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MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor

Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin Trustee Martin Meaney

Trustee Benjamin Reynolds Trustee John Walker

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main Street, Johnson City

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor
 Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor
 Martin Meaney, Trustee
 Benjamin Reynolds, Trustee
 John Walker, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel
 Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer

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 Town of Union Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:00pm at 3111 E. Main Street, Endicott, NY 13760.
- [2] The next Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 3:30pm at the Administration Building, 1st Floor Conference Room, JSTP, Vestal.
- [3] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm at Village Hall.
- [4] Town of Union Public Hearing regarding BAE site will be held on March 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Town of Union Town Hall, 3111 E. Main St., Endwell.
- [5] Johnson City Partners Speaker Series presentation regarding Growth is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Village Hall.

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 – None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

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

- [1] Minutes of the February 6, 2019 Town of Union Board Meeting
- [2] Minutes of the January 24, 2019 Broome County Association of Towns and Villages Meeting

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- [1] Fire Department Overtime Report for the weeks of February 7 – February 20, 2019
- [2] Town Of Union Code Enforcement January 2019 Monthly Reports
- [3] DPW & Water Monthly Report for February 2019
- [4] JSTP Summary Reports dated February 28, 2019

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Abstract #15 of the 2018 – 2019 fiscal bills, having been audited by the Board and approved, was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 393,083.36
WATER FUND	\$ 87,445.73
SEWER FUND	\$ 5,516.03
REFUSE FUND	\$ 26,752.81
JSTP	\$ 429,052.51

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Discussion: Trustee Meaney discussed his list of questions to the departments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)

Resolution #2019 – 41

A motion to the authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with 19 Avenue B Associates, LLC regarding the sale of 19 Avenue B was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

Resolution #2019 – 42

A motion to authorize the Mayor to execute and take other actions necessary to effectuate the Memorandum of Understanding with the Village Administrative Support Unit was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

Discussion: Trustee Meaney explained the administrative unit wanted to add and addendum to contract because wages falling close to below minimum wage. There was a cost savings of \$60,000 within the unit which was split between the unit and the Village. The unit agreed to contribute more into their health insurance.

Resolution #2019 – 43

A motion to authorize the granting of a parade permit to the Johnson City Police Benevolent Association (JCPBA) and the DW 5K Committee to hold the Officer David “DW” Smith, Jr. Remembrance 5K Run/Walk at 9:00am on the Sunday, June 2, 2019 contingent upon receiving the necessary approvals from the NYSDOT, and coordination with the JC Police and JC DPW for road closures and required insurance was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays – 0** **Absent – 0**

Resolution #2019 – 44

A motion to approve a request for Precious Turkow Dickson and family to hold the 4th Annual Jamison Turkow Memorial Walk for Addiction Awareness at CFJ Park on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 12:00pm – 4:00pm contingent upon proof of insurance being provided listing the Village of Johnson City as an additional insured and the submission of security details was made by Trustee

Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Discussion: Mayor Deemie stated they also will have the carousel and bathrooms open and they do pay for those services.

Resolution #2019 – 45

A motion to authorize forgiveness of \$317.12 for a late charge on the water/refuse/sewer bill for John Tager at 257 Main Street, Johnson City was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Failed – Vote:

Ayes – 0 **Nays** – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2019 – 46

A motion to authorize forgiveness of \$23.43 for a late charge on the water/refuse/sewer bill for Louise Snyder at 103 Lincoln Avenue, Johnson City was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 4 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker) **Nays** – 1 (Deemie) **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2019 – 47

A motion to authorize forgiveness of \$49.79 for a late charge on the water/refuse/sewer bill for Julia Dyno at 46 Academy Street, Johnson City was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 4 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker) **Nays** – 1 (Deemie) **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2019 – 48

A motion to authorize forgiveness of \$23.40 for a late charge on the water/refuse/sewer bill for Theresa Fuller at 26 Academy Street, Johnson City was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 4 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker) **Nays** – 1 (Deemie) **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2019 – 49

A motion to approve Hon. Gregory P. Thomas request to increase the salary of part-time Court Clerk Margaret McCann to \$12.50 per hour effective immediately and retroactive to January 1, 2019 was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Discussion: Mayor Deemie explained an employee left and Judge Thomas hired a part time person at a lower rate. This person has been there a while and minimum wage has caught up with her wage.

Resolution #2019 – 50

A motion to appoint Mari Giurastante to the part time temporary position of NY Main Street Grant Clerk effective the 7th day of March, 2019 contingent upon the successful completion of a background check. Position salary \$13.00 per hour; to be paid through the NYS Homes & Community Renewal Main Street Program funds was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Resolution #2019 – 51

A motion to authorize Reimbursement to Gary Polakas 46 North St for Refuse charges he was over charged in the amount of \$2,010.00 was held over by Trustee Meaney.

Discussion: Mayor Deemie explained this house was being charged as a multi-family but we are unsure of the number of years they can go back for reimbursement. We need to check the years we can go back so we have the correct amount.

Resolution #2019 – 52

A motion to approve to increase the salary of Village of Johnson City part-time employees to \$11.80 per hour effective immediately and retroactive to January 1, 2019 was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Reynolds.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Reynolds, Meaney, Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays** – 0 **Absent** – 0

Discussion: Mayor Deemie explained the change is due to the increase in the minimum wage to \$11.10. Next year minimum wage is going to \$11.80 and the following year to \$12.50. We are looking ahead so we don't have to keep changing the rates when minimum wage changes.

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) – No new business

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Deemie opened the second privilege of the floor.

Corrina Johnson – Why are there several forgiveness' of late charges? Two of them are on Academy Street.

Trustee Giblin responded when we looked further into it, the forgiveness was certainly something that we aren't required to do. There were 15 houses on the same post office route that didn't receive their bills. Mayor Deemie stated he voted no because it is not our responsibility to figure out if they received their bill and based on our code. Every bill went out to every resident, whether they get them or not, it is not the Village's responsibility once they go to the post office. They come out four times a year. There was an incident that the bills were cut in half and that was because the post office machine was cutting them in half. Trustee Reynolds is going to look into speaking with Congressman Brindisi about the postal issue. Post office for some reason isn't delivering all of our bills.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Ave. – The sign board by the mall. Can we post something when the bills are sent out?

Mayor Deemie closed the second privilege of the floor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 7:51 pm to discuss disciplinary action of employees in various departments was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 8:02 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter executive session at 8:03 pm to discuss former personnel in the Police Department was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 8:05 pm was made by Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

A motion to enter executive session at 8:06 pm to discuss Confidential JSTP was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 8:10 pm was made by Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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