



# VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

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## Village Board

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

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### **Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main St., Johnson City**

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

Absent:            None

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

The Board met grant writer Dai Korba to receive an update on her projects/efforts.

Complete Streets – funding received from the BC Health Dept for adding a bike lane to Floral Avenue and a bike rack in the parking area adjacent to Floral Park. There will need to be a public hearing to remove the on street parking on Floral Avenue.

Energy Efficiency Certification for NYSEERDA funds – already passed the benchmarking resolution. Needed to check if we are using the unified solar permitting. She checked with Daria Golazeski at the Town and we are already using that process. The link needs to be added to the Town and Village websites. Ms. Golazeski is working on a solar ordinance.

The Zombie Initiative is moving forward. She is interviewing for the temporary position and will need to set up a task force. Ms. Korba outlined the responsibilities for the task force. Mr. Walker asked about what supplies will be needed for the temporary clerk. Ms. Korba explained that all supplies are part of the grant. This is a one year grant.

The Southern Tier Bicycle Club donated a bicycle rack for the library.

Additional funding for new Police vehicle – Ms. Korba explained that she was not a part of that. Mayor Deemie explained that UHS donated \$25,000.00. There was a grant from Walmart that the Chief applied for.

Tennis courts – \$100,000 from the Department of State will be used to rebuild the court at Northside Park and reseal and put new nets on the court at Floral Park. She will be seeking funding from the local Waterfront Revitalization program for the Boland park tennis courts. Those courts would be completely rebuilt. Trustee Balles suggested restarting a parks committee.

Trustee King asked if Ms. Korba was handling the SAFER Grant for the Fire Department. Ms. Korba explained that the Chief does the SAFER Grant. The Chief has asked her to look for funds for fire prevention. Trustee King explained he received an e-mail from FEMA stating they need to do an audit. Trustee Walker asked if MS. Korba has done anything on the grant for the fire truck.





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Ms. Korba stated that she has not seen anything on that. Mayor Deemie explained that the Chief submitted that grant.

Main Street Grant – Ms. Korba will be submitting for another Main Street grant. The Board discussed the conditions of the buildings on Main Street.

The Board reviewed the agenda and the resolutions.

Trustee Meaney explained that he will be holding over the resolutions regarding the proposed micro cell towers. The Board and Attorney Jacobs briefly discussed the procedure and the lease agreement.

The Board discussed terminating the IMA with the City of Binghamton and the need for a new plumbing board.

The Board discussed increasing the starting salary for fire fighters.

Grant/donations for new Police K9 vehicle – Trustee Meaney asked how Walmart and UHS knew we needed funds for a new K9 vehicle since we can't solicit for donations. Mayor Deemie explained that one is a grant. Regarding the UHS donation – the CEO heard it through the grapevine and approached the Mayor. Trustee Walker commented that why did we not know that we needed a K9 vehicle during the budget process. Mayor Deemie explained that these funds should cover this vehicle. Trustee Meaney asked about the amounts of bonding and Trustee Walker also expressed his confusion over the bonding process. Attorney Jacobs and Mayor Deemie explained how the bonding works – this is the USDA bond. This is different from the bonding in the budget.

The Board discussed the 2 JSTP resolutions.

The Board met with Police Chief Dodge regarding the vehicles he requested during the budget process. Chief Dodge explained that the total cost for both vehicles is \$73,000. The grant covers 35% of that so we only have to bond for 65% of that. Attorney Jacobs explained how these programs work. They are part grant and part low interest loans. Trustee Walker explained his frustration. Attorney Jacobs explained that bond counsel put this together. Chief Dodge explained that the amount we are borrowing is \$48,000.00. Chief Dodge explained that the USDA requires the amount to be bonded and reviewed how the process works. Trustee Meaney asked how the funds from Walmart and UHS came about. Chief Dodge explained that the manager of Walmart was asked if there were any grant or funding opportunities. UHS was by word of mouth. We did not solicit anything. The \$40,000 should cover almost all of the K9 vehicle. We will salvage all we can from the current vehicle.

Trustee Walker asked Chief Dodge about an incident involving a dog injuring its homeowner where the homeowner ended up in the hospital. Chief Dodge explained the process when there is a dog bite. Attorney Jacobs stated that the Town of Union Dog Control does go out after hours.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:42pm 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 7:01pm was made by Trustee Meaney 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 7:02pm to discuss the Police 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 the executive session at 7:06pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:09pm to discuss the Fire Contract 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 7:18pm was made by Trustee Balles 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 7:19pm to discuss the Fire Department Personnel 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 7:21pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

#### Abstract Questions:

Trustee Meaney asked if we could get rid of one of the iPad's in the Water Department. He thought that was part of the wi-fi's. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup stated that she will talk to the Water Department.

Trustee Walker commented on the purchase of pop up tents at Kovarik's.

Attorney Jacobs reported on a small claims case regarding a sewer issue and explained that we have still not closed on 16 North Harrison Street yet.

### ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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