds to five years; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to remove such restriction and authorize the financing over the period of probable usefulness assigned thereto; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of **not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength** of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City, Broome County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The bond resolution set forth in the preambles is hereby amended to provide that the maximum maturity of the bonds therein authorized will be fifteen years and will thus exceed five years with respect to the issuance of the bonds authorized therein.

Section 2. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in the official newspaper of said Village for such purpose, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. **THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

Resolution #2020 – 46

A motion to add Tioga State Bank to the list of Banks and Depositories for the Village for the year 2020.

Resolution #2020 – 47

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

WHEREAS, a local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 140 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED ‘ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY’”, 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 March 3, 2020, 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.

Resolution #2020 – 48

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

WHEREAS, a local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE VILLAGE ZONING MAP” regarding 183 Marie Street, a copy of which is attached hereto, was introduced at this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Village Code requires referral to the Planning Board for recommendation. The Village Board hereby refers it; 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 March 3, 2020, 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.

Resolution #2020 – 49

In accordance with Village Law section 222-2(E), the Village shall hold a public hearing regarding sewer rents on March 3, 2020 at 7:35 p.m., and hereby authorizes publication of notice of said public hearing.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE (Trustees Walker & Reynolds) – No new business

POLICE (Trustees Walker & Reynolds)

Resolution #2020 – 50

RESOLUTION OF THE Village of Johnson City

REQUESTING AMENDMENTS TO NEW YORK STATE'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS

WHEREAS while there was a need to reform New York’s criminal justice statutes during the 2019 state legislative session, it is widely recognized that several of the drastic changes in the laws pertaining to discovery are overly broad and vague and are having unintended consequences at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS the dramatically shortened time period in which prosecutors must disclose evidence to defendants and the broad expansion of the matters to which such discovery mandates apply will have significant cost, tax and justice implications for cities and villages with police departments, local justice courts or code/parking enforcement departments; and

WHEREAS the discovery reforms mandate prosecutors disclose evidence to the defense within 15 days of arraignment for criminal charges (even if the defendant is not in custody); and

WHEREAS drastically enlarging the scope of material that a prosecutor must review and deliver within 15 days will overwhelm the ability of city and village officials and employees to prosecute cases while

managing their misdemeanor and felony caseloads, and will make it impossible to prosecute vehicle and traffic and local code infractions and violations in compliance with the new discovery mandates; and

WHEREAS arraignment must now take place within 20 days of desk appearance ticket issuance, thereby requiring justice courts, many of which convene monthly, to meet more frequently; and

WHEREAS cities and villages will not reap savings from the bail reform's reduction of the burden on county jails; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already challenged with operating within the now-permanent 2% tax cap and have not received an increase in general purpose state aid in 11 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the *Village of Johnson City* supports the following set of amendments proposed by the New York State Conference of Mayors that are consistent with the intent of the criminal justice reforms but which will allow for more effective and affordable implementation:

- Ensure that cities and villages are provided with additional financial and operational support to offset the cost of these mandated measures;
- Allow 60 days for prosecutors to disclose evidence to the defense for criminal charges;
- Exclude from the accelerated discovery requirements any charge not involving a misdemeanor or felony;
- Adjust the 20-day arraignment requirement to accommodate local courts that meet on a monthly basis;
- Allow prosecutors to withhold sensitive information, such as victim contact information, without having to obtain a court order.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this duly adopted resolution of the *Village of Johnson City* be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator *Fred Akshar* and Assembly Member *Donna Lupardo*, the New York State Conference of Mayors, and local media outlets.

PUBLIC WORKS (Trustees Walker & Giblin) – No new business

RECREATION (Trustees Walker & Giblin) – No new business

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT (Trustees Walker & Meaney) – No new business

JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD (Trustees Giblin & Reynolds)

Resolution #2020 – 51

Authorize the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board's request that the Owners pass legislation to amend the 2019 Budget to increase appropriations for Sick Time Buy-Back (J9089.58100) by \$7,655.15 with funds transferred from Health Insurance Buy-Out (J8130.58001C) and also increase appropriations for Unemployment Insurance (J9050.58000E) by \$1,451.29 with funds transferred from Contingency (J8130.55000).

Resolution #2020 – 52

Authorize the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board and City Comptroller's request that the Owners pass legislation to amend the 2019 Budget to increase appropriations for JC – Reimbursement of Local Systems Cost (J8130.54000.JG) by \$29,234.59 with funds transferred from JC Reimburse Debt Service (J8130.54001.JG) and also Bing – Reimburse Local Systems Cost (J8130.54000.JZ) by \$313,188.36 with funds transferred from Bing – Reimburse Debt Service (J8130.54001.JZ).

15. **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS**

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

To contact Village Board members via e-mail please use the following addresses:

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**VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY
LOCAL LAW NO. 5 FOR THE YEAR 2020**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 140
OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED "ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF
JOHNSON CITY"**

Section 1. Chapter 140 of the Village Code shall be amended as follows:

§ 140-2 Definitions.

Delete defined term Board in its entirety.

Delete the defined term Certificate of Approval and replace with:

A certificate issued by the Inspector.

§ 140-3 Enforcement.

A. Remains the same.

B. Delete and Replace with: The Village Attorney of the Village of Johnson City shall act as counsel and legal adviser to the Village Code Enforcement Officer, and it shall be his or her duty to prosecute violations of this chapter upon complaint of the Inspector or Code Enforcement Officer.

§ 140-6 Permits.

A. Delete the last sentence

B. Remains the same.

C. Delete and replace with: Permit fee. The cost of electrical permits and inspections shall be set by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees.

D. Remains the same.

§ 140-7 Inspections.

A. Delete and replace with: Authority of inspectors. The Chief Inspector, duly appointed, authorized, and required to make electrical inspections within the Village or within an area which includes the Village and each of his or her duly appointed deputy and assistant inspectors are hereby authorized and deputized as agents of the Village to

make inspections and reinspections of all electrical installations within the Village and all extensions thereto and alterations thereof and to approve or disapprove the same.

B. Remains the same.

C. Remains the same.

D. Remains the same.

E. Remains the same.

F. Remains the same.

§ 140-9 Liability for damage.

Delete and replace with: This chapter shall not be construed to relieve from nor lessen responsibility of any person owning, operating, controlling or installing any electric wiring, devices, appliances or equipment for loss of life or damage to person or property caused by any defect therein, nor shall the Village, any officer of the Village, or the Electrical Inspector be deemed to have assumed any such liability by reason of any inspection made or license issued pursuant to this chapter.

§ 140-11 Disposition of moneys derived from operation of chapter.

Delete and replace with: All fees, fines and penalties collected by the Village Clerk from the operation of this chapter shall be turned over to the Treasurer or other fiscal officer of the Village exercising corresponding functions within ten (10) days after they are received, and such moneys shall be paid by such Treasurer into the general fund of the Village and shall be available for use for any lawful Village purpose.

§ 140-12 Board established; composition; appointment and qualifications of members.

Delete and replace with: Intentionally left blank.

§ 140-13 Terms of office.

Delete and replace with: Intentionally left blank.

§ 140-14 Filling of vacancies.

Delete and replace with: Intentionally left blank.

§ 140-15 Quorum established.

Delete and replace with: Intentionally left blank.

§ 140-16 Power and duties of the Board.

Delete and replace with: Intentionally left blank.

§ 140-17 Review action of Board.

Delete and replace with: Intentionally left blank.

§ 140-19 License term; renewal; fees.

Delete and replace with: The Village Clerk may issue licenses under this article as follows:

A. Master electrician's license, Class A.

- (1) Master electrician's license, Class A, shall authorize the licensee to engage in the business of master electrician within the Village for a period ending the 31st day of December next following the date of its issuance.
- (2) The fee for such license shall be set by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees.
- (3) Such a license may be renewed annually on or before the expiration thereof for periods of one year upon payment of an annual renewal fee which shall be set license shall be set by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees.

B. Master electrician's license, Class B.

- (1) A master electrician's license, Class B, shall authorize the licensee to engage in the business of master electrician in the Village, but only for the purpose of undertaking, performing and completing a single continuous job or installation at one location of property. Only one Class B license can be issued within a twelve-month period.
- (2) The fee for such a license shall be license shall be set by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees.

C. Journeyman electrician's license.

- (1) A journeyman electrician's license shall authorize the licensee to perform only the work of a journeyman electrician within the Village for a period ending the 31st day of December next following the date of its issuance.
- (2) The fee for such license shall be set by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees.

D. Failure to renew license generally. Every licensee shall pay an additional fee as set license shall be set by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees, together with the license fee prescribed in this section, upon the renewal of the license.

E. Effect of failure to renew any license. Every licensee who fails to renew his license after a period of five years will be required to retake the examination.

§ 140-20 Applications for licenses.

- A. *Delete and replace with:* Master electricians. Every person desiring a license as a master electrician under this article shall make application therefor to the Village Clerk in such form and detail as the Clerk may prescribe. Such application shall state, among other things, the name and place of business of the applicant, the class of license applied for and the name of the representative of the applicant who will take the examination for the license and who will act as the supervisor of the work to be done under the license, if granted. A corporation or partnership that performs electrical work as defined in this section must have a licensed master electrician that is a stockholder of such corporation in a minimum amount of 25%.
- B. *Delete and replace with:* Journeyman electricians. Every person desiring a license as journeyman electrician under this article shall make application therefor to the Village Clerk in such form and detail as the Clerk may prescribe. Such application shall state, among other things, the name and residence address of the applicant, the name and business address of the employer of the applicant and the nature and extent of the experience of the applicant in work as a journeyman electrician.

Delete Section 140-21 and replace with:

§ 140-21 Examinations.

Delete and replace with:

- A. A person desiring or intending to conduct the trade, business or calling of a master electrician or journeyman electrician in the Village shall be required to take the Prometrics examination. The Village will provide any applicant a list of the approved testing location(s) for such examination.
- B. Waiver of examination. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section where an applicant for a master electrician's license, Class B holds a current mater electrician's license from another state or political subdivision thereof or from the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof the Prometrics examination will be waived.
- C. No applicant for a license under the provision of this article shall be permitted to take the examination required by § 140-22 or § 140-23 more than once in six months.
- D. Each applicant must pay any fees and cost associated with taking the Prometrics examination at an approved testing location. The Village shall charge and collect from each person applying for examination a sum set by resolution of the Board.

Delete Section 140-22 and replace with:

§ 140-22 Eligibility for master electrician's exam.

Any person shall be eligible to take the Prometrics examination as a master electrician who has submitted proof of at least four years' prior experience as a licensed journeyman electrician, with prior experience in the installation, repair and maintenance of electrical systems; or that he or she has received a degree in electrical engineering from a college or university accredited by the State Department of Education, holds a license as a professional engineer in the state and has had at least three years' prior experience in the installation, repair and maintenance of electrical systems in the United States, its territories and possessions under the supervision of a person or persons licensed as a master electrician under the provisions of this article.

Delete Section 140-23 and replace with:

§ 140-23 Eligibility for journeyman electrician's exam.

Any person shall be eligible to take the Prometrics examination as a journeyman electrician who has submitted proof of nine thousand hours of electrical experience under a licensed electrician's supervision; or enrollment in, and subsequent completion of an approved electrical apprenticeship program with at least 8,250 hours of training completed before applying to take the Prometrics exam for journeyman electricians; or any other experience comparable to the above training.

§ 140-24 Signing and issuance of licenses.

Delete and replace with: Licenses shall be signed by the Village Clerk and shall be issued by the Village Clerk.

§ 140-25 Records of Issuance, Suspension and revocation of licenses.

Delete and replace with: It shall be the duty of the Village Clerk to keep and maintain records of all licenses issued, suspended or revoked and to make such records available for public inspection.

§ 140-26 Restrictions upon licenses.

A. *Remains the same.*

B. *Remains the same.*

C. *Delete the phrase "Board of Electrical Examiners" and replace with: Village Clerk.*

D. *Remains the same.*

E. *Remains the same.*

§ 140-27 Suspension and revocation of license; fines.

- A. *Delete and replace with:* Any license issued hereunder may be suspended or revoked, at the discretion of the Code Enforcement Officer, after hearing upon due notice held, upon charges given to the licensee and an opportunity to be heard in his or her defense in person and/or by attorney, if the Code Enforcement Officer is satisfied that the holder of such license or any of his or her or its officers or employees willfully or by reason of incompetence has violated any provision of this chapter or of any other law or of any ordinance, local law or the building code of the Village governing electrical work or requiring permits therefor or any requirements contained in the rules and regulations of the National Fire Protection Association, known as the "National Electrical Code."
- B. *Delete the phrase "Board of Electrical Examiners" and replace with:* Code Enforcement Officer.

Section 2. Remainder

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Code of the Village of Johnson City shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Separability

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY
LOCAL LAW NO. 6 FOR THE YEAR 2020**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE VILLAGE ZONING MAP

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Johnson City as follows:

Section 1. The Zoning Map of the Village of Johnson City shall be amended as follows:

The parcel located at 183 Marie Street (Tax Map No. 143.29-2-20) shall hereby be rezoned from the Urban Single Family Zoning District to the General Commercial Zoning District, and the Village of Johnson City Zoning Map shall be amended accordingly.

[The remainder of the Zoning Map shall remain the same]

Section 2. Remainder

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Code of the Village of Johnson City shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Separability

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

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This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.