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Village Board

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

Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, August 1, 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

AGENDA - The Board reviewed the agenda and the resolutions.

Trustee Meaney ran into the head coach of the Seton girls' basketball team. She and the players were very appreciative of the certificates the board sent them. Mayor Deemie explained that they did send a thank you letter.

Mayor Deemie updated the board on 219 Main Street which we were going to buy from the county – the previous owner has filed an appeal saying he still owns the building so it is in the courts again. Attorney Sacco stated that according to the GIS Broome County owns the property. The previous owner was Hasan Cekic.

Public Hearing for a handicap parking space in front of 46 Nassau Street – Mayor Deemie stated that at the last meeting the requestor, Melodie Smith stated that if the space is there she will not use it. Trustee Meaney and Trustee Walker felt we should go ahead with this. Mayor Deemie stated that then the person at 46 Nassau Street will lose a space in front of their house. Trustee King stated that he would rather not put it in at all then. Clerk/Treasurer stated that Mr. Kellam informed her that Kathy Engle will be presenting a petition against the space tonight. Trustee Meaney stated that he felt Mrs. Smith needs to be asked why she came to the board in the first place if she is not going to use the space. We were trying to help her and it was the recommendation of the Police Department. Mayor Deemie stated that he went to her house and personally showed Mrs. Smith where the space would go and she said she didn't want it there. Trustee King commented on setting a precedent with these spaces.

Request from The Bridge to close Pleasant Avenue – No issues as long as the barricades can be moved quickly in the event of an emergency.

Trustee Walker asked for clarification of Resolution #2017 – 136 (authorizing design costs for the reconstruction of roads in and for the Village of Johnson City, Broome County, New York, at a total maximum estimated cost of \$189,000, and authorizing the issuance of \$189,000 bonds). Mayor



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Deemie explained that it is for the design work for Harry L. Drive and Reynolds Road. Clerk/Treasurer Kennerup stated that we had to bond for certain items in order for us to be reimbursed.

Mayor Deemie reminded the board that a super majority is needed for the bonding resolutions to pass. Trustee Walker asked if the projects still have to go out to bid. Attorney Saco explained yes.

Trustee Meaney stated that the IAFF is doing an evaluation of our fire vehicles. Trustee Walker asked if we don't purchase the ladder truck will the evaluation show if our ISO rating will go down. Trustee Meaney stated no. Trustee Walker asked how we find that out. Trustee Meaney stated he will try to find that out. Mayor Deemie and Trustee Meaney stated that we had all of that in the beginning. Mayor Deemie stated that any audit is not going to tell us what our ISO rating is going to be. That is up to the insurance companies. The audit will tell us the condition and life expectancy of our vehicles. Mayor Deemie stated right now the issue is do we need to replace the tower, can we repair it or are there any other options. The board discussed mutual aid in the area. The board discussed the bonds for the EMS vehicle.

The board discussed competitive bids, purchase requisitions and the procurement policy.

The board discussed the remaining bond resolutions. Trustee King asked if the garbage truck had been ordered yet. Mayor Deemie stated that he did not think so. Trustee King stated that it can't be ordered until the bonding is approved. Mayor Deemie stated that some of this stuff has to be planned out 6-8 months in advance. Trustee Meaney asked if they are looking to buy a used one. Mayor Deemie stated no this one is new.

Trustee Balles asked if the Planning Board position has been filled yet. Mayor Deemie stated that he has 2 names so far. He was hoping for a couple more. He hopes to make a decision by the next meeting.

Trustee Meaney asked about the Village mowing on private property. Mayor Deemie stated that it is being addressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter into executive session at 6:22pm to discuss the Police Contract 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 6:29pm 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 6:30pm 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 7:04pm 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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EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:05pm to discuss the Fire Salaries 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 7:12pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Code Enforcement Study – Mayor Deemie asked if Trustee Balles was done with that yet. Trustee Balles stated no he has not finalized it yet. He is still tying up loose ends. He has some answers but not all of them. One of the issues is hiring. Trustee Balles explained that the Councilman Bertoni's concern is that the Town Board may want to hire additional code officers and house them at the Town instead of the Village hiring them and housing them at Village Hall. Mayor Deemie, Trustee Meaney and Trustee Walker expressed concerns with this.

Electrical Inspector – Mayor Deemie explained that we need to add a last minute resolution adding appointing a temporary electrical inspector due to a health emergency with the electrical inspector.

Town of Union Court Utilities Expenses - \$63,000.00 - Mayor Deemie explained that there will be a settlement for the Time Warner litigation and the Town wants to take the fees that the Village owes out of the settlement to cover the amount they owe the Village for utilities. The board stated no.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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