



## VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
243 MAIN STREET, JOHNSON CITY, NY 13790

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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 Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held on Tuesday, December 19, 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  
                        Trustee Elect Clark Giblin  
                        Chris Waters

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the fire exits.

#### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

[1]     The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm.

[2]     Village Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day. Refuse Collections will not be effected as there is no garbage collection on Monday. The Christmas tree collection dates are January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup>.

[3]     Swearing in ceremonies of Village officials will be January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 10AM in the Johnson City Village Court.

#### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2017 special meeting and of the November 21, 2017 work session and regular meeting minutes was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Balles. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

**BIDS** - None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

**PETITIONS RECEIVED** - None

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS**

Mayor Deemie opened the first privilege of the floor. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Deemie closed the first privilege of the floor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A motion to accept and file the following Communications was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

[1] NYSDOT – cc letter to the Village, original letter to Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development dated 12/12/17; regarding Special Use permit review – MICROTEL Sign 400 Prospect Street (Near NYS Route 17), Town of Dickinson, Broome County NYSDOT Case#17-017.

[2] Charter Communications – dated 12/13/17 Upcoming changes.

[3] Marina Lane – Senior Planner – Review Pursuant to Section 239-I & m of the General Municipal Law Special Use Permit to Raise Pylon Sign 4-Foot Higher than Permitted 400 Prospect Street, Tax Map #143.74-3-32

**COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

A motion to accept and file the following Committee/Board Reports was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

[1] Minutes of the December 6, 2017 Town of Union Board Meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A motion to accept and file the following Department Reports was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

[1] DPW & WATER Monthly November 2017 Report

[2] TOWN OF UNION CODE ENFORCEMENT October & November 2017 Monthly Reports.

[3] Fire Department November 30 - December 13, 2017 Report.

[4] Police Department November 16 – November 29, 2017 Overtime Report.

[5] Police Department November 30 – December 13, 2017 Overtime Report.

[6] DPW overtime report November 2017.

[7] Johnson City Police Department September 2017 Monthly Report

**PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED**

A motion to approve abstract #11 of the 2017 – 2018 fiscal bills, having been audited by the Board and approved, was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

GENERAL FUND	\$294,827.57
WATER FUND	\$32,935.05
SEWER FUND	\$36,664.70
REFUSE FUND	\$63,052.26
JSTP	\$705,323.60
VARPUR	\$8,500.00

Discussion – the Clerk Treasurer talked about getting a raise from the variable purpose line and it is back. The Clerk Treasurer confirms there was a bill from the variable purpose line and it was billed to that line.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution #2017-214**

A motion to accept resolution for Excellus Medicare Blue PPO Copay Plan effective 1/1/2018 with no increase for 2018 was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

**Resolution #2017-215**

A motion to permanently appoint Robert Transue to the position of part-time Village Court Bailiff -OC from Civil Service List#65-363 as established by Broome County on 12/6/17 was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Balles. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

**Resolution #2017-216**

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Personal Services Agreement between the Village and the Clerk/Treasurer for the period beginning January 1, 2018, as reviewed during executive session, in a form acceptable to counsel for the Village.

The resolution was held over by Trustee King.

**Resolution #2017-217**

A motion for authorization for the Dept. of Public Arts to do Community Activities at Floral Park. The initial proposal which could include painting murals inside the bathroom buildings and possible painting of plywood panels at the park that would be used to go into windows at 19 Avenue B while it is being worked on was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

**Resolution 2017-218**

A motion to hire Charles Fish, to a part time position with a start time of December 27, 2017 for 28 weeks, at a maximum of 19.75 hours a week at \$10 an hour or at the minimum required wage by law. With the receipt of a monthly report and paystubs; the Village is eligible for a reimbursement of this salary on a monthly basis from Community Options was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

**Discussion:** Actual civil service part-time number is 19.75 hours.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** - No new business

**FIRE (Trustees Balles & Walker)**- No new business

**POLICE (Trustees Balles & Walker)** - No new business

**PUBLIC WORKS (Trustees Balles & King)**

**Resolution 2017-219**

A motion to authorize the forgiveness of a \$105.00 handbill charge for excess refuse collected at 15 Grand Avenue, Johnson City was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Failed – Vote:

**Ayes** – 0 **Nays** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Absent** – 0

**Resolution 2017-220**

A motion to adopt the following resolution was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Johnson City has determined that it is in the best interests of the Village to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Johnson City Central School District for the purpose of accessing and sharing in the supply of salt stored at the Johnson City Department of Public Works Complex, 124 Brown Street, Johnson City, New York; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Johnson City hereby resolves to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Johnson City Central School District as set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor of the Village of Johnson City is hereby authorized to enter into and execute said Intermunicipal Agreement on behalf of the Village of Johnson City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RECREATION (Trustees Balles & King)** - No new business

**PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT (Trustees Balles & Walker)**

**Resolution #2017-221**

A motion to adopt the following resolution introducing a proposed local law was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

WHEREAS, a local law, being proposed as Local Law No. 1 of 2018, entitled “A Local Law amending chapter 208 of the Village Code entitled ‘PROPERTY MAINTENANCE’” a copy of which is attached hereto, was introduced at this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to hold a public hearing with respect to the adoption of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Johnson City with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid Local Law at 7:35 p.m. on January 2, 2018, at the Village Hall, 243 Main Street, Johnson City, New York, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

**Discussion:** Trustee Balles explains we are going to make a change because of the code committee report we did. There was a number of action items we were looking at and this is one we were trying to improve with code, changes to storage of a vehicle, where you can store a vehicle and how many you can store at a certain residence, regarding sale of a vehicle and there are restrictions. If a resident wants to sell their vehicle at their home, a copy of the permit shall be affixed to their windshield and the permit should be visible from the street. \$25 for the permit.

### **JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD ((Trustees Meaney & King)**

#### **Resolution 2017-222**

A motion to authorize the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board received a FEMA check #05925168 for 4031-PW2504v1 in the amount of \$624,224.62 and two wire transfers for 4031-PW2504 v0 and 4031-PW2504v1 in amounts of \$118,206.77 and \$560,275.89 and requests legislation increasing 2017 Budget revenue appropriations and also to allow payment of \$1,302,707.28 to the Owners. On the revenue side: Federal Aid – Emergency (J.44960) should be increased by \$1,302,707.28. On the expense apportionments that Reimburse Owners for Rec (J8130.54899) be increased by \$1,302,707.28. There is no State portion included in these receipts. Payments made via claim to the City of Binghamton (54.8%) in the amount of \$713,883.59 and the Village of Johnson City (45.2%) of \$588,823.69 will then be processed was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

#### **Resolution 2017-223**

A motion to authorize the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board requests the Owners to transfer \$5,000 from Personal Services (J8130.51000) to Vacation Buyback (J9089.54101) to allow for the increased level of employees selling back unused vacation this year was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

### **Resolution 2017-224**

A motion to authorize the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board requests the Owners to transfer funds from Phase III Clerk of the Works Professional Services (J8130.54418) in the amount of \$125,000 into the Equipment and Pump Repair line (J8130.54621) to allow for the rehabilitation of our Flygt Pumps was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

### **Resolution 2017-225**

A motion to authorize the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board requests the Owners to transfer \$4,000 from Legal Services (J8130.54430) to Vehicle Repair (J8130.54450) to allow for the ongoing service of plant vehicles was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 5 (Meaney, King, Walker, Balles, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS**

*Don Slota, Eldredge Avenue* – What is Charles Fish going to be doing?

Mayor explains he will be doing janitorial work around the Police Station. Joe will be directing him. He will be helping Joe.

With regard to the proposed law junked vehicles. The code is not enforcing. The used car lots have far more cars on their lots without plates than they were given authorization for. The place across the street from St. James has better than 20 cars and was supposed to only have 5. The other used car lot (Vitali) behind Olums was supposed to be for storage vehicles, not for sale and every one of the vehicles have a for sale sign on it. Nobody is enforcing that, how are we going to enforce this?

The Mayor explains it is a site plan violation which has nothing to do with this change to the law.

The Mayor will address with the code both locations. The one across from St. James has been cited numerous times. The Mayor will look into Vitali.

Trustee Walker states it has been an honor and privilege to work with Trustee Meaney the last year and a half and did the Village justice in stepping forward and fulfilling your Trustee term.

Mayor Deemie recognizes Marty for the work he has done over the last two years and give him recognition for his dedication and service to the Village of Johnson City.


Trustee Meaney says it has been an honor and privilege to serve as Trustee for the last two years. It is not as easy as we think, Clark, good luck. Everybody who comes here you are awesome. If there is any way you can get to the work sessions, he would suggest that. There is a lot that goes on there and a lot of good things happen there as well and you can get a lot of good information. To the Board, good luck, you have a lot of good things coming, a lot of positive things coming. You have to be advocates for the residents and that is going to be hard. You have to my utmost confidence that you are going to do an awesome job and I thank you for continuing to serve.

Mayor wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Enjoy your holidays and we may see some of you at the swearing in on the 1<sup>st</sup> and if not we will see you on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at the next meeting.

Trustee Walker before 8:00pm at the mall the JC Sophistocats are performing and we can make it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

  
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Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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are available for review through the Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office.