



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 Clark Giblin, Trustee John Walker, Trustee

Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main Street, Johnson City

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor
 Bruce King, Deputy Mayor
 Richard Balles, Trustee
 Clark Giblin, Trustee
 John Walker, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel
 Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer
 Dai Korba, Grant Writer
 Jodi Kennedy, PDA Union President
 Chris Waters

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 5:30pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the fire exits.

- Dai Korba discusses proposal submissions for the Greater Binghamton Fund which she will be submitting this Friday January 19, 2018 afternoon.
- Dai is looking into a feasibility study for the intersection behind the hospital where Corliss, Harrison, Baldwin, Park Place meet.
- The Board and Dai Korba discuss the developer for 19 Avenue B, Victory Building.
- 219 Main Street is in legal limbo currently. The County thought they owned it, but as soon as it is done in the courts, it will belong to the Village.
- Grand Avenue Renovation discussion. This is a proposal for the Greater Binghamton Fund. By putting Village money into Grand Ave renovation makes our overall streetscape project more appealing.

- Project Facelift is all façade work.
 - o Facades of buildings should maintain their historic character - artistic and creativity can be added.
 - o Combine multiple property projects along Main Street in the business district to work on their exterior improvements to make the buildings look more appealing.
- Dai explains once it is submitted they will call and ask questions for the next month. They will order the projects based on the impactfulness and they will submit to the state in the order of their preference and the state will grade them.
- Dai Korba discusses zombie properties. Trying to get a local law called vacant property registration ordinance to fit the needs of our community. Dee has been working on a draft ordinance and we will base ours off of that and we will bring to the Board.
 - o Attorney Sacco explains how our village is different than the cities with regard to zombie properties and snow bird properties.
- Trustee Balles inquires about the solar law being drafted. Dai explains that we adopted last year at the direction of the State, a unified solar permitting process which is facilitating business and residents adding solar to their homes when feasible and it is being written in our code exactly what is acceptable and unacceptable in the Village.
- Mayor Deemie discusses an email received from Louise Roberts who lives on Floral. She wrote regarding removing parking on Floral and putting a bike lane in. They were never notified and now they have to park on Harrison. The Mayor explained it was part of a grant and there was a public hearing notice put out. The Mayor told her she could bring her complaint before the Board.
- Elevator has been repaired by Joe and his friend. His friend was able to charge us minimally and fix the board.
 - o Trustee King questions liability. The Mayor will have to have the elevator company come and certify equipment.
- Mayor Deemie got the questions out to Senator Akshar regarding FEMA.
- Mayor Deemie explains the PC Construction bill. Dig Safely was called, NYSEG was putting a pole near pump station in Vestal on Gates Road. We looked at it; we thought we knew where the pipe came out, there were no manholes. Our guys said this is where it comes out and your clear to dig. The pipe came took a funny curve and they put their auger right down dead center of the pipe. We called PC Construction because they were right there at the sewer plant. Now we know where the pipe goes. This was fixed in a timely manner and the DEC complimented us on how fast it was done. As far as we know there will be no fines or fees. Bob Bennett will look into turning it into insurance.
- Trustee Balles and Trustee Walker discuss Joint Code Committee Review Part 2 and finalizing the 13 action items. Six actions items have been completed and there is a plan to complete the remaining seven by the end of March.

- Trustee Balles and Trustee Walker will sit down with Judge Thomas and possibly other municipalities regarding their code violation procedure. Trustee Walker questions if we can adopt a local law that there are fees associated with more than one citation.
 - Attorney Sacco said we can check into jail time for repeat code violators. If you see someone three times within a certain time period. We can't change the code, but can talk about philosophy and policy. We can take it out of Village Court into Supreme Court, it is costly, but we will get different results.
 - Board discussion regarding hiring more code enforcement officers. Mayor Deemie states that we need to stay within our budget. Dee will talk to the code officers and see if they are interested in going full-time.
 - Board discussion regarding
 - firefighters receiving basic code training
 - BSI Certification; and
 - Schedule of Fees.
- Board Discussion regarding last month purchase of light bar for Water Department from Trux Outfitters and a purchasing a light bar this month from Lights and Sirens for sewer truck.
 - Updates on fire apparatus? Was supposed to be replaced around Christmas time. The Mayor will check into this.
 - Meeting with UHS. The Mayor states UHS was in transition because Salanger was going and Carrigg is coming in. The Mayor will contact Carrigg again regarding meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 5:31pm to discuss contract negotiations in the police department 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 5:56pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Mayor discusses the Agenda and Resolutions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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