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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor
Richard Balles, Deputy Mayor
Bruce King, Trustee Martin Meaney, Trustee John Walker, Trustee

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main St., Johnson City

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor
 Richard Balles, Deputy Mayor
 John Walker, Trustee
 Bruce King, Trustee
 Martin Meaney, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Cindy Kennerup, Village Clerk/Treasurer
 Jeff Jacobs, Attorney for the Village

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the fire exits.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [1] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm
- [2] Village Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of President's Day

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 regular meeting and work session, as amended by Trustee Meaney, was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

BIDS

- [1] Bids were opened and read at 10:00am on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at Village Hall for the Camden Street Valve Replacement Project as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
G. DeVincentis	\$33,900.00
Vacri	\$49,800.00
Chicago Construction	\$89,000.00

- [2] Bids were opened and read at 10:00am on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at Village Hall for the Wren Street Tank Valve Replacement Project as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
G. DeVincentis	\$99,400.00
Vacri	\$114,400.00
Chicago Construction	\$168,500.00



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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- [1] Application for Federal Assistance for partial funding of a marked patrol vehicle through the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Program.

Mayor Deemie opened the public hearing.

Rob Egan, Plymouth Street – Asked what the cost to the Village will be. Chief Dodge stated approximately \$25,000.00. Mayor Deemie explained what the grant covers – up to 35% of the cost of the car and they will finance the balance through a low interest loan to the Village. The project covers the cost of the vehicle including all emergency lighting, JCPD marking and stripping, and all other police package upgrades including prisoner cage, spot light and computer.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Avenue – Asked what the typical cost is. Is there anything special about this vehicle? Chief Dodge explained that it is just a typical replacement vehicle. The current fleet is pretty old and beat up so in looking for ways to help the Village with the costs of these vehicles they found this grant. Mrs. Deemie asked if more than one vehicle can be purchased through this grant. Chief Dodge stated that in the future maybe it could be written for more than one.

Mayor Deemie closed the public hearing.

PETITIONS RECEIVED - None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - VISITORS

Mayor Deemie opened the first privilege of the floor.

Carol Laskoski, Edward Street – Asked if there are any plans to pave Floral Avenue from the Fire Department to Cook Street – it's a fender rattler. Mayor Deemie stated that he does not have an answer but he will look into it and ask Mr. Bennett.

Mayor Deemie closed the first privilege of the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS

A motion to accept and file the following Communications was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

- [1] Notice of the February 14, 2017 meeting of the Binghamton-JC Joint Sewage Board
- [2] Notice of the January 26, 2017 meeting of the Broome Co. Assoc. of Towns & Villages
- [3] Notice of the February 16, 2017 meeting of the Broome Co. Assoc. of Municipal Clerks
- [4] Letter from Charles Pearsall with the JSTP regarding the demolition of the Admin Bldg

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

A motion to accept and file the following Committee/Board Reports was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Balles. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

- [1] Minutes of the December 27, 2016 regular meeting of the JC Planning Board
- [2] Minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting of the Broome Co. Assoc. of Towns & Villages
- [3] Minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting of the Broome Co. Assoc. of Municipal Clerks
- [4] Minutes of the January 18, 2017 regular meeting of the Town of Union Board
- [5] Minutes of the February 1, 2017 regular meeting of the Town of Union Board

DEPARTMENT REPORTS



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A motion to accept and file the following Department Reports was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

- [1] Police Department Overtime Report for the week of January 12 – 25, 2017
- [2] Fire Department Overtime Report for the week of January 12 – 25, 2017
- [3] Code Enforcement Monthly Report – December 2016
- [4] Fire Department 2016 year - end report
- [5] Public Works Monthly Report – January 2017
- [6] Public Works Overtime Report – January 2017

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve abstract #14 of the 2016 - 2017 fiscal bills, having been audited by the Board and approved, was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 4 (*King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 1 (*Meaney*) **Absent** – 0

GENERAL FUND	\$580,134.91
WATER FUND	\$151,823.71
SEWER FUND	\$8,735.75
REFUSE FUND	\$37,427.96
JSTP	\$1,430,500.84
VARPUR	\$1,430,500.84

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #2017 - 17

A motion to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to remove \$214.96, which was incurred due to a leak, from the January 2017 utility bill for 275 North Harrison Street and make such adjustments as are necessary in the Village accounting records was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Failed - Vote:

Ayes – 0 **Nays** – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Absent** – 0

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)

Resolution #2017 - 23

A motion to authorize the Mayor's appointment of Dai Korba to fill a vacant seat on the Susquehanna Heritage Area Advisory Board was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE (Trustees Balles & Walker) – No new business



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POLICE (Trustees Balles & Walker)

Resolution #2017 - 24

A motion to authorize an application for Federal Assistance for partial funding of a marked patrol vehicle through the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Program was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2017 - 25

A motion to authorize the granting of a parade permit to The Johnson City Police Benevolent Association (JCPBA) and the DW 5K Committee to hold the Officer David “DW” Smith, Jr. Remembrance 5K Run/Walk at 9:00am on Sunday, June 11, 2017 contingent upon receiving the necessary approvals from the NYS DOT, and coordination with the JC Police and JC DPW for road closures was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2017 - 26

A motion to approve a travel request for Sgt. Dan VanWie and Officers Louis Cioci, and Matthew Kushner to attend the New York Tactical Officers Association Conference from April 25 – 27, 2017 at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY at a cost of \$1,646.97 from budget line A3120.4.551 was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2017 - 27

A motion to appoint Joseph Ruspantini to the position of Police Officer as a lateral transfer from the Owego Police Department, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of Michael Hatch, at a starting salary of \$44,025.00, effective February 23, 2017 contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation and final approval from Broome County Civil Service was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

PUBLIC WORKS (Trustees Balles & King)

Resolution #2017 - 28

A motion to approve a travel request for Timothy Igo and Mark Tackley to attend the Grade D Water Distribution Operator Certification Course from May 22 - 26, 2017 in Cortland, NY at a cost of \$1,100.00 from budget line F8310.4.930 was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0



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Resolution #2017 - 29

A motion to award the bid for the Camden Street Valve Replacement Project to G. DeVincentis in the amount of \$33,900.00 as the lowest responsive bid was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2017 - 30

A motion to award the bid for the Wren Street Tank Valve Replacement Project to G. DeVincentis in the amount of \$99,400.00 as the lowest responsive bid was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

RECREATION (Trustees Balles & King) – No new business

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

JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD (Trustees Meaney & King)

Resolution #2017 - 31

Accept FEMA settlement relating to 4031-PW2150 of \$1,011,014.24 and increase the 2016 Budget appropriations to allow payment of \$980,479.74 to the Owners.

The Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board received a FEMA check for PW 2150 in the amount of \$1,011,014.24. The Board requests legislation by the Owners to increase 2016 Budget lines. On the revenue side: J.43960 (State Aid – Emergency) be increased by \$252,753.56 and J.44960 (Federal Aid – Emergency) be increased by \$758,260.68, and that JF.45031 (Flood Fund - Interfund Transfer) be credited/increased by \$30,534.50. On the expense apportionments that J8130.54899 (Reimburse Owners for Rec) be increased by \$980,479.74 that J9950.59000 (Transfer to Capital) be increased by \$30,534.50, and JF8130.559105 (Flood Capital Fund – Professional Services) be increased by \$30,534.50. Payments made via claim to the City of Binghamton (54.8%) in the amount of \$537,302.90 and the Village of Johnson City (45.2%) of \$443,176.84 will then be processed.

This resolution was held over by Trustee King.

Resolution #2017 - 32

A motion to authorize the Binghamton - Johnson City Joint Sewage Board to accept the Round 13 NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grant in the amount of \$407,000 and add an appropriate Capital account in the 2017 Budget (JH8130.555555.J0002 “NYS DEC WQIP Round 13”) was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0



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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City and the Council of the City of Binghamton jointly approve the annual budget of the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board ("JSB"); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has awarded the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board the amount of \$407,000 and approved 25% matching funding of the project to remove the gravel bar in the Susquehanna River at the Fuller Hollow Creek outflow through the Water Quality Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDEC has agreed that existing Lead Agency contracted projects satisfy the 25% matching expectation,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve to approve that the award of \$407,000 be accepted by the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Board and Capital Budget Account JH8130.555555.J0002 (NYS DEC WQIP Round 13) be created for the appropriated amount of \$407,000.

Resolution #2017 - 33

A motion to authorize the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board Fiscal Officer to lower the appropriation in Capital line Digester #1 & #2 Cleaning (JH8130.554045) by \$69,952.09 and increase appropriation in Capital Contingency (JH8130.554040) by the same was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Carried - Vote:

Ayes – 5 (*Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie*) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Contract was allowed to expire with unused "not to exceed" funding remaining on line.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Deemie opened the second privilege of the floor.

Rob Egan, Plymouth Street – Asked Trustee Meaney why he voted no on the payroll and bills presented and asked why he wouldn't want to pay the bills. Trustee Meaney stated that he does not have any problem paying the bills but he thinks we are not doing our due diligence to keep the bills lower. There are certain things that he has requested to be looked at over the last year that he doesn't believe are being looked at well enough and he thinks that there are certain things that we are not utilizing to the amount we are spending the money on. In good conscience he can't approve something he doesn't believe we are getting the best bang for our buck.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Avenue – Wanted to give kudos to the Police Department – thanks to the Chief for taking the initiative for finding the grant for the Police vehicle. She also wants to commend an officer that she witnessed with an elderly couple near the service desk at Wegmans recently. Something had taken place, a small theft or something, and the officer handled it with such compassion and it gave her such a really nice feeling about our officers and their compassion. Chief Dodge stated that it was Officer Shaver and thanked Mrs. Deemie for recognizing him. Mrs. Deemie asked Trustee Meaney, pertaining to Mr. Egan's question, obviously there were certain things in the bills and she would like him to elaborate what those certain things are because if you were objecting you must know what those things are. Trustee



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Meaney stated that he would give some examples – she has heard him speak of our cell phone usage a while back and he doesn't think we are utilizing that to the max and we have the I-pads that he has been complaining about since last year that miraculously today they lowered the rates that we're paying on those by half. When we are operating in such tight budget constraints, when the state says that you can't go over your taxable limit or we are going to get you, whatever they put the cap at, every penny counts and I feel that is what we need to do. Mrs. Deemie stated yes, and I do remember the votes back in 2008, 41% to the Fire Department.

Trustee Balles – For the residents' information, one of the committees he works on is the Fire Department. The department sent in a 2016 report and he provided an overview of that report.

Lurlene Crampton, Roberts Street - Asked about the Habitat for Humanity house at 238 Willow Street. Why is the address 238 Willow Street when the front door is on Floral Avenue? Mayor Deemie stated that he would have to look into that. He knows that there are 2 Habitat for Humanity houses over there - one on Willow Street and one on Floral Avenue.

Don Slota, Eldridge Avenue – Asked what the status of the Code study is. Mayor Deemie stated that Trustee Balles has completed it and has given copies to the Board. The Board will review it and discuss it.

Corinna Johnson, Cook Street – Saw a posting on the former VFW building on Baldwin Street and asked what it was for. Mayor Deemie explained that there is a public hearing for a parking variance. Planning Board member Don Slota explained that it will be a Thai restaurant.

Mayor Deemie closed the second privilege of the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Deemie adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Clerk/Treasurer

CK/db

Recordings of the Village Board meetings and work sessions are available for review through the Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office.