



## 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

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### Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held on Tuesday, October 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  
                      Chief Dodge

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 meeting of the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board will be held Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 3:00pm at Johnson City Village Hall.
- [2]    The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm.

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

The Minutes of October 2, 2018 regular meeting and work session were held over by Trustee King.

**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 Communication was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

- [1] Broome County Association of Municipal Clerks Meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2018 12:00pm at Grande Pizza, Binghamton, NY
- [2] Broome County Safe Housing Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 2-3:00pm at the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator, Event Center
- [3] Broome County Association of Towns & Villages on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 6:00pm, The Spot Restaurant, 1062 Upper Front St., Binghamton.
- [4] Correspondence received October 5, 2018 from Robert Mihok, President of AFSCME Local #3718 regarding opting out of the current agreement between Johnson City and UHS WCPPO.

### **COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

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

- [1] Minutes of the September 20, 2018 Broome County Association of Municipal Clerks Meeting
- [2] Minutes of the September 27, 2018 Broome County Safe Housing Tax Force Executive Committee Meeting
- [3] Minutes of the September 27, 2018 Broome County Association of Towns & Villages Meeting
- [4] Minutes of the October 3, 2018 Town of Union Board Meeting
- [5] Your Home Library Director's Report dated October 9, 2018
- [6] Parks Committee Report dated October 15, 2018
- [7] Sewer Committee Report dated October 15, 2018

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

- [1] Fire Department Overtime Report for the weeks of September 20, 2018 – October 3, 2018
- [2] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of September 20, 2018 – October 3, 2018
- [3] DPW Overtime Report for September 2018

### **PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED**

A motion to approve Abstract #8 of the 2018 – 2019 fiscal bills, having been audited by the

Board and approved, was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 268,648.11
WATER FUND	\$ 53,399.90
SEWER FUND	\$ 100,546.71
REFUSE FUND	\$ 21,737.40
JSTP	\$ 3,287,145.90
VARPUR	\$ 3,717,353.93
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 96,257.55

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 4 (Giblin, King, Balles, Deemie)    **Nays** – 0    **Absent** – 1 (Walker)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)**

**Resolution #2018 – 178**

A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 4 (Giblin, King, Balles, Deemie)    **Nays** – 0    **Absent** – 1 (Walker)

WHEREAS, the Village of Johnson City hired Delta Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, DPC to prepare a Feasibility Study on locations for a New Department of Public Works Building; and

WHEREAS, Delta prepared that Feasibility Study and the Village of Johnson City, Board of Trustees have received and reviewed the Feasibility Study dated September 28, 2018

WHEREAS, The Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) has indicated that they are lead agency for any environment review necessary for this action; thus no environmental review is necessary for the Village currently; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees that the Village hereby accepts the Feasibly Study.

**Resolution #2018 – 179**

A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 4 (Giblin, King, Balles, Deemie)    **Nays** – 0    **Absent** – 1 (Walker)

WHEREAS, a local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 300 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED ‘ZONING’” 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 December 4, 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.

**Resolution #2018 – 180**

A motion to appoint Mr. George Slavik, III to fill an unexpired term on the Plumbing Board effective October 16, 2018 through December 31, 2019 was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 4 (Giblin, King, Balles, Deemie)    **Nays** – 0    **Absent** – 1 (Walker)

**Resolution #2018 – 181**

A motion to authorize forgiveness of \$68.04 to Camille Ciotoli for payment to Town of Union for the lawn/mowing/trimming on June 2, 2017 and forgiveness of said \$68.04 fine for 69 N. Baldwin St. due to error on behalf of Town of Union was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 4 (Giblin, King, Balles, Deemie)    **Nays** – 0    **Absent** – 1 (Walker)

Discussion: Mayor Deemie explains the Town of Union waived their end of the issue because they had an incorrect address in regards to when they sent the fine out so the person did not receive the notice for mowing so it was an error on the Town of Union’s part. We plan on allowing this reimbursement and then we will bill the town for it, so they owe us.

**Resolution #2018 – 182**

A motion to authorize reimbursement of \$206 to Bibi Teekasingh for overpayment of refuse fees

for 69 Elizabeth St. paying two-family residence charges instead of a single family residence fees for April, July and October was made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee King.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 4 (Giblin, King, Balles, Deemie)    **Nays** – 0    **Absent** – 1 (Walker)

Discussion: Mayor Deemie explains the house was listed as a two family, it was changed to a single family and the change was not given to us. When this person purchased it she was paying for a two family so we are reimbursing her from the time of purchase.

### **Resolution #2018 – 183**

A motion to authorize forgiveness of refuse fee in the amount of \$105 for excessive garbage on the September 19, 2018 bill to Jeanne Cordisco for 313 Harry L. Dr. was held over by Trustee King.

*Discussion:* The Mayor responds we have not received a letter from the property owner in regards to the forgiveness.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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

**PUBLIC WORKS (Trustees Balles & King)** - No new business

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

**PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT (Trustees Balles & Walker)** - No new business

**JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD ((Trustees Giblin & King)**

### **Resolution #2018 – 184**

A motion to approve an ordinance to amend the 2018 BJCJSTP Budget and transfer \$26,200 from Contingency (J8130.55000) and place \$23,200 into Property Insurance (J8130.54300) and the balance of \$3,000 into Printing (J8130.54103) was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 4 (Giblin, King, Balles, Deemie)    **Nays** – 0    **Absent** – 1 (Walker)

Discussion: Trustee King explains in the last two years there are a lot of buildings that have been taken down and they received reimbursement on property insurance premiums. They anticipated more reimbursement of insurance premiums for this current budget and they didn't

get any so they ended up with a shortfall of money to pay the premium. The \$3,000 is for printing of RFPs, they are trying to hire more personnel and they need to place the ads.

### **Resolution #2018 – 185**

A motion to approve an ordinance to amend the 2018 BJCJSTP Budget and transfer \$16,526.77 from Health Insurance Buy-out (J9060.58001C) to Health Insurance - Retirees (J9060.58002C) was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Balles.

Motion Carried – Vote:

**Ayes** – 4 (Giblin, King, Balles, Deemie)    **Nays** – 0    **Absent** – 1 (Walker)

Discussion: Trustee King explains they did not have as many people take the buyout for the insurance so they have money in that line since some people took the single family. They had a retirement that they hadn't planned on so that line came up short so they are transferring from one line to another.

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

Mayor Deemie opened the second privilege of the floor.

*Gail, Sergeant St.* – Why do the school taxes keep going up? Sergeant St. is the slums. Residents have moved in and they don't work and are on welfare. Also the January taxes were a big jump.

Mayor Deemie explains the Village Board does not have any control over school taxes. The School Board meeting is what you should attend. The January taxes are Town and County.

*Marty Meaney, Weymouth Ln.* – Why is there a police presence tonight?

Mayor Deemie responds there was a possibility of a certain irate resident that came in during the week and we had to call the police to come in for that meeting and he threatened to come tonight.

*Laurleen Crampton, Riverside Drive* – Resolution #2018 - 182 – She has been in that house, she has slept overnight in that house and she has been in every room. Does anyone go there and see that it's a one family house and not three? There are three apartments in there. There is the side door, the main door and there is some kind of thing in the basement that could be an apartment.

Mayor Deemie explains that Code determines if it's a one, two or three family. Code is the one that said it is a one family.

*Don Slota, Eldredge Ave.* – There is a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 22, 2018 at Noon for the apartment complex, Century Sunrise.

Welcome to Harry Lewis, former Mayor  
Marty Meaney, former Trustee and running for office  
Chief Dodge of Johnson City Police Department

*Julie Deemie, President of the Johnson City Partners, Resident of Zoa Ave* – The Johnson City Partners was approached by the publishers of My Town Magazine, a new local magazine, by former local people that have moved back to the area because they love the triple cities and they love Johnson City. It is very exciting to have them here supporting the community because this is a really good publication and it is free. There are short stories about local people and events. It is a very upbeat positive publication meant to foster revitalization in our area. They came to the Johnson City Partners to partner an event and want to do something along Main Street to make it more appealing and get families involved. They are proposing along with the JC Partners a window painting project to take place on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 1:00pm if it is not raining and November 18<sup>th</sup> if it is raining. Children throughout Broome County who are registered will be painting windows up to three foot height where they have permission. It will be called Winter Wonderland and we hope to keep it up through the holidays.

October 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be clean up along Main Street. Grades 7-12 will be creating artwork to hang inside the windows. It will be a competition and there will be prizes given.

November 9<sup>th</sup> they will be washing windows.

Mayor Deemie confirms this is in conjunction with the business owners.

*Laurleen Crampton, Riverside Drive* – Good idea, but how come Johnson City looks so bad? Owego has shops and they seem like they thrive. Even Binghamton, they make it look half way decent.

Mayor Deemie responds we are just starting. There are businesses making repairs to their buildings. There is other business interest in the Village. It is going to take time to see the fruits of our labor. We have had one grant for downtown that we have put over \$1,000,000 into Main Street. Most of it went into the interiors because they were so bad. You have to work on the inside first before you can work on the outside. We just got a huge grant from the Greater Binghamton Fund in order to do some of the façades on Main Street, the fronts of buildings. We are working on things, its coming up with the financing that is difficult. Owego is ahead of us because they already had many Main Street grants and Binghamton has taken over ten years to get where they are once the school came. The one school just came and the other school opens in 2020. It's coming, but it takes time and he guarantees that. The governor's office and many state agencies are looking at us, wanting to spend money here because of the school. We just got some great funding to put a rail trail in the middle of the Village, hoping to hook into the other rail trail. It is about ready to get going, but we have been working on things for years. We have a ribbon cutting for Century Sunrise; it has taken him a couple years to get that going. Downtown is starting to come around and businesses are cleaning up. We need the help of the community also.

*Mayor Lewis, Mildred Ave* – A few pick-ups, the little things mean a lot. Grass cutting around the Village, Village properties, homeowners and around the Southside Fire Station. The biggest thing and so noticeable is to get the sneakers off the wires on Grand Ave.

*Marty Meaney, Weymouth Ln.* – Speaking with business owners, they feel the Village isn't giving back as far as enforcement, when dogs are defecating in front of businesses, people defecating behind businesses and littering. They are doing their due diligence to keep their properties in good order, but they aren't feeling as if the Village is doing enough to curb those activities.

Mayor responds the CAT Team is enforcing more than ever before. They have done a lot with trespassing, bikes on the sidewalk, and littering to that effect. He understands what he is saying. We have to see the actions happening. We are starting to nail people for things like that. The CAT Team was advertised and flyers were handed out.

Chief Dodge confirms CAT Team is geared for neighborhoods.

*Julie Deemie, Zoa Ave* – Mayor went to M&T on Main St, passed someone whose dog was defecating on the sidewalk. When he said something to the individual he was belligerent toward him. The Mayor persisted and the man begrudging said to his son, you go pick that up. It is never an easy situation. As far as Main Street businesses, the JC Partners, including her and the Mayor have spent years, digging through the tree boxes picking out feces and needles. But she has never seen a business owner doing that or thanking the JC Partners.

The Mayor adds it should not be on the shoulder of one or two people. It is everyone's Main Street, over 20,000 cars go down Main Street daily.

*Don Slota, Eldredge Ave.* – Are the buildings behind us being knocked down?

The Mayor replies it is for sale, but I have not heard that it is. As far as I know, no one is in there now. Code has posted it inhabitable.

Mayor Deemie closed the second privilege of the floor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

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Cindy Kennerup  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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