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Village Board

Christina Charuk, Mayor
Deputy Mayor John Walker

Trustee Clark Giblin

Trustee Mary Jacyna

Trustee Lori Thorn

**Minutes of Budget Meeting #7 of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on Thursday,
April 6, 2026 in the Village Hall Board Room, 60 Lester Avenue, Johnson City, New York**

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
Thomas Johnson, Deputy Treasurer

Mayor Christina Charuk called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Mayor Charuk led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and took roll call.

Mayor, Trustees and Clerk-Treasurer Cunningham discussed:

A1110.4.930

- Deputy Treasurer cut Court Conference, Mileage & Education by \$1,500 since they have only spent \$441.00 so far.
- Mayor argued taking her Conference, Professional Development and Mileage line down since it is her first year.

Trustee Walker suggested cutting all travel and expenses by 20% for all departments.

A1440.1.000

- Salary for Community Development Administrator
 - Extra duties for \$20,000 have not been received
- Clerk-Treasurer Cunningham stated the \$45,000 for Senior Account Clerk can be taken out. Mr. Shear said with the new program we should be able to simplify that job.

A-1420-4-010

- Take legal services down to \$100,000.00

Deputy Treasurer Johnson said he moved all the vehicles and heavy equipment and put them in capital. The total would be \$1.6 million in BAN. It includes Water, Sewer and Refuse vehicles.

Police vehicles

- Disagreed with adding four vehicles, but considering two vehicles.
- Grants for vehicles
 - Chief Dodge said there was grant funding a couple years ago

The Trustees want a list of vehicles.

Trustee Walker emphasizes the importance of detailing the entire process and associated costs when purchasing and outfitting vehicles.

Water Dept

- Salt bin for pickup truck
- Plow

Fire Dept

- Plow

Deputy Treasurer Johnson spoke regarding BANS

A1990.4-090

- Deputy Treasurer took Contingency line down to \$75,000.00
- Demolition expenses for 5 Cherry Street

Trustee Giblin suggested not allowing purchase of vehicles except for the tractor for parks department.

G8120-2-668 Skid Steer

- Suggested paying for it out of the sewer fund.

Pickup truck for the Water Department

- Suggested paying for it out of the water fund.

Trustee Giblin suggested no to every automobile but the K-9 vehicle.

EM-8160.2.114 Garbage Truck

- Taken out and moved to Capital

Discussion about raises

- Trustee Jacyna doesn't recall any raises being more than 3%.
- Bump all part-time back down to a 3% raise.
- Bailiff increased to \$17.00 per hour instead of the \$20.00 requested.

Copiers and printers

- One agreement across the Board

A-1320-4-022 Auditor

- Took down \$20,000.00

A-1325-4-016 Serial Bond Fees & Expenses

- \$14,500.00.
- Move out of general into capital
- Bonding Attorney expenses

A-1380-4-080

- Fiscal Agent fees

Staff Accountant

Trustee Walker questioned Deputy Treasurer Johnson regarding the fund balance.

Deputy Treasurer Johnson explained the fund balance.

- Usually calculated at the end of the year. It is a guess.
- He takes revenue and expenses and apply it to the fund balance from the beginning of the year.
- Raise taxes based on what we are allowed to levy.
- We figure out what we have to spend, what we are going to generate in revenue and what is left over is what we are levying for taxes.
- State says we can only go 2% over last year's levy.
- Need to cut expenses, find other revenue and appropriate surplus.
- Cash less liabilities equal fund balance.

Access to MCSJ for the Trustees

- Computer in Board room is available.

Overtime expenses

- They have never seen an actual.
- Police and Fire OT expenses
- Do not get DPW and Water

Police part-time salaries

- Clerk-Treasurer Cunningham figured 3% and Trustees amended salaries to:
- Meters \$16,711.75
- Evidence Tech \$23,453.10
- Clerk \$25,750.00

Traffic control

A-3310-4-211 Josh took \$10,000.00 off

A-3320-4-277 Parking Kiosk
Chief Dodge took it down to \$11,500.00

Fire

A-3410-2-257 Turnout Gear

- Do they need a full second set? Lower line in hope the state will give us money or up the line.
- Fire Chief advised he will need three sets of gear at \$3,500 each plus the new firefighter for a total of \$14,000.00 which leaves \$2,000 for replacement or repair.
- Trustee Giblin asked if the Board is going to allow a new hire.

Fuel lines

- We are cutting them out of the department lines. We need to make sure there is enough in A-1640-4-260 Building Line.
- Clerk-Treasurer Cunningham advised Tim Sherman will be back Monday and we will get the numbers from him.

A-5142-4-220 Salt & Sand

A-5410-4-214 Sidewalks and Curbs went to Capital

A5110.1.000 Seasonal Summer Staff

- Drop back to \$15,000.00.
- Mayor asked if it could be put at \$25,000.00
- Board agreed to \$20,000.00

A5110.2 Bucket Truck Engine Replacement - They have been looking for two years

A5110-4-213 Micro-paving/Crackseal/Potholes \$65,000.00 for Fairview or take it down and he will get the Ventrax

Clerk-Treasurer discussed the clothing allowance lines.

A-7140-2-750 Veteran's Park Expenses

A-7140-2-761 Ventrax

- Long term Lease
- Going into Capital

A-7140-4-156 Port-a-John rentals. We are not required to have them. Take down \$1,500.00.

A-7140-4-204 Garbage bags. Take down \$500

243 Main Street

- To be discussed in Executive Session

A-7140-4-422 Carousel Maintenance

- Can be moved into Capital
- We cannot do any fundraising for the carousel.
- Trustee Giblin suggested finding grant money to fix the carousel.
- Tim was checking in with Ross Park to see how they got funding.
- We have applied for a grant for Small Community Fund

Possibly down the road if we have to make cuts look to:

- A-7620-4-720 Annual Agreement with Senior Citizens Center to pay them \$10,000.00
- A-1620-4-435 Library Maintenance line for \$10,000.00

Trustee Walker spoke about having to pay to have outlet put on the lawn at the library for the Christmas Tree. Why wasn't it part of the park funding. It shouldn't have been paid by the general fund.

A-8140-4-630 Storm Sewer moved to Capital H3.8120.4.406

F-8310-4-103 Water – Mail/Postage/Fed Ex

- Deputy Treasurer Johnson cut by \$8,000.00
- Clerk-Treasurer reminded Mr. Johnson and the Board that the Water Department has not been doing shutoffs. They are planning in doing shut-offs in August so they will need the money in the postage line.
- Board agreed with cutting \$8,000.00.

F8320-2-117 Water – Office Equipment/Furniture

- Deputy Treasurer Johnson cut \$1,000.00

F-8320-4-324 Heat & Electric

F-8320-4-413 Plant & Equipment Repairs

- Moved to Capital

F8340-2-503 Water – Small Equipment

Hydraulic pump & ring saw for truck & outfitting back up stake truck

Trustee Walker reminded the Board they talked about getting a salt spreader for one of the pickup trucks.

F8340-2-262 Water – Security Equipment

- Moved to Capital

A3410-4-065 Miscellaneous

- Clerk-Treasurer advised they cannot buy equipment out of a miscellaneous line.
- They are not allowing the plow purchase.
- Taking this line down \$8,000.00

Trustee Walker suggested:

- Looking at our Capital line at the next meeting.
- Moratorium on hiring.

F8320-2-503 Water – Small Equipment

- Check and see what is the additional \$12,000.00 for.

Executive Session #1

A motion to enter executive session to discuss sale of real property at 7:31 pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 7:38 pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Thorn. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Jacyna at 7:38 pm.

Kim Cunningham
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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