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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, April 21, 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

- [3.1] Special Meetings for the purpose of the 2026-2027 Village Budget will be held in the Village Hall Board Room on:
April 22, 2026 at 6:00pm canceled due to lack of quorum
April 27, 2026 at 6:00pm
April 28, 2026 at 5:30pm
- [3.2] Arbor Day Celebration hosted by John's Tree & Landscaping, Inc, on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 10:00am until 2:00pm at Boland Park. They will be giving away free tree seedlings. There will be tree planting tips, kids' activities, touch-a-truck, giveaways and more.
- [3.3] The next Planning Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:30pm with a work session at 7:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room.
- [3.4] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 7:30pm with a work session at 6:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room.
- [3.5] Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 is rescheduled to Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Village Hall Board Room.

Thank you to Mr. Giblin and Giblin's pub for their service here in the village they had their last day, and we wish them well.

Aliana Belcher a Johnson City resident died as a result of a stabbing in Binghamton; A moment of silence in her memory.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

- [4.1] March 23, 2026 Budget Meeting Minutes
- [4.2] March 25, 2026 Budget Meeting Minutes
- [4.3] March 26, 2026 Budget Meeting Minutes
- [4.4] March 30, 2026 Budget Meeting Minutes
- [4.5] April 1, 2026 Budget Meeting Minutes
- [4.6] April 2, 2026 Budget Meeting Minutes
- [4.7] April 6, 2026 Budget Meeting Minutes
- [4.8] April 7, 2026 Village Board Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes
- [4.9] April 13, 2026 Budget Meeting Minutes
- [4.10] April 14, 2026 Budget Meeting Public Hearing Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of from the previous budget meetings (4.1 – 4.10) and place them on file was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Thorn. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

BIDS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS–

- [6.1] A Local Law Amending Chapter 264 of the Village Code Entitled Vehicles and Traffic

Mayor Charuk opened the public hearing.

Attorney Coughlin explained this law is changing a number of the sign distances, directional travel signage, traffic control signals, etc.

Mayor Charuk closed the public hearing.

- [6.2] A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C For Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

Mayor Charuk opened the public hearing.

Attorney Coughlin explained this law ability to override the tax cap, but it does not require it. The Village board is in the process of finalizing the budget, and thought it prudent to pass this if it's necessary to override the tax levy limit.

Landlord gave his concerns about raising taxes and the inability to raise rent if the taxes are raised. Stated that if taxes are raised anymore every landlord in Broome County will have to go after their tenants, to mitigate loss revenue.

Mayor Charuk closed the public hearing.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Charuk opened the privilege of the floor. She advised if anyone would like to address the Board, please line up at the podium and if they would like to state their name and address and if they have a prepared statement, please address it to the Clerk-Treasurer. She advised the attendees the Board follows Roberts Rules of Order and any speaker can address the Board for up to five minutes and asked everyone to respect the decorum policy of the Village.

Jeremy Kahlo – He acknowledges he's hard on Board the reason for this is that he disrespects hypocrisy. He does not believe in using threats of violence and/or harm. He theorized that the substance inside the scare letter sent to the Mayor was referencing the anthrax scares of 2001, which killed 5 and infected 17. He referred to himself as the angriest member of the posse as he disavows and condemns the scare letter. He stated that the Trustees needed to condemn the letter publicly outside of the meeting. And that if they did not do this, they were passively supporting such threats. Ended by saying the Trustee's words will be scrutinized further.

Rick Suer – He is a property owner on Deyo Hill Road, Diment, Burns and Brown. He acknowledges the issue with parking on Brown St. and states there was a mutually beneficial relationship that worked for 50 years until recently. He has complaint about a police officer who parks at the end of Brown and harasses his tenants. Found out that if a street has no curb, you can't park there. He pointed out that there are dozens of streets in Johnson City that don't have curves, including the most affluent ones on Deborah and Rose Lane. He requested a determination from the Village on what is parking code. He claimed the old building was contaminated, asbestos, ground contamination, mold, and that it could never be reused. He mentioned how a fire hydrant is on his land and if he cannot use the property he should receive a 50% reduction in taxes.

Mr. Picalilla – Statement was added to the record.

Earlier this week it came to my attention that a letter with some vile words and an unknown substance was mailed to the Mayor. This harkens back to political threats, harassment, and cowardly tactics used to inspire fear in elected officials or worse ... to put them and their staff directly in harm's way. Luckily, we have a brave Mayor who isn't bothered by such despicable actions and continues to do her job. This is not what we believe in when we think of a cohesive and peaceful democracy. This is not what we think of when we think of Johnson City. I hope that all seriousness is being taken in this matter and the culprit is discovered and faces justice for this heinous federal offense. This is not what I believe in, and neither should anyone else. When we talk about public safety, we mean that for all residents, whether public figures or private ones. I wholly condemn this incident and hope that no others come from it, for anyone. I have hope that everyone in this room can agree that this is NOT a prank, not to be taken lightly, and that this incident be condemned strongly, boldly, and on record. Village Board meetings are where the public gets to come and discuss with the elected officials of the Village. If someone has something to say, they can say it here rather than hiding behind these vile actions. I want to thank our Mayor for having the courage to do what she does every day despite these attacks. I wish all of you health and safety, and hope that nobody has to deal with what she has had to deal with this week. On that, I think we can all agree.

Lauren Hering – She is a proud Johnson City resident of 41 years. She runs businesses, and has been active in the community. Recognizes the Mayor's bravery in regards to the scare letter. Stated there is no place for that in our community. She is one of the founding members of the Binghamton pride coalition, and for many

years in Downtown Binghamton, the coalition has done a flag raising in the month of June for pride. Recognizes that Johnson City has not done a flag raising. She asked that Johnson City fly the flag. She gave a pride flag she personally purchased for Mayor Charuk.

Diane Stepneski – Wrote a letter to Delta engineers. Received a survey about doing sidewalks on Oakdale Rd. Does not understand the need for sidewalks on that road. Did not want an increase in taxes in regards to the proposed \$800,000 land acquisitions.

February 13, 2026

Christopher J Maby, Sr. Project Manager
Delta engineers
860 Hooper Road
Endwell, NY 13760

First of all, why are sidewalks necessary on Oakdale Road when the businesses located on the road do not require pedestrian traffic? All that is necessary is to upgrade the current infrastructures (roads, bridges, etc.) in the village that are sorely needed!

I have to wonder what your idea of "5 small land acquisitions" might be. There is enough of a mess in this area from the Newman project at the mall that seems to be never ending.

Pedestrian traffic does not need to be encouraged. There has been enough derelicts lingering around this area without encouraging more.

Village taxes are substantial enough without adding more funding to the tax base regardless of Federal monies. What percentages are proposed - Federal & Village? There are enough abatements given to hospitals and colleges located in the village that create more burden on individual home owners resulting in increased taxes.

Projected costs estimated are supposedly \$800,000 which I doubt will be the final figure.

So my answer would be a resounding NOT If it "isn't" broke don't fix it.

Mayor Charuk closed the privilege of the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- [11.1] Police Department Overtime Report for March 26, 2026 – April 8, 2026
- [11.2] Fire Department Overtime Report for March 6, 2026 – April 8, 2026
- [11.3] Joint Sewage Treatment Plant year-to-date reports as of December 31, 2025
- [11.4] Joint Sewage Treatment reports dated March 31, 2026

A motion to accept Department Reports 11.1 – 11.4 was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Abstract #18 of the 2025 - 2026 Fiscal bills as stated and/or amended and attached to the work session minutes and recorded as part of the work session minutes was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Thorn. 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	\$842,726.45
WATER FUND	\$101,775.30
SEWER FUND	\$23,837.45
REFUSE FUND	\$43,267.31
VARPUR	\$24,664.83
SPECIAL GRANT	\$4,500.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$35,906.26
CAPITAL	\$8,901.54

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES

Resolution 90 of 2026

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

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk)

Nays – 0 Absent – 0

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY A RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2026**

WHEREAS, notice was given that the Village Board scheduled a public hearing for April 21, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., for Local Law No. 2 of the year 2026 entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 264 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on April 21, 2026 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 the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), it has been determined by the Village Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II Action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5 (22) and (33); 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. 2 of 2026 entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 264 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, 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 shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

Discussion: Attorney Coughlin explained this has to do with parking distances, etc.

Resolution 91 of 2026

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

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk)

Nays – 0 Absent – 0

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2026

WHEREAS, notice was given that the Village Board scheduled a public hearing for April 21, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., for Local Law No. 3 of the year 2026 entitled “A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027”; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on April 21, 2026 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 the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), it has been determined by the Village Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II Action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5 (26) and (33); 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. 3 of 2026 entitled “A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027”, 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 shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

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 this will give the Village Board authorization to override tax cap if necessary

Resolution 92 of 2026

A motion for approval of VINES request for water access at a second community garden in the Village of Johnson City at 179 Floral Avenue and a water access fee in the amount of \$200.00 was held over by Trustee Jacyna.

Discussion: Mayor Charuk confirmed they will be sending someone to the next meeting.

Resolution 99 of 2026

A motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an amended IMA for water service between the Town of Union, Broome County and the Village of Johnson City was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Thorn.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk)

Nays – 0 Absent – 0

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE – No new business

POLICE

Resolution 93 of 2026

A motion to formally accept the \$25,560 Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate partner Violence (STRIVE) 2 Grant from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services was made by Trustee Thorn and seconded by Trustee Jacyna.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk)

Nays – 0 Absent – 0

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution 94 of 2026

A motion to approve a request from the Johnson City Lions Club on Friday, June 16, 2026 from 9:00am to 2:00 pm for their annual DARE picnic for Johnson City School sixth-grade students to use Northside Park, sports fields, concession stand, restrooms and the pavilion contingent upon the pavilion payment and proof of insurance being provided listing the Village of Johnson City as the certificate holder and the submission of security details 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 95 of 2026

A motion to authorize the Johnson City Rotary to host Carousel Day on Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 7am - 6pm at CFJ Park with the Johnson City Rotary being responsible for the park's facility use application, naming the Village as an additional insured for events on their liability insurance, providing the Village with a copy of same and if there are traffic control issues and/or police officers are needed they will be the responsibility of the Johnson City Rotary 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 96 of 2026

A motion to authorize the Fairview Recovery Services to host a recovery celebration on Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 11am - 3pm at CFJ Park with the Fairview Recovery Services being responsible for the park's facility use application, naming the Village as an additional insured for events on their liability insurance, providing the Village with a copy of same and if there are traffic control issues and/or police officers are needed they will be the responsibility of the Fairview Recovery Services 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 97 of 2026

A motion to authorize Fran Terpak to hold the annual Paws for the Law benefit for the Johnson City Police Department K-9 Unit and Broome County K-9 Unit on Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 10am - 1pm at Northside Park 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 98 of 2026

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

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk)

Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Schedule a Public Hearing for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 5:00pm in the Village of Johnson City Board Room.

WHEREAS, the Village Board has caused to be prepared a proposed 2025 Comprehensive Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to § 7-722 of the Village Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has established a Comprehensive Planning Committee to guide the development of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Planning Committee desires to hold a public hearing to receive public input and comment on the draft Plan before finalizing its recommendation to the Village Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held by the Comprehensive Planning Committee on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 5:00pm, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Village Board Room at 60 Lester Avenue, to discuss and accept public comments regarding the proposed 2025 Comprehensive Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish a public notice of said hearing in the official newspaper of the Village of Johnson City at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, and to post such notice on the official website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed Comprehensive Plan is available for review on the Village Website or at Village Hall during regular business hours.

JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD – No new business

Mayor Charuk shared that Senator Lea Webb sent us a proclamation for our 110th year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Christina Charuk thanked all attendees for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

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.