



VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
243 MAIN STREET, JOHNSON CITY, NY 13790
www.villageofjc.com

Village Board

Martin Meaney, Mayor
Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin

Trustee John Walker Trustee Adam Brown Trustee Mary Jacyna

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held at Village Hall, 1st Floor
Training Room, 243 Main Street, Johnson City, NY on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

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
 Deputy Treasurer Thomas Johnson

Mayor Meaney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Martin Meaney called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and noted the fire exits.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [1] The Village Zoning Board Meeting will be held Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:30pm with a work session at 7:00pm.
- [2] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:30pm with a work session at 5:30pm.
- [3] The Binghamton St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held Saturday, March 5, 2022 starting at 1:30pm and preceded by a mass at St. Mary's, Court Street in Binghamton.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

- [1] February 15, 2022 Village Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the February 15, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

BIDS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- [1] Local Law Approving the Adoption of Local Law No. 4 Rezoning 333 Grand Avenue from the

Industrial District to the Neighborhood Commercial District.

Mayor Meaney opened the public hearing to the attendees.

James Easton, Director of Land Development at EP Land Services, LLC spoke regarding the project and representing Regan Development:

- Proposed mixed-use building, currently is zoned in Industrial District
- Asking for a down-zoning of parcel
- Target Population
 - Same as Century Sunrise
 - 72 units, approximately 6,000 sq ft of commercial space
 - 40% - 80% mean income
 - Workforce housing, not Section 8

Mayor Meaney closed the public hearing.

PETITIONS RECEIVED – None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Meaney opened the privilege of the floor to the attendees.

Judy Diamond, *Riverside Drive* – Enjoy reading the monthly report to know what is going on

Peggy Harper, *N. Hudson Street* –Village enjoy what is going on. Why has the newsletter ended?

Mayor Meaney responded the department heads are Quarterly newsletter.

Corina Johnson, *Cook Street* – Newsletter compared to minutes

Christina Diamond – Issue is there is a big disconnect between the Villagers and the Officials that has created a divide. Communication and transparency is key.

Mayor Meaney answered the Board has no secrets. His door is always open.

Siri Rake, *Arthur Avenue* – Newsletter was how people found out what was going on. Looking for more communication since the newspaper isn't there anymore. The Board should be concerned with all businesses in the Village.

Linnette Vasisko, *Grand Avenue* – Newsletter kept people informed and made people understand what was going on.

Judy Diamond, *Riverside Drive* – One months to three months, there may be something in there that is important but after three months has gone by no reason to ask questions because it's already gone by.

Trustee Walker addressed the Facebook post and the Board takes exception to the negative comments about the Board. The Board members put their time in time and time again. They are not in it for the money, they are in it to make the Village better.

Peggy Harper, *N. Hudson Street* – Facebook page was not meant to downgrade people.

Mayor Meaney closed the privilege of the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- [1] Correspondence from Charlene Jones of 277 Grand Avenue dated February 14, 2022 regarding forgiveness of bill for a radio read meter base.
- [2] Correspondence from Mark Grohman of 27 Sherman Street regarding forgiveness of bill for refuse disposal and a code violation.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS - None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- [1] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of February 3, 2022 – February 24, 2022
- [2] Police Department Monthly Report for January

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Abstract #16 of the 2021 – 2022 fiscal bills as stated and/or amended, removing one bill for \$1,219 making the General Fund's total \$702,952.06 and attached to the work session minutes and recorded as part of the work session minutes, having been audited by the Board and approved, was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Giblin, Walker, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

GENERAL FUND	\$702,952.06
WATER FUND	\$103,510.56
SEWER FUND	\$42,353.18
REFUSE FUND	\$27,248.33
JSTP	\$14,041.83
VARPUR	\$26,311.76
CAPITAL	\$0
DEBT SERVICE	\$0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 55 of 2022

A motion to approve the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board's request that the Owners pass legislation to amend the 2021 Budget to increase the appropriations on the Legal Services BAF line (J8130.54430.J0BAF) by \$900,000 and request the City Comptroller to encumber the unspent balance into 2022 Budget with the offset credits of \$340,000 from Reimburse Village Debt Service (J8130.54001.JG) of \$340,000, Reimburse City Debt Service (J8130.54001.JZ) of \$260,000, Contingency (J8130.55000) of \$136,000, Health Insurance – Retirees (J9060.58002.C) of \$130,000 and Maintenance Agreements

(J8130.54656) by \$34,000 was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Failed – Vote:

Ayes – 0 Nays – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Giblin, Walker, Meaney) Absent – 0

Discussion: Mayor Meaney explained Johnson City and Binghamton’s credit doesn’t feel it’s fair or equitable to the Village of Johnson City so he will stand in opposition to this. Trustee Giblin added the \$900,000 they are trying to move around is for future legal fees they anticipate us spending on the current litigation and we don’t know if that is credible.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES

Resolution 56 of 2022

A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Brown.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Giblin, Walker, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 4-2022

WHEREAS, notice was given that the Village Board scheduled a public hearing for March 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. for Local Law No. 4 of the year 2022 entitled “A LOCAL LAW REZONING 333 GRAND AVENUE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village and posted on the Village Clerk’s sign board; and

WHEREAS, the Local Law was referred to the Village Planning Board and it recommended approval of the law; and

WHEREAS, the Broome County Planning Department reviewed the Local Law pursuant to GML § 239-m, and found no significant county-wide impacts; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on the 1st day of March, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Village Board that this is an Unlisted Action as defined under said regulations. The Village Board has considered the possible environmental impacts of the action, concluded that it will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and adopts a negative declaration with respect to the same; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby adopts said Local Law as Local Law No. 4 of 2022 entitled “A LOCAL LAW REZONING 333 GRAND AVENUE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Village Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

Resolution 57 of 2022

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

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Giblin, Walker, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

WHEREAS, a local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING REPEAT OFFENDER FEES” was introduced at this meeting; 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 will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Johnson City with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid Local Law at 7:30 p.m. on March 15, 2022; 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.

Resolution 58 of 2022

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

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Giblin, Walker, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

WHEREAS, a local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 255 ENTITLED ‘TAX EXEMPTION FOR COLD WAR VETERANS’” was introduced at this meeting; 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 will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Johnson City with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid Local Law at 7:30 p.m. on March 15, 2022; 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.

Resolution 59 of 2022

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

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Giblin, Walker, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

WHEREAS, the Village Board adopted Local Law No. 16-2018 amending §236-14C which permits the Village Board to increase or decrease fees by resolution of the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §236-14C of said Local Law, the Board hereby makes the following changes:

Special refuse collection fee: \$250.00 minimum or the actual cost of the scheduled or unscheduled special pickup, whichever is greater

WHEREAS, the remaining fees are unchanged.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Johnson City hereby increases the fee set forth herein, and it shall become effective with the next regular billing cycle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Discussion: Mayor Meaney explained this is for the people who put out garbage when they aren't supposed to and we have to send a crew out to pick it up so it's not sitting on the curb all the time. This is exactly what it costs us to pick it up so we have to adjust our fees to make sure we are getting enough back from the people who are violating the law. Trustee Giblin adds it includes the overtime calculations.

Resolution 60 of 2022

A motion to authorize forgiveness of a bill to Esther Michael for 277 Grand Avenue, in the amount of \$72.50 for a replaced cracked/frozen 5/8" x 3/4" Radio Read Meter Base was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Brown.

Motion Failed – Vote:

Ayes – 0 Nays – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Giblin, Walker, Meaney) Absent – 0

Discussion: Trustee Giblin explained this is the second time this meter has been replaced. The Village replace the first one due to pressure at our cost. The second one was due to being frozen.

Resolution 61 of 2022

A motion to authorize forgiveness of bill to Mark Grohman, 27 Sherman Street in the amount of \$105.00

for disposal of refuse and \$200.00 for code violation for a total of \$305.00 was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Failed – Vote:

Ayes – 0 Nays – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Giblin, Walker, Meaney) Absent – 0

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE (Trustees Giblin & Meaney) – No new business

POLICE (Trustees Giblin & Meaney)

Resolution 62 of 2022

A motion to appoint Michael V. Agati to the Johnson City Police Department from Broome County Personnel Eligible List #67-224 at the base starting salary as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement, to be effective March 10th, 2022, contingent upon the results of the physical and psychological exams, and final approval from Broome County Civil Service was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Jacyna.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Giblin, Walker, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

PUBLIC WORKS (Trustees Giblin & Walker)

Resolution 63 of 2022

A motion to authorize the Director of Public Services to sign the N. Broad St Water Line Replacement Supplemental Agreement #1 with Delta Engineers, Architects, & Surveyors in the amount of \$6,500.00 for added professional engineering design services was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Giblin, Walker, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

RECREATION (Trustees Giblin & Walker) – No new business

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT (Trustees Brown & Meaney) – No new business

JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD (Trustees Brown & Giblin) – No new business

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Brittany Perkins
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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