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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 Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, February 21, 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
 Fire Chief Myron Jacyna
 Police Chief Brent Dodge

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter into executive session at 5:30pm to discuss personnel in the Fire Department was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 5:57pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter into executive session at 5:58pm to discuss personnel in the Police Department was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 6:26pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:27pm to discuss former personnel in the Clerk's Office 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 the executive session at 6:30pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #4

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:31pm to discuss personnel in the DPW was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.



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A motion to exit the executive session at 6:35pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #5

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:35pm to discuss personnel in the Fire Department was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 6:41pm was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Deemie stated that the hearing with the Police Department on the 1099 is March 21st at 10:00am. He is not sure where the location is. He believes it might be in Syracuse.

Fire District – Trustee Meaney asked about the length of the contract for the Fire District. He does not remember voting on it last year. Mayor Deemie stated 1 year. Trustee King stated it used to be a 5 year agreement.

Richard Rogler Letter – Mayor Deemie explained that according to Bob Bennett, the Village does not pick anything at that property. He asked the Village to look at the law. He did not ask for forgiveness.

Mayor Deemie stated that the information from Mr. Alpaugh has gone to our insurance company for review. It is not on the agenda for tonight, pending this review.

Magna Five Phone Company – Mayor Deemie explained that they are similar to a Just Energy type of company. They approached the Village. He had Kim C. search and see if there are other companies that do this kind of work. They claim that they can take over our old telephone system and some of our data lines and save us approximately \$5,000.00 year and \$15,000.00 over the next 3 years and it would all come on one bill. They would provide super fast internet (60 x 6) and would may need to add a third IP address at the south side fire station for the camera system for the Police. There is no charge to the Village. They will waive the setup fee. Trustee King asked if there were any references for this company. Mayor Deemie stated no. They used to be called Cornerstone then they were bought out by Magna Five. Trustee Walker asked if we could go back to our current carrier and show them what is being offered and see what they can do. Mayor Deemie stated that our current carrier wouldn't send just one bill and with this company, when you have an issue you are speaking with a person not a call center. He asked the Board to look at the proposal and get back to him. Trustee Meaney asked about the number 729-9321 and doesn't it ring directly to the county now. Mayor Deemie stated it doesn't roll over until after 6pm. Trustee Meaney stated that the number that the Fire Department has that goes directly to the county (729-9512) is on the list and asked shouldn't the county be paying for that out of 911 money. 797-2311 and 797-2312 – both of them ring into the fire house. Mayor Deemie stated that we can take a look at that. Trustee Meaney asked who we can speak to at the county. Mayor Deemie stated that maybe we are required to have the lines here for the county. Trustee Meaney stated that this is an untapped resource that we need to look at. Mayor Deemie stated that he told the company that they will be paying the gross receipts tax. Trustee Meaney asked about penalties if the service is not good and we decide to break the contract and return to Verizon. Mayor Deemie stated he will find out.

The Board reviewed the agenda and the resolutions.



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Mayor Deemie asked if the Board gets the big code report. The version he gets includes all of the time sheets. Trustee King stated no, they get a smaller version. Mayor Deemie stated that from now on he will have Diane make a copy of his and leave it in the Trustee's room.

Binghamton's St. Patrick's Day parade is on Saturday, March 4th. The Board is invited to March in the parade.

Res #34 – Local Law #2-2017. Trustee Meaney asked for clarification on what was changing with North Broad Street. Attorney Jacobs explained that we are not changing anything with that street. We are just correcting it in the code and adding an asterisk where one is missing.

Trustee Meaney asked about the status of the Picciano building. Mayor Deemie stated that he has a meeting with UHS on Friday and he will ask them.

Res #39 – Baldwin Street Storm Sewer Separation Project. Trustee Walker asked if this is part of the pharmacy school project. Mayor Deemie stated no. He thinks it is part of interceptor B and the Regan development project.

Res #38 – Trustee Balles stated that there had been discussion in the past about BU paying for part of the work on Faatz Alley and asked if there was any further discussion. Mayor Deemie stated that some work has already be done over there and they have already paid for some of the work there. Trustee Balles stated that Faatz Alley is not paved. Mayor Deemie stated that it will be paid once all of the work is done. They are working very closely with us on that. Trustee Walker asked that we keep a separate tally of what we are spending there. Mayor Deemie stated that there will be. Mr. Bennett keeps track of that. Trustee Meaney spoke about the water lines in that location and Mr. Bennett's presentation to the board before Trustee Walker was on the Board. Trustee Walker asked why there isn't a separate budget line for this project. Trustee Walker expressed his frustration with how the projects are documented and budgeted.

Trustee Walker asked about the bill for 10 otter boxes. Mayor Deemie stated that they are phone cases. The Police upgraded their phones and probably had to get a different size case.

Trustee Balles reviewed the final synopsis of the Code Report. Mayor Deemie asked the Board to review the report so it can be discussed in length at the next work session.

The Village received over 50 applications for the part time position in the Clerk's office once it was posted on Craig's List. The list was narrowed down to 7 people who were interviewed. A person has been selected and the Mayor said he will get the person's information to the Board for review.

Trustee King stated that the insurance broker's meeting is tomorrow. He would like to set up a meeting next week with the Board and the union leadership.

Trustee Meaney asked for an update regarding the library lease. Mayor Deemie explained that he has sent the agreement to the library board and they are reviewing it. They have a new president, Dan Knight, who wants to meet with the Mayor to discuss everything.



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ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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