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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, March 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

The Board met with Kristin Greenberg from the United With Christ Church to discuss the Church's request to hold a summer kick-off event on Friday, June 30, 2017 from 6 – 7:30pm at CFJ Park. Ms. Greenberg explained that it would be a free event geared towards families. They want to bring in an ice cream truck, have carnival type games and have their worship team come and play music in the background. Mayor Deemie reviewed a list of concerns from the parks department. There is a concern with driving vehicles in the park at this time because the event is later in the day and people will be in the park. The ice cream truck may need to be brought in the back and parked against the fence. Is the truck for everybody? Ms. Greenberg stated yes. Ms. Greenberg stated that they will hire a couple of off duty JC Police officers for security. Mayor Deemie explained that hanging banners on the fence is against code but we have allowed groups to hang banners on the fence for their events in the park. The Mayor stated that it could be put up for a few days prior to the event. Trustee Balles suggested starting the event earlier because of the number of people they are expecting. Mayor Deemie explained that the music can't be offensive to the other people in the park. Mayor Deemie also suggested that the church talk to the press, the credit union and Walmart about using their parking lots. They should also have an extra crossing guard in the Pavilion Road area for people parking there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter into executive session at 5:47pm to discuss the IP Charge in the Fire 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 6:01pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:02pm to discuss personnel in the Police Department 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 6:09pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:10pm to discuss personnel in the Fire Department was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Balles. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 6:18pm was made by Trustee Walker 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 6:19pm to discuss the DPW Grievance Hearing 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 6:27pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #5

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:28pm to discuss Time Warner litigation was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 6:46pm was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #6

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:47pm to discuss small claims paperwork 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 6:51pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

The Board reviewed the agenda and the resolutions.

Mayor Deemie explained that Overbrook Road has been removed from the proposed local law because what we wanted to do with the no parking signs and no standing signs has already been done.

Fire District Agreement – Mayor Deemie explained that this is going to be pulled off this agenda because there are now more fire hydrants and they get charged by the number of hydrants. It is supposed to be \$5,200.00. The contract says \$3,600.00 so he has to go back to the Town and explain this change. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup explained that they do not pay this annually. It is part of the quarterly water bills.

NYSEG/Boland Drive Easement – Trustee Meaney asked if \$1.00 was normal. Attorney Jacobs stated yes. Trustee Meaney asked how many of these have we done in the past. Attorney Jacobs stated there may be one every 2 or 3 years. Trustee Meaney asked why they are just getting this when it is dated



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February 13th. Mayor Deemie explained that he didn't know when it was put in the Trustee's boxes. He didn't realize that it was going on the agenda so he e-mailed it out as soon as he saw it on the agenda. Attorney Jacobs explained that Bob Bennett sent it to him for his review a couple of weeks ago. He had it for about a week or so.

Trustee Balles reported that he and Trustee King will be meeting with the Fire Union this Friday at 10:00am here at Village Hall.

Mayor Deemie reported that he was asked to sit on the shared services committee that the County Executive has put together. The meeting is at noon on Friday at the Broome County Library. Trustee Meaney asked if it open to the public. Mayor Deemie stated he believes it is. Trustee Meaney explained that he has a lot of information that Tim Whitesell and Mike Marinaccio put together. He will get to the Mayor. We are sharing a lot more than people know. Trustee Walker stated that it is not the Village or Town and County taxes – it's the school taxes that are so bad.

The Board briefly discussed the resignation of the Library Director, Andrea Tillinghast. Trustee Walker asked about the lease agreement. Mayor Deemie stated that the board president has asked for a meeting with him.

Mayor Deemie asked the Board to send him 5 or 6 dates in the next few weeks so they can set up some budget meetings. Trustee Meaney asked if we know what our cap amount will be yet. Mayor Deemie stated no.

Mega Energy – Energy Study. This is the company that would take over the NYSEG accounts of the Village residents. Trustee Walker stated let them do the study as long as there is no cost. Mayor Deemie stated that he will look into it. Trustee Meaney stated that this is where all of the residents will get a letter telling them that they are going to use this company, correct? Mayor Deemie stated that is correct. Trustees Meaney and Walker stated that they do not like that idea. It is a mandatory opt out.

Magna Five Phone Company – Mayor Deemie stated that we have been working with the County on Trustee Meaney's questions. We found the contract with the County for the 911 service but it was just for radios, not phone lines. Kim Cunningham e-mailed the County about the phone lines but we haven't heard back yet. If we pulled the 2 lines in question out, it is about a \$130.00 per line difference. Trustee Walker asked if it was for all of the Village's phone lines. Mayor Deemie explained it is for the land lines in the government buildings and the internet service. No wi-fi. It is guaranteed savings for 3 years. The company offered 2 months free with no installation charges. There will be one bill. Trustee Meaney asked how long the term of the contract was. Mayor Deemie stated that is up to us. The company quoted 3 years. Trustee Balles asked about termination and fees. Mayor Deemie stated that the fee is only if you terminate for anything other than service issues. Trustee Walker stated that he has done some research and it appears to be a really good company. Trustee Balles suggested contacting a few of the references listed. Trustee Meaney suggested a one year contract and then if there are no issues we could do a three year agreement. Mayor Deemie stated that he could ask about that. Trustee Walker, Trustee Balles and Trustee Meaney stated that they would call the references.

Code Report – Trustee Balles asked about the code report. Mayor Deemie stated that we have to decide what we are going to do. It is going to be a budget issue. There may need to be a night where the Board meets to just discuss code. There are several options. Trustee Walker suggested bringing in a third party to do an audit/review of code department. Mayor Deemie explained that is what the committee did. Trustee Walker asked who wrote the majority of the code report. Trustee Balles stated that he and



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the committee did. Trustee Walker asked how much Daria (Dee) Golazeski wrote of it. Trustee Balles stated she didn't write any of it. Trustee Meaney stated that he disagrees because there is a question in the report – How do you think code is working and it says it has been successful. He asked who wrote that and Trustee Balles told him Dee. Trustee Balles stated she didn't write it. Trustee Meaney stated that it is her opinion not the committee's opinion. Trustee Balles stated that he interviewed her and many others. Trustee Walker stated that he has issues. Mayor Deemie stated that he asked Dee that question – that she wrote the report that was submitted. She said absolutely not. She talked to and worked with Trustee Balles on it but she did not write it. Trustee Meaney mentioned an e-mail from Town Councilman Bertoni regarding Dee's time spent on the report. Trustee Balles stated that he spent hours writing that report. Mayor Deemie asked Trustee Meaney about numbers that the Chief said he (Trustee Meaney) was going to provide. Trustee Meaney explained that the numbers he submitted were all skewed. It didn't go well and the numbers kept getting inflated. He provided Trustee Balles with the copy had received. Trustee Walker explained his concerns again and Mayor Deemie explained that the committee was diverse and listed the members. Trustee Balles stated that the data in the report is factual. Trustee Meaney commented that the numbers he submitted from his research were not close to a quarter of a million dollars but that is what is in the report. He stated that he asked Trustee Balles where he came up with that number the last meeting. Trustee Balles stated that he is not going to debate this here. They can talk about it after. Trustee Balles stated that they reviewed this as a committee and Trustee Meaney had a chance to ask questions. Trustee Meaney stated that this amount came out in the revision and asked who he sat down with on the committee for the revisions. Trustee Balles stated that he gave it to the Board twice and no one responded with any questions. Mayor Deemie stated that we will have to talk about this at one of the budget meetings.

Insurance Brokers – Trustee King asked if there was a consensus of the Board regarding insurance brokers. He updated the Board on the wellness benefits. Trustee Meaney asked if we do have any of the benefits. There are a few that are in our plan which Trustee King reviewed. Telemedicine will be automatically in our plan on June 1, 2017. We do not have our percentage yet from Blue Cross. Trustee Meaney asked if we are going to get a quote from both companies. Trustee King stated that there is nothing to bid. The amounts will be exactly the same. It's the service. Trustee Meaney commented that right now with the service we have, there are wellness benefits that we didn't know we had. Trustee King commented on the services that we received, like the over 65 retirees, that was handled very well. Trustee Walker asked if this is done every year. Trustee King explained that you can change a broker whenever you want to. Trustee King stated that his recommendation and Trustee Walker's recommendation is that we stay with Haylor, Freyer & Coon right now. Trustee Walker stated that they need to be told what we expect however. Trustee Meaney stated that he agreed with that. Trustee King stated that he will have a meeting with Thomas Augostini and Mr. James Freyer and explain what we expect to get in the next year and if we don't receive it, then we will be looking for another broker. Mayor Deemie stated that he agrees.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Cindy Kennerup, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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