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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, October 3, 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

The Board met with Grant Writer Dai Korba who provided an update on her recent efforts.

- The BU Intern has started and is assisting on the Zombie Properties, Restore NY Project and is reorganizing the Adopt-A-Park Program. He is also doing some analysis and research on our shared services and our business atmosphere.
  - 125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversary went well
  - Zombie Program is functioning as it is supposed to. The Zombie Task Force is meeting and she has had more people want to join the group.
  - Applied for a Preservation League Grant for the Library. Trustee Meaney asked if this would affect our anticipated lease with the Library. Ms. Korba stated that it should not.
  - Restore NY Round 4 – Finally getting ready to finish that up. We will be demolishing 219 Main Street. We should come in under budget. Trustee Walker asked about the tipping fees for 38 St. Charles Street. Ms. Korba explained that the contractor was charged a different rate than the flood demos because of the asbestos. There were funds to cover that. 219 Main Street is asbestos free. Trustee Meaney asked if there are any ideas for the property after the demo. Ms. Korba explained that because it is in the historic district there are restrictions. State Historic Preservation Office has an extreme preference for it not be used for parking. Any new build is going to need to conform to the character of the surrounding buildings.
  - Restore NY Round 5 is beginning. She is working with the First Ward Action Council. We can team up and use Restore funds to obtain houses in the Floral Park neighborhood that the County owns. Trustee Meaney suggested including Endicott Avenue. Ms. Korba explained that they prefer streets with a percentage of owner occupancy. Trustee Meaney stated that he believes it is at least 50% owner occupied. Trustee King asked Ms. Korba to provide the Board with a list of the properties that would be included in the grant. Ms. Korba stated that she would. Ms. Korba explained that there is a lack of market rate housing. Ms. Korba explained the Restore NY application process.
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- Ms. Korba commented on our recreation committee, park improvements, the adopt a park program. She is planning on her BU Alumni Day of Service to focus on the Baker Street Park. Trustee Meaney asked about the tennis courts at Northside Park. Ms. Korba explained that the funds we received are not enough to do a double court. Trustee Meaney asked if there is any work we can do ourselves. Ms. Korba stated maybe but it might not be enough to make a difference. The expense is the resurfacing and the fencing. A plan needs to be in place to request CDBG funding for our other parks. Trustee Walker commented that when he sat on the CDGB Board it seemed like very little funds from CDGB go to JC parks.

The Board met with Chief Jacyna and Randy Shear, local sales rep for Sutphen Fire Apparatus and VanderMolen Fire Apparatus and Phil VanderMolen owner of the dealership to discuss the Fire Department's Tower Ladder Truck. Chief Jacyna explained that they have been approached by two companies with demonstrator models they are selling. They are comparable vehicles and the prices are drastically reduced. The one from Churchville is \$1,029,800.00 and the one from Sutphen is \$997,500.00. Trustee Walker asked if a demonstrator will fit our needs versus one we spec out. Mr. Shear explained that the motors they have discussed with the Chief have all be 500 horse motors. The motors are designed to run about 1 million miles. The difference between what they are offering and what the other company is offering is that they are 20,000 pounds lighter. It has a 95ft. mid mount ladder. Trustee Meaney asked if it is ISO rated. Chief Jacyna stated yes. Trustee Walker asked about the number of axels. Mr. VanderMolen stated it is 3 axels. The body of the truck is stainless steel. The ladder is aluminum. This is the same one as almost all of the surrounding municipalities have. Trustee Walker asked about the price difference between this truck and the same truck purchased new. Mr. VanderMolen explained that they have an order from the City of Utica for the same model with a slightly smaller body and that is \$1,300,600.00. 2 trucks for the City of Syracuse in January were \$1,000,000.00 but the City was providing the motors, the transmissions and the booms from 20 year old trucks. Trustee Walker asked what year the demonstrator model is. Mr. VanderMolen stated it was built in 2014 and was driven around the country to shows to be displayed. It has 40,000 miles on it. Mayor Deemie stated that he understands that the number of miles is not as important as the number of hours on it. Mr. VanderMolen stated it has 1,800 hours on the motor, 21.5 hours on the aerial and 24.7 hours on the pump. The Village would start with a new warranty on the truck. Trustee Walker asked how many gallons of water it carries. Mr. VanderMolen stated 300 gallons. It has a 10,000 watt generator, lighting to light up the scenes, electric cord reel and 115 feet of ground ladders. Trustee Meaney asked about training. Mr. VanderMolen explained that included in the price is transportation from Ohio and each shift will get them for a day of training. Trustee Meaney asked about acceptance test on the pump. Mr. VanderMolen explained this will get a third party pump test and aerial test prior to delivery. The tires are what is on there now. Trustee Walker asked about lettering. Mr. VanderMolen stated lettering is included in the price of the truck. Trustee Walker asked where the nearest service center is. Mr. VanderMolen stated Syracuse. Most of what needs to be serviced can be done onsite. Trustee Meaney asked about getting under bridges. Chief Jacyna stated that he thinks we should be fine. Trustee Walker asked if there are any other items that the Chief would like to add. Chief Jacyna stated it has all the stripping, etc. Trustee Meaney asked what they would do with the current truck. Mr. VanderMolen explained that it is probably worth its weight in scrap – probably \$3,000.00 – \$6,000.00. It could also be sold or auctioned off. Attorney Sacco asked about competitive bidding. Mr. VanderMolen explained that we have a sole source opportunity here. Attorney Sacco will pull legislation from Binghamton and Greene who have done this before. Trustee Walker asked about delivery time. Mr. VanderMolen stated it would be 30 days. Trustee Balles asked if there is any room for negotiation on the price. Mr. VanderMolen explained that because it is already so discounted it would require removing items from the truck that have been installed yet or crediting back for items



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that could be done locally. Trustee Walker asked about the other area trucks. Mr. VanderMolen stated they are 450 horse. The mid mount makes this truck easily maneuverable. Trustee King asked about undercoating. Mr. VanderMolen explained the process they use.

The Board met with Chief Dodge to discuss:

- Proposed promotion on the agenda.
- Expenses for Toyota Camry – Chief Dodge explained that there are 2 Camry's. One is a 1998 Camry that was a drug seizure car which they received for free. The other is a 2007 Camry is the one they had to fix up. This is the vehicle that was involved in the incident at UHS. He will need to check with Sgt. Mason to see how much they have put into that vehicle. He would guess \$4 – 5,000.00.
- Quality of Life Patrols. Trustee Meaney asked the Chief his opinion. Chief Dodge explained that he is open to them. He has spoken to several people about them and there are mixed reactions. The Board discussed the patrols in Endicott. Trustee Meaney stated that he understands the Troopers are walking the streets. The Board stated that they would like to have certain areas targets. Chief Dodge stated that he will try and get one together here by the end of the month. He hopes that our own full time Community Action Team will be up soon. Trustee Balles asked if it is only the State Police who do these patrols. Chief Dodge stated that the Sheriff's Department will also help as will the task force. Trustee Meaney stated that he thinks our officers do a great job, they are just out manned. This would be to help them out. Chief Dodge spoke of areas for saturation patrols.
- 2 new openings that were created in the budget are still vacant. The Police Academy doesn't start until April. They did just receive a transfer applicant from the Sidney Police Department. He comes highly recommended. Trustee Meaney asked if there would be any payback due for his training. Chief Dodge stated no, enough time has passed. The Board gave Chief Dodge permission to move ahead with the background check.

Mayor Deemie reported on the following.

- 59 Lester Avenue – The County Executive has invited the Mayor to his office on Thursday at 3:30pm to discuss the proposal they received. Trustee King asked if the use would still need to go through our process and boards. Mayor Deemie stated yes.
- Roller Derby League request to use the carousel for photos for a fundraising calendar.
- Your Home Public Library Event on December 7<sup>th</sup> – The Board discussed alcohol at the event. The Board decided alcohol will not be allowed as it is Village property.
- Lights on the Circle – Trustee Walker asked if there is an issue with the types of lights on the traffic circle. Mayor Deemie explained that is the State.
- JC Elks Show Off Your Doggie Show will be held at CFJ Park on Saturday from 10:30am - 12:00pm
- Mural Fest will be held at Floral Park on Saturday from 11am – 4pm.

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

Meeting with Binghamton on JSTP – Roof Damage. They would like to continue to hold Quarterly meetings.

NYSEG Easements – Trustee Walker asked is we can ask them for compensation. Attorney Sacco stated that we could ask.



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### EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:11pm to discuss the contract with the Police Department and get legal advice 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 7:19pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Trustee Balles asked about the Fire Grant. Mayor Deemie stated that Chief Jacyna explained that the grant is 2 years old and is basically dead. We won't see anything from that. The Board discussed sole source in regards to the Tower Ladder Truck.

Sign Moratorium – Attorney Sacco stated that she pulled the design specifications and the historic district and explained her findings. She design specs cover the iDistrict which is a very large area. The historic district is much smaller. She suggested talking to those working on the design specifications instead of a moratorium.

Trustee Balles asked about changing our fees for peddler, vendors, etc. Mayor Deemie stated that will be at a separate meeting.

Trustee Walker asked if a meeting had been set up yet with Assemblywoman Lupardo or Senator Akshar yet. Mayor Deemie stated that he has not set that up yet.

### ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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