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Village Board

Martin Meaney, Mayor

Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin

Trustee John Walker

Trustee Adam Brown

Trustee Mary Jacyna

**Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at Village Hall, Training Room, 1st Floor**

Present: Martin Meaney, Mayor
Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor
Adam Brown, Trustee
Mary Jacyna, Trustee
John Walker, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel
Brittany Perkins, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Fire Marshal Robert Blakeslee
Randy Shear, Code Officer
Stephanie Yezzi, Senior Planner

Mayor Martin Meaney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Sam Salamida of Park Outdoor local and Paul Simonet of Park Outdoor corporate spoke regarding the following:

- Reengage with the Village of Johnson City
- Allow Village Attorney to speak with their Attorney Sarah Campbell

Mr. Salamida and the Mayor and the Board discussed:

- Revenue share with Town of Union
 - \$10,000 in revenue per year
- Route 201
- Park on Harry L Drive
 - Monument sign
- In front of Wegmans (Akel's property)
- Number of advertisers on the digital sign
 - One at a time, an 8 ten second turns with eight advertisers
 - Cost

Mayor Meaney asked the two attorneys discuss, come up with a plan and bring it back to the Board.

Mayor Meaney will reach out to Rick Materese with the Town of Union to discuss shared revenue.

Tracy Howarth and Danny Lutz appeared on behalf of ProChamps Ms. Howarth gave a PowerPoint presentation. ProChamps helps be proactive with properties as they are moving into foreclosure or in the foreclosure process.

- Vacant and abandoned property programs
- Foreclosure analysis

Martin Meaney asked if she could email the PowerPoint presentation to the Board and they could reschedule when she can appear in person.

Ms. Howard will send the PowerPoint presentation and some one-page documents explaining the programs. She will check her calendar and get back with Randy.

Randy Shear and Fire Marshal Blakeslee spoke regarding vacant and foreclosed property registration and gave an update on the microfiche recovery.

Attorney Sacco and Stephanie Yezzi talked about the Sign Regulations Local Law.

- Second version
- Issues with previous sign code
- Ms. Yezzi reviewed Marcia Ward's list of changes to the old sign code.
- Design standards
- Types of signs

Attorney Sacco went through SEQRA with the Board.

Trustee Walker spoke about the Planning Board and their concerns with not having ample time to review the Sign Regulations.

Mayor Meaney discussed the following:

- Department Heads meeting on Friday at 8:45am
- Meeting with Stephanie and Naima Krajian last week regarding outdoor performances
- Harvey Stenger, Senator Akshar, Jason Garnar, Chief Dodge are going to walk through downtown and show them what is coming, what we have, how nice it is going to be and our vision.
 - Want to show poor conditions of 34 and 41 N. Broad and give police statistics from Chief Dodge.
 - Community Outreach officer who walks downtown, visits businesses
 - \$75,000 with training
 - Academy starts in April and Chief Dodge has \$40,000 in budget to start, equip and train someone
 - Senator Akshar said there is a possibility of funding first year.
- Meeting with Joe Moody. He would like to come back to the Village and discuss grant money and development.
- Music Booster Club play. Ad book. Trustee Walker suggested the Village takes an ad out. Full page is \$100. Mayor Meaney asked to take \$100 out of Celebrations Line.

- Attorney Sacco confirmed Arts and Culture allows the Board to decide as long as budgeted and as long as they feel it is worthwhile using the taxpayer's money and benefits the community.
- Trustee Walker will prepare a letter on Village letterhead.

Mayor Meaney reviewed the Agenda and the Resolutions.

Mayor Meaney updated the Board on 60 Lester Ave

- Office space renovations
- Lift building
- Truck Wash
- Salt Barn

Mayor Meaney told the Board he informed Matt Bell Village Hall will be available after moving into 60 Lester. He is working with a lot of people and trying to get people interested in his spaces so he doesn't have to develop it twice. He wants the store fronts filled because then people will be walking and people will want to be here.

Trustee Brown spoke about:

- Reynolds Road/Overbrook intersection
- look into a blinking yellow light.
- Entering Johnson City on Route 17, Exits 68 and 69, Village of JC signs are all bent and falling all over highway.
 - Mayor Meaney responded they will reach out to the DOT
- Light up the Village
- Rebranding with some theme or slogan to bring positive vibes, rebuilding, revitalizing.

Trustee Walker questioned the Coughlin & Gerhart letters that went to the deli's regarding lockdown laws.

- Attorney Sacco will check on the status.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Brittany Perkins
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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

1. What was the Gordy Fluharty accident? **Gordy hit the gate post while turning into CFJ Park from the southbound lane on Lester Ave. There was a car tailgating our truck and Gordy was looking at him in his side view mirror when he hit the post.**
 2. Just wondering, we pay BC info \$473. Per month for mobile data. What does that entail? **Good question. Most, (probably all) patrol cars in Broome County have mobile data terminals (in-car computers) on which officers rely to do most of their work. These MDT's are used to generate all traffic tickets and accident reports through the state's TRACS system, as well as officers' regular incident reports for the calls they go on. They are also used to dispatch some calls with sensitive information that is not fit to go over the air. These reports are sent to the station, and also to the state and the courts in some cases, electronically via Verizon wireless transmitters. Verizon utilizes the same tech that they use for your cell phone data transmission. Broome county provides this hardware, and manages the data account for all of the law enforcement agencies. Broome IT then breaks the cost down per MDT and bills the corresponding municipality for their share of those fees. This is what you are seeing when you see the \$473 Broome County IT invoice every month.**
 3. What Park has the Elk's Club adopted? Are they reimbursing us for the sign? **The Elks Club adopted People's Park. The sign was just a sign stating that they had adopted it; it will not be reimbursed.**
 4. What is the air flow hyd motor and spinner used for ? \$2,182.21 5. It appears we purchased a number of buckets for the backhoes? Did the old one's break? We purchased on line A5110.2.424 which was for the purchase of a new backhoe. Was this \$24,000 plus purchase's part for the new backhoe? **The Hydraulic Motor and Spinner are used for a salt spinner that needed to be replaced because of break-down. The new buckets are attachments for the new backhoe, they are necessary equipment. Yes, the \$24,000 purchases on the line for the new backhoe were for accessories and outfitting of the new backhoe; they were planned and budgeted expenses as part of the original purchase requisition for the new backhoe. The buckets bought out of a different line were also for the new backhoe but did not fit within the original budgeted amount.**
- I respectfully submit these questions. Please add them to our work session minutes.
Thank you,
Trustee John Walker

- 1) Sockets for \$200.58 in the water department, were these new or replacement? If they were replacement what happened to the old ones? If you could please put a detailed explanation in the remarks box I would appreciate it. **Sockets were for both replacement and new ones purchased for correct size to work on dump truck.**
- 2) Why are we doing quarterly sprinkler inspections with Petcosky for \$190.00 at the water department? **Quarterly inspections of sprinkler system are required and Petcosky has done them for this building since it was built as far as I know.**
- 3) What was the Hyd motor and spinner hub for \$2,182.21 in streets for? **The Hydraulic Motor and Spinner are used for a salt spinner that needed to be replaced because of break-down.**
- 4) Where the buckets for \$24,100.00 in streets budgeted for? **Yes – it was part of the original budget/purchase.**

5) Is the R tool in the fire department for \$490.46 from MES new or a replacement? If it is a replacement, what happened to the old one? **The “R” tool is not a replacement. It is a new tool required for forcible entry for larger modern style lock cylinders. This tool allows for minimal damage when access is needed in a non-emergency situation.**

6) Was the dirt bucket for \$1500.00 is streets budgeted for? **Yes. This was budgeted for and is a necessary trenching attachment for the new backhoe.**

7) The NYSEG bill for 60 Lester Ave is \$1509.05, why is this so high for a vacant building? **After analysis of the NYSEG bill for 60 Lester, I found that the natural gas cost is 75% of the bill. Part of this is due to the increasing price of fuel. It is a large space to heat, and every effort (including not heating the large garage area) has been made to conserve energy at the 60 Lester facility. Thermostats were turned down after a recent walk through, lights and doors are turned off/closed to conserve energy as well.**

Please note that the building, while vacant, is not completely unoccupied. The design team will be going in and out periodically; the DPW has stored some equipment in the building to keep it out of the weather (the thermostat in that area has been turned down as well); the JCPD is also using the building for training for the next few weeks. More energy will be consumed while the building is occupied.

8) I respectfully request that the \$175.00 for the NYS Association of Chiefs of Police is removed from the abstract.

I respectfully request that these questions and comments are attached to the works session minutes.

Thank you,

Marty