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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor
Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin

Trustee Martin Meaney Trustee John Walker Trustee Adam Brown

**Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:00pm on
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Village Hall, Training Room, 1st Floor**

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

Absent: Gregory Deemie, Mayor

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel
 Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer
 Joshua Holland, Director of Public Services
 Robert Blakeslee, Fire Marshal
 Randy Shear, Town of Union Code Enforcement
 Mari Giurastante, Grant Writer

Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Casey Mastro, Senior Account Executive for New York Power Authority in the Clean Energy Solutions Department reviewed a power point presentation regarding Clean Energy Solutions.

- They are a not-for-profit and do not gain financially. They recover administrative costs only.
- They provide municipalities, public entities and private entities a full suite of energy projects and efficiencies services.
- They are street lighting experts and they are fully vested in making sure New York reaches their goals.
- Electric vehicles
- Renewable energy and solutions
- Financing, short term and long term

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 5:25 pm for legal, acquisition of property and possible sale with Rich Kiehle and John Carrigg from UHS was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 6:00 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Mari Giurastante spoke about:

- Park improvements
 - Jennison Park
 - Rotary donated signs for parks
 - BU contribution
 - High School
 - Mural Wall
 - Greater Binghamton Fund \$343,000
 - Sam Grant \$140,000
 - CDBG Funding
 - Walkways for pedestrian traffic
 - Design plans
 - The Board would like more information of who is going to be involved and how much land is going to be involved before any design takes place
- EJ theme park is proposed to be right next to the library
 - Rotary has donated a sign
- Baker Street (200K without matching funds)
- Urban Design
- Gateway
- Public space – urban space – possible increase in lighting behind Giblin's and Sheredy's?
- 265 Main St will be on for next year
- Façade grant
- 272 Main St
- Historical Review Board
- Regrant New York has been submitted
- Grant closeouts

Deputy Mayor Giblin asked Mari to resend Bergman study

IDistrict update by Attorney Sacco

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter executive session at 6:30 pm for legal recess was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 6:46 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Joshua Holland, Director of Public Services advised the Board about the auction monies. Mr. Holland asked for Board approval to purchase a leaf vacuum with a portion of the auction monies. The Board gave Mr. Holland approval to purchase a leaf vacuum.

Fire Marshal Robert Blakeslee spoke regarding Delta resolution. Delta is going to do a study with architectural drawings and the bids for repairing the floor and the lower portion of the southside firehouse. The floor was replaced in 1994 and they could not find the previous drawings. The full estimate is for \$22,700.

Trustees, Mr. Holland and Fire Marshal Blakeslee discussed the project.

Trustee Meaney would like to hold this over until they get more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

A motion to enter executive session at 6:59 pm to discuss pending contract negotiations was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 7:20 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Brown. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Trustee Giblin reviewed the Agenda and the Resolutions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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

1) I have many questions concerning the Coughlin and Gerhart bill. What is the notice of claim for? What is the lease of Davis College by BU costing the village legal fees? What were the overpayment of wages? What were the disciplinary actions? What is being litigated in the fire department? Why are we litigating damage to fire hydrants? What is the North Point proposal? Why are we using the village attorney for unpaid charges to the Press and Sun Bulletin? **Legal Counsel will discuss in executive session. The unpaid PRESS charges were a matter of PH posting that are sent in by legal counsel's secretary, forwards the bill to the Village for payment. The Village paid them months prior. Provided proof of payment to C&G; matter taken care of; kg is legal's secretary.**

2) The reimbursement for meals in the police department for contains alcohol purchases for a Bombay Safire and tonic and a Sam Addams draft. **Alcohol charges were listed on the receipt, but not included on the voucher.**

3) The tip on the Magistrates meeting exceeds 20%. **Thank you. It has been reduced to \$16.79.**

I respectfully request that the \$17.99 for the meal at the magistrates meeting be removed from the abstract.

I do not believe that the use of village funds for tipping should be allowed.

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

Thank you,

Trustee Meaney

1) With payment to Fiscal Advisors for numerous EFCs for the JSTP for \$2,436. Does Binghamton cover any of this cost? **No – They bill us for the Village services. Binghamton is billed for their own services.**

Thanks,

Trustee Clark Giblin

1. Why did we purchase gas for the Water Department from Mirabito in Endwell when they sell non-Ethanol gas at the Mirabito station on Harry L Drive? **I had sent one of our new employees for fuel who is not yet familiar with this area. I'm assuming he misunderstood where to get fuel. I will have a discussion with him in the morning as they are at class today.**

2. Why hasn't Devil Dog Concepts been paid for an invoice for August 18th? **Per the Clerk in Police - Apparently Lt. Brian Bailey had mentioned via e-mail on October 6th after coming back from his September vacation that he was NOT authorized the use of the credit card to pay this vendor ; and as a result the vendor did not get paid in September. Upon researching we could not find any paperwork regarding his statement. At this point I submitted an invoice voucher for payment on the October 19th abstract.**

3. Why are we putting legal notices in the Elmira Star Gazette? It wasn't. **The Press made a mistake, they billed the Village of Endicott for our ad. Then forwarded the bill to us for our ad – It was not advertised in the Elmira Star Gazette. We requested a revised bill, but one was not sent. The ad was clearly ours and came from Press & Sun-bulletin by email.**

4. I request that the \$17.99 For the magistrate's dinner be stricken from the Bills.

I also have several questions I would appreciate answers to in an executive session for Legal.
I respectfully submit these questions, and would like them entered into the work session minutes. Thank you.

Trustee John Walker