



VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

243 MAIN STREET, JOHNSON CITY, NY 13790

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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 19, 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
 Richard Balles

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 20, 2019 at 7:00pm at 3111 E. Main Street, Endicott, NY 13760.
- [2] Johnson City Partners Speaker Series presentation regarding Growth in Johnson City is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Village Hall.
- [3] The BC Association of Towns & Villages monthly meeting will take place Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Vestal American Legion 113, 118 Jensen Road, Vestal. The guest speaker will be Douglas Garnar, Retired Professor, SUNY Broome.
- [4] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm at Village Hall.
- [5] Budget Meeting Schedule

BIDS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PETITIONS RECEIVED – None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Deemie opened the first privilege of the floor.

Welcome to County Legislator Rick Balles

Julie Deemie, Zoa Ave. – Would like to recognize Clyde VanDyke of Johnson City who won the 4H 2019 Youth in Action National Award Winner.

Corrina Johnson – Spoke regarding Clyde VanDyke, being part of the Dream Center and getting his start at Sarah Jane Johnson.

Mayor Deemie closed the first privilege of the floor.

Jim Dutcher, Director of IT for Broome County discussed the State of the County Address:

- Lower tax rate/lower budget
- Better fund balance
- Cuts to AIM (cover with internet tax)
- Eliminate PINS – youth program
- Imposing new lead poisoning prevention monitoring
- 3% state funding cuts
- State of the County Address is online

Trustee Walker asked where the County stands with the public safety radio system they are trying to institute.

Mr. Dutcher responded Mike Ponticello is leading that up. He will get a definitive timeline schedule. Mayor Deemie will set up a time for him to come speak regarding that.

Richard Balles, Richard St. - County Legislator discussed the following:

- BC Service Agency – one stop complex for men and women veterans
 - 750K for 80 acres property
 - Clear Path will be assisting
 - Veteran’s Luncheon Tues, April 2, 2019 @ 11:30 at the Cooperative Extension to discuss the facility
 - The County purchased a van to help shuttle the veterans
 - Room to expand
 - Looking to build tiny houses for the veterans
- Public Safety System
 - Radio system
 - going digital
 - project will impact towns, villages, police, ems, fire, and first responders
- Steve Cornwell’s office can secure money for police departments
 - Interview Room
 - upgrade audio and video equipment - \$8700

- Jump start JC

Trustee Giblin questions how much money is going into renovating structures.

Mr. Balles and Mr. Dutcher respond:

- Renovation estimate - \$3 million
 - \$2.1 million in grant money
 - Veteran’s budget - \$800-900,000.
 - County Executive soliciting local donors - \$200,000

COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

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

- [1] Minutes of the February 20, 2019 Town of Union Board Meeting
- [2] Joint Sewage Treatment Plant Reports
- [3] Library Board – Monthly Meeting Agenda and Director’s Report

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- [1] Fire Department Overtime Report for the weeks of February 21 – March 6, 2019
- [2] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of February 21 – March 6, 2019
- [3] Town Of Union Code Enforcement February 2019 Monthly Reports
- [4] Police Department Annual Report for 2018

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Abstract #16 of the 2018 – 2019 fiscal bills, having been audited by the Board and approved, was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with Trustee Giblin, Trustee Walker and Mayor Deemie voting in the affirmative.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 111,913.19
WATER FUND	\$ 30,135.17
SEWER FUND	\$ 68,400.79
REFUSE FUND	\$ 18,031.63
JSTP	\$ 729,303.78
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 63,499.28

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 3 (Giblin, Walker, Deemie) **Nays** – 2 (Reynolds, Meaney) **Absent** – 0

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #2019 – 32

A motion to rescind motion to authorize partial forgiveness of water/refuse/sewer bill in the amount of \$1,957.31 due to extenuating circumstances at the property of Eugenia Muryn at 9 Colville Avenue, Johnson City 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 – 51

A motion to authorize Reimbursement to Gary Polakas 46 North St for refuse charges he was over charged in the amount of \$1,576.00 was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Discussion: Mayor Deemie explained Mr. Polakas was being charged for a two family when it was only a single family. He wanted to go back more years than we are allowed. We are only allowed six years so this is the cost of six years of overcharges.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES (All Board Members)

Resolution #2019 – 53

A motion to authorize forgiveness of \$234.88 for a late charge on the water/refuse/sewer bill for Eugenia Muryn at 9 Colville Avenue, Johnson City was held over by Trustee Meaney.

Resolution #2019 – 54

A motion to authorize forgiveness of \$28.06 for a late charge on the water/refuse/sewer bill for David Colgan at 90 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 – 55

A motion to authorize reimbursement to John Dellapenna 309 Oakdale Road for Refuse charges he was over charged in the amount of \$1,576.00 was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Failed – Vote:

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

Discussion: Mayor Deemie explained this property was supposedly changed from a two family to a one family. According to Code and Public Works there were never any permits pulled on this property. We do not have proof that it was changed from a two family to a one family. He would like these charges refunded.

Resolution #2019 – 56

A motion to appoint Mr. Fred Kocan to fill an unexpired term on the Plumbing Board, effective March 19, 2019 through December 31, 2022 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 – 57

A motion to authorize the Fire Department to auction 1995 Ford F450 / Old SCBA's / Remote Freedy the Fire Truck was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

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.

Don Slota, Eldredge Ave. – When does leaf pick up start?

Mayor Deemie confirmed yard waste starts April 1st.

Lurline Crampton, Riverside Dr. – Is the Village doing a tire drop off?

Mayor Deemie responded nothing has been set up but he will talk to the Board and see if they will approve because it is a cost to the Village.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Ave.

- Questioned Trustee Reynolds and Trustee Meaney as to why they voted no on the payroll and bills?
 - Trustee Meaney responded we are still paying bills for meals and he doesn't believe the tax payers should be paying for meals and a tip. Asked they be pulled from the abstract and they weren't.
- Questioned whether Trustee Reynolds and Trustee Meaney have been to a Broome County Association of Towns and Villages meetings?
 - Mrs. Deemie discussed the purpose of the BC AOTV meetings.

Mayor Deemie and Trustee Meaney discussed meetings and training.

Karen Beebe – Asked Trustee Reynolds why he voted no?

- Trustee Reynolds responded for a similar reason. He knows we have an agreement with Grey Goose for the website, but thinks we should find a way that would be more cost beneficial.

Manny Samaras, Grand Blvd. –Is there a way towns and villages could have a system like e-courts so they can look into tenant's backgrounds before renting.

- Mayor Deemie responded he would talk to judge and justice system and see what they have in place and what is allowed. We have to be very careful what we are legally allowed to give out.

Trustee Walker – Questioned approval of minutes. Requested minutes be put back on for approval.

- Mayor Deemie responded it is not necessary to have approval of minutes. It is not a requirement, but we can put them back on.

Julie Deemie, Zoa Ave – Asked Trustee Meaney if the tax payers are affording a healthcare policy to his benefit in his retirement. What is the value?

Trustee Meaney responds yes and confirms the value is \$25,000 for every employee that has a family plan.

Mayor Deemie closed the second privilege of the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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