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Village Board

Christina Charuk, Mayor
Deputy Mayor John Walker
Trustee Clark Giblin Trustee Mary Jacyna Trustee Lori Thorn

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held in the Village Hall Board Room, 60 Lester Avenue, Johnson City, NY on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Christina Charuk, Mayor
 John Walker, Deputy Mayor
 Clark Giblin, Trustee
 Mary Jacyna, Trustee
 Lori Thorn, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Keegan Coughlin, Legal Counsel
 Kim Cunningham, Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Christina Charuk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Charuk thanked everyone for coming, advised the meeting attendants where the fire exits are and took roll call.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [1] Village Offices and Village Court will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026 for Columbus Day. There will be regular yard waste and refuse collection Columbus Day week.
- [2] The next Zoning Board Meeting will be Monday, October 19, 2026 at 6:30pm with a work session at 6:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room.
- [3] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 7:30pm with a work session at 6:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room.
- [4] Public Safety Town Hall will be held on Monday, October 21, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room.
- [5] The next Planning Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 7:30pm with a work session at 7:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room.
- [6] Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 3:30pm

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

[1] September 15, 2026 Village Board Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes and place them on file was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Jacyna. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative; however, Trustee Walker abstained as he was not present at the September, 2026 meeting.

BIDS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PETITIONS RECEIVED – None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Charuk opened the privilege of the floor.

She stated any visitor wishing to address the board, if you wouldn't mind, to please state your name and, if willing, your address. If you have a prepared statement, please address it to the clerk treasurer. And according to Robert's rules, any speaker can address the board no longer than five minutes. But we welcome your comments.

Michael Scott, 103 Floral Avenue. He requested a zoning-law change to allow his Blazing Cuts barbershop on Floral Avenue to continue operating.

Attorney Coughlin explained the property on Floral is zoned urban multifamily, and some commercial uses are allowed, but most are not.

The board indicated it would introduce legislation at the next meeting and schedule a public hearing on that legislation for November 17th to change the urban multifamily zoning district to allow personal services establishments to exist in that zoning district by special permit to account for similarly situated properties as Mr. Scott's business is located.

Leona Perriault, Pearl Avenue - She spoke in support of Mr. Scott's request for the zoning change on Floral Avenue. She believes that as a board, we should do what we can to support small businesses and responsible growth in Johnson City.

Gary Andrews – he discussed safety concerns in the Village of Johnson City including, crime rate, National If You See Something, Say Something Awareness Day, and social media posts.

Jeremy Hauze, Ackley Avenue –

He spoke clarifying social media posts that reference tv show quotes.

Joe Picalilla – His statement has been added to the record.

I want to take a few minutes to talk about something difficult. I'm sure many of you have heard about the deeply troubling situation that came to light involving Cornell University. The details are incredibly difficult, especially for the person who suffered and for everyone who now feels scared, unsupported, or even unsafe on their campuses.

Here in JC we have a major University presence here with Binghamton University, and that presence appears likely to continue growing. We play host to a satellite campus, just as Binghamton does with the UDC. If you host someone at your home, you expect that rules and common decency are followed and that your home is respected by those you host. It is my hope that BU would enter into conversations with the Village, essentially to promise that what happened at Cornell will not happen here in JC. It is my hope that values we all share are upheld, and that victims are valued more than perpetrators of heinous, violent crimes.

JC is home to the JC CSD, where students well younger than college age are taught. It is my hope that local organizations as well as the help of the Johnson City Police Department might in the future make presentations at our schools to reinforce the seriousness of crimes like this.

That said, Universities can bring students, businesses, investment, innovation, and jobs into a community. While it is true that the land that the University holds is removed from the tax rolls, the University brings with it more foot traffic and revenue generation to local businesses.

I think our residents should be able to feel confident that the institutions operating here share the commitment of JC to safety, transparency, accountability, and respect for victims.

I would encourage the Village to open a conversation with the University, and it is my hope that conversations like that are already being held or planned.

I feel that if Johnson City is going to continue growing alongside BU, we should be thinking about what that partnership looks like five to twenty years down the road.

People and businesses want to invest in communities they feel safe from harm and safe from federal agents kidnapping them, where institutions and their boards of directors and trustees are held accountable for decisions, and where people of all backgrounds and faiths work together. It keeps graduates in the area, entrepreneurs interested, and residents having things to do on a Friday night.

The University, our schools, our businesses, our police, our nonprofits, our residents, and all those who visit and are patrons to JC are all part of this.

We CAN work together on better communication when serious incidents occur. We CAN strengthen partnerships around public safety and prevention. We CAN ensure students and residents know where to turn when they need help.

I'll provide information for Rise. Their website is Rise-NY. Org. Their hotline is 607-754-4340 for anyone that would need help.

It's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We can do better and we must do better.

Thank you.

Mayor closed the privilege of the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS

A motion to accept and file the Communications was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

- [1] Correspondence from Martin Kane, owner of 116 Harry L Drive regarding water bill adjustment.
- [2] Correspondence from Joel Heller for 79 Baker JC LLC regarding waiver of garbage violation fee.

- [3] 30-Day Advance Notice for Liquor License for Forge Kitchen U Bar LLC, 400 Riverside Drive, Suite 1

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- [1] Police Department Overtime Report for September 10, 2026 – September 23, 2026
[2] Fire Department Overtime Report for September 10, 2026 – September 23, 2026
[3] Police Department Monthly Report for August, 2026

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Abstract #6 of the 2026 - 2027 Fiscal bills as stated and or amended and attached to the work session minutes and recorded as part of the work session minutes, having been audited by the Board and approved with the amendments, was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

GENERAL FUND	\$1,168,849.21
WATER FUND	\$267,547.64
SEWER FUND	\$403,928.74
REFUSE FUND	\$40,860.10
VARPUR	\$1,857,093.43
SPECIAL GRANT	\$0
DEBT SERVICE	\$753,632.66
CAPITAL	\$85,930.26

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES

Resolution 202 of 2026

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

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

WHEREAS, a local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 300-58.2 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS” was introduced at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Village Code requires referral of the proposed Local Law to the Planning Board for recommendation. The Village Board hereby refers it; and

WHEREAS, the Village Code requires referral of the proposed Local Law to the Broome County Planning Department for review. The Village Board hereby refers it; 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 shall be held by the Village Board of the Village of Johnson City with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid Local Law on November 17, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard; 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.

Discussion: Attorney Coughlin stated it's in regard to residential neighborhoods. Ground-mounted solar would be prohibited. The current local law is relatively silent on it. There will be a public hearing on November 17th.

Resolution 203 of 2026

A motion to approve a billing review and adjustment for water bill in the amount of \$1,150.76 to Martin Kane, owner of 116 Harry L Drive due to two leaking toilets in the rental unit was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Failed – Vote:

Ayes – 0 Nays – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Absent – 0

Resolution 204 of 2026

A motion to waive garbage violation fee in the amount of \$250.00 to 79 Baker JC LLC, 79 Baker Street was made by Trustee Thorn and seconded by Trustee Jacyna.

Motion Failed – Vote:

Ayes – 0 Nays – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Absent – 0

Resolution 205 of 2026

A motion to waive the 30-Day notice period to Forge Kitchen & Bar LLC, 400 Riverside Drive,

Suite 1, Johnson City for a liquor license with letter of authorization from the Mayor was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Thorn.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE

Resolution 206 of 2026

A motion to appoint Captain Joshua Owen to the promotional appointment to the position of Fire Marshal at the negotiated salary pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the successful completion and passing of the required Civil Service examination was made by Trustee Thorn and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Resolution 207 of 2026

A motion to appoint Lieutenant Jared Mink to the position of Fire Captain at the negotiated salary pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, from Civil Service List #36-313 was made by Trustee Thorn and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Resolution 208 of 2026

A motion to appoint Firefighter Phillip Weston to the position of Fire Lieutenant at the negotiated salary pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, from Broome County Civil Service List #76-306 was made by Trustee Thorn and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Resolution 209 of 2026

A motion to appoint Firefighter Nick Moore to the promotional appointment to the position of Fire Code Inspector provisionally at the negotiated salary pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement,

contingent upon the successful completion and passing of the required Civil Service examination was made by Trustee Thorn and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

POLICE – No new business

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution 210 of 2026

A motion for approval of Change Order # 1 for the Isabelle/ North Broad St Reconstruction, submitted by Byler Excavating for the amount of \$6,108.23 for replacing sections of storm sewer pipes that were not included in the original drawings, and were not documented on any current DPW maps was made by Trustee Thorn and seconded by Trustee Jacyna.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Resolution 211 of 2026

A motion to approve the promotion of Timothy Parke, to Parks Technician, to fulfill the vacant spot of Chris Cooper, at the hourly rate of \$25.6544 effective September 22, 2026 was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Thorn.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Resolution 212 of 2026

A motion to appoint Michael Ide to the position of DPW Probationary Laborer in the Street Department to fulfill the vacant spot due to the retirement of Patrick Vavra, at the starting hourly rate of \$21.4460, effective October 8, 2026. This appointment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation and the required pre-employment drug screening was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Thorn.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Resolution 213 of 2026

A motion to appoint Ian Morrison to the position of DPW Probationary Laborer in the Street Department to fulfill the vacant spot due to the position transfer of Jason Laman from the Street Department

to the Water Department, at the starting hourly rate of \$21.4460, effective October 15, 2026. This appointment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation and the required pre-employment drug screening was made by Trustee Thorn and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Resolution 214 of 2026

A motion to appoint Eric Mulvihill to the position of Community Development Administrator at an annual salary of \$50,000.00, effective October 8, 2026, contingent upon the successful completion of background investigation was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Thorn.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD

Resolution 215 of 2026

A motion to approve the Binghamton-Johnson City Sewage Board's request that the owners pass legislation to authorize a \$185,000 increase of ES8130.54202 Electricity and a \$30,000 increase of ES8130.54221 Water by reducing ES8130.55000 Contingency by a combined \$215,000.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Discussion: Trustee Walker said this was discussed in the joint meeting between the City of Binghamton and the Village of Johnson City, and of joint sewer treatment plant employees for the budget of next year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Christina Charuk thanked all attendees for coming, wished everyone a safe trip home and adjourned the meeting at 8:03pm.

Kim Cunningham
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Recordings of the Village Board meetings and work sessions are available for review through the Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office.