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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, October 17, 2017 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main Street, Johnson City

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel
 Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer
 Fire Chief Rob Jacyna
 Dai Korba
 Clark Giblin

The Board met with Tim Powers of Magna 5 who provided an update on the phone line and internet connection transfers and proposal on phone lines.

- Conversion on voice has been completed. Took longer than anticipated because of services being layered over the years and took unraveling to do the project right. We have been converted for 3 months. There were some problems with Police Dept but they have been cleared up. There has been very little disruption.
- Conversion of data network is now running. We have challenges with 5 emails with stny domain. Working with Ron Eubanks to get this figured out, probably will have done within the next week.
- The Village was promised two free months. Magna gave us our first month credit, about \$3800. Project got off to a slow ramp up, pretty steady and where we thought it was going to be.
- Four months ago, Tim saw this as a multiphase project. Once Magna saw the services we had in the Village, he and his Account team worked up some proposals.

- Voice service is one copper line, one phone number, one telephone line which was standard back in the 60s-70s. More economic ways to do it and a spreadsheet was forwarded to the Mayor.
- Tim is proposing to use high capacity circuits. The two main locations are Police & Court and Village Hall. The police station has 24 pots and the Village is paying just shy of \$1282/month now.
 1. Telco (T1) – 24 phone lines bundled in one circuit. The total price with usage is \$762/month using Verizon network (Telco network) which is most reliable, but most costly.
 2. Metro Ethernet - Uses Time Warner/Spectrum and we would bundle our lines in one high capacity circuit. Savings is highly substantial – would pay \$300/month. The big fallback is that it takes analog voice and digitizes.
 3. Business Class – The pricing would not work right for the Village. Voice traffic would go over internet and is delivered across internet to our routing equipment. For one phone line or small business it is fine. Fairly reliable, but not when you start adding more services and more phone lines.
- No obligation to do anything and enjoy what has already been done. Commitment was to come back with other ways to get these done. The quotes are pre-tax amounts.
- He has talked to Ron Eubank and has been working with him closely. Ron is comfortable with either way you go. PRI is another type of circuit, but didn't even consider.
- One suggestion is to have Village Hall use Metro E and Police/Court use T1. When voice traffic traverses internet it is subject to outside influences. The other two do not touch the public internet. It simply rides Time Warner or Verizon and is a point to point circuit from location to switching location. If you lose your circuit for any reason, your traffic goes down.
- Pots using now is regular telephone always used. T1 is more secure line and that is why you pay more.
- No up-front cost. Already paid \$99 each on the data circuits.

The Board discussed whether they have to make decision by the end of the year. Tim Powers said it is hard to predict what cost increases there could be if we wait. Telco seem to be more stable in price than Time Warner/Spectrum.

Mayor likes going to T1 and trying that on both Village Hall and Police & Court. It will take 6 weeks to switch.

Fire department (4 lines, 2 faxes) and Water (2 lines, one fax) are on POTS and were not included because there are not enough voice services to carry high capacity circuits. Whether you have one or 24 lines, you still pay \$405. Pots line is \$53 includes usage.

Cheryl Sacco looked at the Agreement Tim Powers presented for switching from POTS to Telco for Village Hall and the Police Department. The Board decided that because Magna 5 is already a vendor that we could switch services without resolution. The Mayor signed the Agreement.

Tim will be back in December/January to give update.

Ben Lainhart, the Library director addresses the board. Kristin and Jason from brewery will be coming to discuss an event Ben wanted to put on at the library and what the event really was.

- Ben, has been the director for 3 months. This is the 4th library he worked at.
- There have been issues with library and village in the past, and he would like to come to meetings more and work with the village.
- He would like to partner with the village on upcoming family events and would like to get younger people in the library and more people. About 10,000 people passed through this summer. He wants to get out there and get more in the public eye.
- The Library together with the Binghamton Brewing Co. are looking to do a team trivia night in December to get more people through the door. It would be a fundraiser, but only make about \$200. The event would go about 2 hours. Would like to get more 25-35 year olds to come to the library.

Kristin from the Binghamton Brewing Co. is here to discuss the event at the library.

- She needs to acquire a marketing permit which allows them to go any place with a permit provided city is added as an additional insured. They will be giving out samples of beer.
- She will need a one-day temporary permit which allows them to sell on premise. \$36/fee from NYS.
- The Brewing Co. has a farmer permit.
- They will add the library and the village on as insureds. They are trying to market the library to other folks that wouldn't normally go to the library.
- The event will be held on the 2nd floor which is not ADA compliant. They will be carding people and controlling who comes in and out. The admission is \$25 for 21 and over and no one will be able to get upstairs without ticket. With each admission they will get one free beer. They are looking to have no more than 70 people.
- They were looking to have the event on December 7th but can wait until the spring if they need to.
- Kristin will give the Village a copy of the insurance agreement, farm license and \$36 NYS permit. No indemnification, just insurance. Each occurrence is \$1 million, damage to premises rented \$1 million, medical expenses \$10,000, personal injury 1 million, general aggregate \$2 million, automobile accident \$2 million products single limit \$1 million commercial liquor liability \$1 million per occurrence two per aggregate. Cheryl is pretty comfortable with these amounts.

There is a drop-lease between the Village and the Library which the Board has looked at it. The Mayor will forward a copy to Ben. Getting the lease done would resolve indemnification completely. They are going to try and get the lease done before the next meeting. The Mayor will contact Ben to set something up.

There is a new library board member on the agenda to replace Lynette. Trustee King referenced issues with the past, but the issues need to be addressed soon. Ben will leave it up to us to see who wants to meet and when. Trustee Walker was concerned because the last board meeting he was at, they were talking about litigation against the village. Ben confirms he and the library would like to work together with the Village. There will be a meeting set up with members from each the Village Board and Library Board. Ben wants a solid library and a cool downtown.

Senator Fred Akshar is going to come to the next meeting on 11-21-17.

Broome County is trying to get developer in who submitted proposal for 59 Lester Ave. There are 226 apartments, 60,000 square feet of commercial space. \$48 million subsidized senior housing.

Generator at the Administration Building– We want to get our hands on a generator to bring to Village Hall. We need to make sure it has the right capacity to support this building. Bob Bennett is going to talk to one of the electricians.

Announcements Rotary event

Discussion regarding Minutes

- Minutes are not supposed to be verbatim and minimally reflect certain things. It is not recommended that the questions and answers be attached to the minutes. If we do attach, they will have to be reviewed and redacted if necessary. Portions could be a problem if automatically attached.
- Nothing in the law requires a vote on minutes. We are only obligated to put in whose here and what the motions are and who seconds. Though if it is asked that something be attached, it should be done.
- The department heads should know if the questions and answers will be attached. Public may want to know who is asking and answering the questions. Put name of who is asking questions and who is answering.
- Bills are foitable, but FOIL is subject to redaction. With a FOIL, records are pulled and someone redacts them. Account numbers or other items have to be redacted.
- If the questions are asked at a board meeting, they will be on the recorder and recordings are foitable. They are a complete and accurate record.

Board discussions

- Why do we have a Sam's Club Account?
- Water department employee going to Home Depot every day for three days.
- Why are we still paying for 5 laptops? Why does Mary Beth still have one? Bob said he was going to get rid of one laptop.
- Water is paying \$330 for fire alarm monitoring. Why is it going under repair to property?
- NYSEG bill for \$773 for little league field? Service should be seasonal only.
- Lights on the Carousel – permission to do that?

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 6:59pm to discuss legal litigation in police department was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:25pm 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.

Trustee Walker asked if a special meeting could be set up regarding Senator Akshar's appearance at next board meeting. The Mayor will set up a special meeting to discuss Senator Akshar's visit at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:25pm.



Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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