



## 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 5:30pm on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 via Zoom Video Conference

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

Absent:            None

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel  
                        Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer  
                        Thomas Johnson, Deputy Treasurer  
                        Robert Bennett, Director of Public Services  
                        Chief Brent Dodge, Police Department

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All Board members confirmed their presence.

Mayor Deemie read the Zoom meeting statement.

Robert Bennett explained the Fairmont Park project:

- Town secured CDBG funds to develop this area
- 17 duplexes proposed and are being built above the flood plain
- Town needs one easements
- We need to replace ¾-1” lines with 8” lines looping it and putting in additional fire hydrants for firefighting purposes. 8” lines are required by Code.
- Project estimate from Town of Union is \$520,000
- Towns proposal – Willing to bond for the construction
  - 15-year bond assuming at 4% interest
  - \$32,500 per year over 15-year life + taxes
  - Developer \$15,000 a year of the \$32,500
  - County - \$15,000 per year though the hotel/motel funds
  - \$3,500 a year from the Village for 15 years.
- Present worth analysis about \$38,900 if we paid \$3,500/year it would be \$52,500

- There are 51 residences and few businesses which are not an impact to water system.
  - Additional 17 accounts would generate approximately \$8,800
  - \$30,000 yearly in revenue from the Fairmont Park area.
  - We will bring in \$5,400 a year
  - Improving the Johnson City water system, but there is not a benefit to the Village system.
  - Typically, the developer would pay for this
- If we assist, based on numbers, if we pay something up front it would cost less.
- If we were to do it ourselves, it would cost \$160,000-\$200,000 for materials.
- If someone were to make a complaint to the Health Department about water quality, we would have to put something else in there.
  - We have tried to have it upgraded a couple times, but the funding hasn't gone through.

Trustee Meaney stated the Town of Union is more likely to find \$40,000 than the Village of Johnson City.

Trustee Walker, Mayor Deemie and Bob Bennett discussed this being a SEPP project.

Mayor stated the Village supports the project, but is not funding the project.

Mayor Deemie, Attorney Sacco, Bob Bennett and Thomas Johnson discussed creating a water district.

Mayor Deemie, Trustee Meaney, Trustee Giblin, Trustee Walker and Trustee Reynolds agreed to not fund this project. Mr. Bennett and Mayor Deemie will take their response back to the Town of Union.

Chief Dodge gave an overview of the Annual Report

- Calls for service are down – three-year trend
- Adult arrests down from last year
- Mental Health calls are up
- Narcan's are way up – heroin use has not gone away
  - Public Health Crisis not a law enforcement crisis
  - Working with ACBC
- Traffic tickets are down – most aggressive ticket writers went to CAT Unit
- DWI's are down
- Detective cases down – three-year trend – good indication we have less substantial crime victims in the Village
- Narcotics down, but substantially higher than when he took over
- More search warrants
- Burglaries and robberies on a three-year low
- Larcenies would have decreased if we didn't have Walmart
- Backed off on vehicle stops and increased property checks

Chief Dodge stated the Johnson City Walmart is an easy target and a tough location.

Trustee Reynolds asked how the SRO is going.

Chief Dodge responded he was only in place for a week or two when the schools got shut down. He got great feedback from the school. There were many situations where he was able to assist them. He feels the early returns are positive, but a very small sample size to judge.

Trustee Meaney asked if the vehicle is ours or if it is a metro SWAT vehicle. Chief Dodge confirmed it is our vehicle. Every municipality has their own vehicle that carries their personnel and their equipment to the scene. The equipment does get shared because not every truck has the same equipment.

Mayor Deemie discussed the agenda and resolutions.

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

- Solar Farm – School to be lead agency
- Sewer rates
- Trustees want to see the number on tiered billing
  - Consumption per meter size
  - Trustee Meaney will send Mayor Deemie an email regarding changes
- Dee Golazeski will come to the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Has not heard from Tom Augostini regarding Health Insurance. Mayor Deemie will give him a call
- Arch Street Pergola has been taken down
- LED sign
  - Park land
- UHS will be at the next work session
- Grand Avenue property – we are waiting for paperwork

Trustee Walker suggested department heads ask employees to think about what is needed so they aren't making numerous trips in a short period of time to Kovarik and Home Depot. Trustee Meaney stated we should go to Home Depot unless it is a specialty item.

Trustee Giblin stated he will have the insurance brokers information soon.

Trustee Meaney asked that Mr. Stenger or representative from BU come in to speak to the Board about their plans with downtown. Mayor Deemie will contact Mr. Stenger to set something up.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

A motion to enter executive session at 6:18 pm to discuss the police contract was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 6:29 pm was made by Trustee Reynolds 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 6:31 pm to discuss the chief's contract was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 6:42 pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:26 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.

04072020 ABSTRACT QUESTIONS

- 1 The uniform purchased for the dispatcher for \$116.00 was placed under meters. **Yes, we don't have a line for desk clerk uniforms so I reallocated from meters.**
- 2 Do the businesses or individuals using public hearing signs pay for them? If not why don't they? **No, they are reusable. JC has always paid for them as far as KC knows. KC puts waterproof tape on and reapply for each public hearing. We prepare and submit the notices, so we are in charge of making sure the signs are up. Code puts the signs up and takes them down for us. Sometimes unknown people remove so we don't always get them back.**
- 3 Is the bill from Delta for \$22,750.00 for the HVAC at Brown Street? **As is indicated on Delta's Invoice this is for the new DPW facility. I'll discuss with DPW clerk to make sure the info on the Voucher is clearer on future invoices.**
- 4 Is the SWAT vehicle solely for JCPD or is it part of a joint team?
- 5 When was the boiler replaced at the police department? **There are actually two boilers. They were replaced 3 and 4 years ago.**
- 6 Why are we paying bills to Kovarik's from 2018 and 2019 now? What documentation/receipts do we have on hand to verify these purchases? **We have a few vendors that periodically we have to do a reconciliation of their account. This is one of them. Part of the problem is that vendors tend not to post a payment by invoice, but by account. Therefore, often posting payments to the wrong Village account. Because we have different Village Department's and budget line's where everything has to be accounted for, it becomes necessary for accounts payable to periodically do this type of reconciliation in order to reconcile. When our personnel went to the vendor, they brought back a receipt. This receipt is our invoice. Employees are required to sign for the purchase. We also would receive a statement via email with the attached copies of unpaid invoices. One of those emails we haven't used in months. A/P just started receiving these statements a couple of months ago. A/P did not realize that he may need to assist the departments in this reconciliation until he was informed. Prior to that, he had been sending the statement to the departments; which meant that the task often went undone.**
- 7 \$11.07 was added to Kovarik's bill, I# 292371. There is no receipt for this, what was it for? **The \$11.07 is for finance charges on the account which is reflected on the statement.**
- 8 If the parks are closed why are we spending close to \$700.00 in cleaning supplies? **This was for the disinfectant the was discussed at the budget meeting. This was for all DPW departments and DPW offices. This was the only DPW line that had sufficient funds to purchase the items. Mike discussed with Cindy prior to ordering.**

I respectfully request that the \$150.00 for the New York State Association of Police Chiefs be removed from the bills. I don't believe that association bills or meals should be the responsibility of the employee and not the tax payers.

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

Thank you,  
Trustee Meaney

1. We paid Pyramid \$270.00 to set up a printer at DPW? Is that excessive? **No, there were actually three printers involved in the install and re-networking set-up. This was all necessary because of the new computers and windows 10 configuration.**
2. What is the bill for Plastics arts for Sewer for \$4770.00 out of G8120.4.620? **This was to replace the bar screen combs at CSO's.**
3. We have 2 invoices for the same amount from Devil Dog concepts is this for 2 separate items? **Invoice 478 is for Charps low set... Vendor did mistakenly use another invoice number (470) when sent a follow up invoice. This is only paid once.**
4. What are the Batteries from Empire Golf cars for? **Batteries for the scissor lift – in the Police Dept. was stated in bold printing on the invoice.**
5. It appears that Kovarik's were sending statements to the wrong email address, yet shouldn't the slips be submitted when the purchase is made? There are some invoices dating back to 2018. **See #6**

Respectfully,  
Trustee Walker

04072020 ABSTRACT QUESTIONS

- 1) The Fire departments utility bill seems to be running higher than normal, why? **The bills are in line with the last couple of months and even in comparison to the last year.**
- 2) What is Century Link on the C&G bill for? **Century Link is a pending litigation matter. We made a motion to dismiss and are awaiting a decision or direction from the Court. I can go into more detail in Executive Session, if there are more detailed questions on the pending litigation.**
- 3) Why are we paying a Parts Plus bill from the police department from December in March for? This seems to be a pattern. **Parts Plus – IEH has always been a problem with their in-house bookkeeping and it seems to result in this cycle of old billed/catch-up on a continual basis. The Police Department cannot process the invoices for payment until they are received.**

I respectfully request the following bills are removed:

- 1). BCATOV for \$22.00
- 2) Broome County Highway Association dues for \$260.00.
- 3) NACP Police Chiefs dues for \$190.00

I don't believe the taxpayers should be responsible for meals and association dues for employees and elected officials.

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

Thank you,  
Trustee Meaney