



## VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

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### Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor

Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin     Trustee Martin Meaney

Trustee Benjamin Reynolds     Trustee John Walker

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### **Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main Street, Johnson City**

Present:     Gregory Deemie, Mayor  
               Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor  
               John Walker, Trustee  
               Benjamin Reynolds, Trustee

Absent:     Martin Meaney, Trustee

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel  
                  Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer  
                  Bob Heary, Legal Counsel

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

Attorney Cheryl Sacco and Bob Heary, Esq. of Coughlin & Gerhart explained the bail reform law. The discovery of the bail reform effects Code, dog matters, and some property maintenance matters.

General discussion between Attorney Sacco, Attorney Heary, Mayor Deemie and the Village Trustees.

Mayor Deemie discussed the agenda and resolutions.

Per Trustee Meaney's request, Mayor Deemie spoke with Mayor David pertaining to creating a Binghamton-Johnson City Fire Department. Mayor Deemie suggested a meeting with Mayor David and both fire chiefs understanding it would take State Legislation to combine.

Discussion between Attorney Sacco, Mayor Deemie and the Village Board regarding combining fire districts.

Ben at FreshSites spoke regarding the following:

- Options
  - Standard Design
    - Slightly updated design with new infrastructure

- Complete overhaul
  - Fully updated design (new layout) with new infrastructure
- Fees
  - Website D&D fee
    - Briefing
    - Design and finalize
    - Build
  - One hour of time each month for free
- Training
  - Personal
  - Online

Ben stated the time frame depends on client feedback, but expects three months would be sufficient.

Mayor Deemie and Trustee Reynolds will be on the website board.

Mayor Deemie confirmed the Village Board will discuss the options and how to proceed.

There are no Code or Court updates at this time.

There are five public hearings at the next Board Meeting

Discussion between Mayor Deemie, Attorney Sacco and the Village Trustees regarding full-time Account Clerk position

Trustee Walker questioned large drone sightings over Johnson City and Binghamton.

Mayor Deemie responded he is unsure, but knows the Sheriff's office has a huge drone.

Trustee Giblin updated the Board on Insurance options for the Village

- Authorization letters sent
- He will schedule insurance companies to come speak at a Village Board meeting before April 21, 2020.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

A motion to enter executive session at 6:23 pm to discuss hiring/firing and website hosting 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 6:31 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #2**

A motion to enter executive session at 6:32 pm to discuss personnel in the fire department was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Reynolds. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 6:36 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION #3**

A motion to enter executive session at 6:37 pm to discuss the police contract and police chief contract was made by Giblin and seconded by Trustee Reynolds. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 6:54 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION #4**

A motion to enter executive session at 6:55 pm for land acquisition was made by Trustee Giblin 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 Giblin and seconded by Trustee Reynolds. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION #5**

A motion to enter executive session at 7:18 pm to discuss the clerk's 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 7:25 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

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Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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

02182020 ABSTRACT QUESTIONS

1) What happened to the bucket on the backhoe in the water department \$2,007.92? Due to digging curb boxes in frozen conditions is very hard on equipment. Shutoffs are causing us to dig in these conditions. The water lost in a water main break condition brings the frost out of the ground making conditions excavatable. The bucket fractured and has been repaired in the past, so a welding fix would probably not last. I will be proposing a one stake jack hammer for the backhoe upcoming budget to try to excavate in these conditions easier.

2) Why did we pay grey Goose Graphics \$109.00 for 1 year of hosting when we may be going with a different provider? We have adjusted this payment by \$65.50; \$109 was the yearly hosting (1/2 year \$54.50) and \$21.99 was the yearly domain registration (1/2 year \$11).

3) Is the Spectrum Business bill for the police department normally this high \$1,829.84? Yes, they are billed twice a year.

I respectfully request that the following be removed from the Bills/Abstract:

- 1) \$40.00 for the Broome County Magistrates Association
- 2) \$10.00 for the Broome County Firefighters Association
- 3) \$225.00 New York State Magistrate dues
- 4) \$250.00 NYSAMCC membership dues
- 5) \$24.00 for the Magistrates Meeting

I believe that membership dues and meals should be the responsibility of the employees and elected officials and not the tax payers.

I respectfully request that these question and comments are added to the minutes of the work session.

Thank you,

Trustee Meaney