



## VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
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### Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor

Bruce King, Deputy Mayor

Richard Balles, Trustee    Clark Giblin, 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, February 20, 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  
                        Carol Armstrong, Member Relations Manager,  
  Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce  
                        Marcie Kretzmer of Gateway Signs Company

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and noted the fire exits.

- Carol Armstrong, Member Relations Manager of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce speaks regarding the Village of Johnson City becoming a member of the Chamber.

They are your voice and they can help. They have a committee that meets to talk about issues within the County and State. Some examples of issues are gas drilling, health care, Scaffolding Law, etc. They do advocacy, awards, ribbon cuttings. They want to keep businesses here to grow.

Attorney Sacco discusses the BLI – Leadership Program and Workforce Program to keep our young people here, an example is learning about networking.

The cost is \$380 annually (January to January) and a one-time process fee of \$25.

- Marcie Kretzmer of Gateway Signs Company discusses digital signs. Mike Darpino of Shaffer Darpino Rugs is present in support of Gateway Signs.

They do larger outdoor advertising and want to be able to give the signs to the municipalities at

no cost. They only ask that the landscaping they put in be kept up by the parks department.

They have 7 rotating slots and one of the slots is given to the municipalities to put in any information they want to put out to the community ex. fire info, police info, amber alert, park info. They ask that an IT person be in charge of the information. The other 6 are sold for advertising.

Trustee Balles suggests looking for private land to place a sign. The Mayor and Attorney Sacco confirm they are not allowed on private property in Johnson City.

Attorney Sacco, Mayor Deemie and Daria Golazeski discuss issues with Village Code and State property, park land, traffic studies, traffic volume and permits.

Dee Golazeski talks about the sign at Highland Park that is a message board that the Town controls. It is not a full screen video. That sign was \$14,000.

- Ben from the library will be here next month to discuss their budget.
  - Dan Knight who was the president resigned. He was 93. They are looking for a new board member.
  - Mayor Deemie has a meeting with John Carrigg from UHS on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - St. Patrick's Day parade - March 3, 2018
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- Chief Dodge discusses the new hire, Matthew Schechter who is filling one of the COPS Grant spots. He is off the civil service list. He has to go through the academy which starts April 2<sup>nd</sup> and pre-academy starts March 19<sup>th</sup>. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from SUNY Cortland. He went to work for Honda of Ithaca where he has risen through the ranks and is in charge of a few aspects of that business. He has been a Volunteer firefighter and EMT since he was a teen and he wanted to get into police work. They were very impressed with his interview, his background was flawless and he came highly recommended. He resides in Cortland, but anticipates he will be moving to Johnson City.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

A motion to enter executive session at 7:01pm to discuss possible litigation with Chief Dodge 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 7:08pm was made by Walker and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION #2**

A motion to enter executive session at 7:09pm to discuss possible litigation with Chief Dodge was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:15pm was made by King and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Mayor discusses the Agenda and Resolutions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.

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Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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Recordings of the Village Board meetings and work sessions  
are available for review through the Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office.