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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, July 18, 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  
                  Cheryl Sacco, Attorney for the Village  
                  Jeff Jacobs, Attorney for the Village

The Board met with Daria Golazeski and Gary Post from Code Enforcement to discuss the request from a resident regarding 145 Floral Avenue where the 2 children were killed in a fire and wanting the Village to amend the building code to require all existing multi-family buildings to retro fit with fire escapes. Ms. Golazeski explained that she has spoken to our state representative for technical issues, Charlie Bliss from Division of Building Codes and Standards and he stated the NYS constitution prohibits retroactive changes to existing buildings unless the state or municipality is going to fund the changes. There is also a section of executive law that says that if a local municipality is going to adopt a more restrictive standard the state has to approve the more restrictive standard. Under the existing building code, if a building undertakes changes they have to meet certain current standards based on what is being done. Ms. Golazeski provided examples. Mayor Deemie asked if the building was up to code prior to the fire. Ms. Golazeski stated that it was as of its last inspection. Mr. Post explained further explained the situation at 145 Floral Avenue and what happened with the fire and current building codes. Trustee King asked about regulations for means of egress from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor vs. the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Mr. Post explained the rules for egress.

Mayor Deemie explained that the owner of 145 Floral Avenue is asking for forgiveness of the lawn mowing charges on the property. Ms. Golazeski stated that he would have to go to a fair hearing on that. Ms. Golazeski explained that he was warned that the lawn wasn't fully mowed and he did nothing about it so the Town had it mowed it and billed him.

Ms. Golazeski handed out a draft of the new chicken law to the Board for review.

Trustee Walker commented about a real estate sign that has been on Floral Avenue all year. Ms. Golazeski stated that she sent Derek Waddell out to look for it and he could not find it. She will go look for it.

The Board met with Grant Writer Dai Korba and reviewed the resolutions she has on the agenda and the projects she is working on. Ms. Korba reviewed the grant applications that she is submitting:





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- 1) Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for the Johnson City Waterfront Revitalization Plan Project. This is for Boland Park and the adjacent area we are not utilizing. Davis College is interested in partnering with the Village in this effort.
- 2) 2017 New York Main Street Program – 27 property owners representing 36 properties are interested this time. She is also talking to other agencies for other sources of funding for improvements for these properties. Trustee Meaney asked how this tied into the URI. Ms. Korba stated that this is not tied into the URI but she will be reaching out to them to discuss possibilities.
- 3) CFJ Park Comprehensive Master Plan – the Carousel needs some rehabilitation work & a preservation plan. We have applied for national historic recognition for the Pagoda. We need to develop a historic use plan for the Pagoda and decide how to preserve and use the park in the future. Trustee Meaney suggested using the small concession stand to sell items such as ice cream, soda, hot dogs, etc.

Ms. Korba explained that there is a resolution on the agenda for Calvary's Love Church to have musical performances at Floral Park.

Ms. Korba has been offered an intern from the same program she graduated from at Binghamton University. He is working on his Master's Degree in Public Administration. He is excited to do some policy analysis for the Village such as Code Enforcement, Village vehicles. There will be no cost to the Village for this.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:04pm to discuss the Police Contract 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 6:24pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**AGENDA** - The Board reviewed the agenda and the resolutions.

The Board discussed increasing the starting salary for fire fighters and decided to leave that resolution tabled.

Mayor Deemie explained that he spoke to person who requested the handicapped parking space on Nassau Street. She informed the Mayor that she wants the space in front of #42 not #46. If it is in front of #46 she said she will not use it. The placement was suggested by Sergeant Mason. There is not any room for 2 spaces.

Trustee Meaney stated that it was suggested that the Fire Department should have a study done on their vehicles. It should be done in 3 or 4 months. Trustee Walker asked if Trustee Meaney knew the height of the largest Binghamton Fire Truck. Trustee Meaney stated that he believes it is 100 – 105ft. Mayor Deemie stated that he thinks it is the same as ours.





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38 St. Charles Street – Mayor Deemie explained that the neighbor wants to have the trees taken down that are causing issues for him but they need to go on the Village’s property at 38 St. Charles to do that. Attorney Jacobs stated that the contractor removing the trees should provide a certificate of insurance naming the Village as an additional insured.

Trustee Meaney asked who cut the bamboo at the corner of North Hudson Street and Carlton Street. It is lying in the road. Mayor Deemie stated he would look at that.

Trustee Meaney asked how the conversion to LED light bulbs is going. Mayor Deemie stated that they have done Village Hall and the Police Station but he is not sure about the Fire Stations.

Trustee Walker stated that when Mr. Bennett was in to talk to them about the separation project they were shown pictures of between the new nursing school building and the old Ozalid building where they were going to come over from Grand Avenue. Now in all of his reports he is talking about the Baldwin Street separation project and he doesn’t remember talking about that. Mayor Deemie stated that is it and we can have Mr. Bennett come back in to talk to them about that again.

Mayor Deemie told Trustee Meaney that in answer to his question why was the Village mowing on Weymouth Lane, it is our easement and we have to maintain it. Trustee Meaney stated that everyone up there has an easement in front of their houses. Trustee Meaney stated that someone owns that property and asked if legal could research this. Attorney Sacco stated that it could be a different type of easement. Mayor Deemie stated he will have Bob Bennett look in it.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:49pm to discuss the Fire Contract 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 6:24pm was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

### ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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