Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:00pm on Monday, June 15, 2021 via Zoom Video Conference

Present:	Gregory Deemie, Mayor Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor Martin Meaney, Trustee John Walker, Trustee
Absent:	None
Also Present:	Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer Thomas Johnson, Deputy Treasurer Police Chief Brent Dodge

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chief Dodge explained the noise ordinance and that they follow the New York State Penal Law Section of Disorderly Conduct. It is a subjective standard. We don't have a decibel level or decibel meter like Binghamton does.

Mayor Deemie and the Board discussed calls from Terri Donovan and complaints regarding the shipping company on Lester Ave.

Chief Dodge discussed:

- Promotions in the police department
- New York State accreditation
- Speed monitor on Richards
- Opening in police department

Mayor Deemie spoke about:

- Open Trustee spot
- Gary Post of Town of Union Code coming to the next meeting to discuss planning transition and code transition

Trustee Meaney will not be at the August or September meetings. Tom will plan the bond resolutions accordingly.

Trustee Walker asked about tax exemptions. Attorney Sacco explained taxable status.

Mayor Deemie asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for legal recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 5:31 pm for legal recess with Doug Matthews, Stacey Duncan, Alan Pope, Joe Cook and Tom Johnson 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 6:43 pm was made by Trustee Meaney and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

George Kolba gave a Joint Sewage Treatment Plant update; Bill from Town of Vestal from 2018

Mayor Deemie and the Board discussed the following:

- Director of Planning and the Planning positions
- St. Charles St.
- IME's

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter executive session at 7:12 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 7:14 pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Josh Holland informed the Board the pool would be opening at Noon on Saturday. They were waiting for the Heath Department inspection before opening. It passed today.

Mr. Holland gave the Board an update on:
Deyo Hill Road paving
Lester Avenue project which is in the design phase
Victory Building – Water line replacement

Mayor Deemie reviewed the Agenda and the Resolutions.

Trustee Giblin questioned update on PBA. Mayor Deemie called for an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

A motion to enter executive session at 7:24 pm for contractual issues 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 7:29 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Meaney. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

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Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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

1) The iPad for the sewer department $452.99, could we have given them one of the five from the water department? **There is no distinction between "Water iPad and Sewer iPad. The DPW/Water have 5 iPads in total. The water department has historically paid the Verizon Bill for all of the iPads (3 in Water Department, 1 in Sewer, and 1 for Josh). They are all in use, so "giving" one to a different department isn't really an option. The Sewer Department's iPad was really old (like 1st or 2nd generation) so an upgrade was needed anyway, the broken screen just pressed the issue.**

2) Why are we paying multiple bills to Pyramid $2843.00 from invoices that are dated April 30,2021? **The bills were received after the second abstract in May. The Vouchers are typed in the clerk's office as soon as they are received. The bills are dated April 30, but not received until after the last abstract in May. It appears like a long period of time because we are now in the 3rd week of June. Only one abstract in June.**

3) The concrete saw purchased in the water department for $3496.93 had an invoice that is dated May 24, which budget year will this be paid out of? **2021-2022**

4) Why do we need new keys and locks every year for the parks $367.00? **The keys that were copied were new keys for the Pool (New Gate/Latch System) and some other new locks (Boland Park River Access) that did not exist last year and copies were necessary. They are also more expensive because they are "bonded" keys that require special permission to be copied.**

5) Who were the 2 gold badges purchased for in the fire department $154.24? **They were for Fire Marshal Blakeslee. He reimbursed the Village for one of them.**

6) Why are we paying $5456.00 to NYCOM when we don't use them? **We do use them. Mayor, Cindy and Tom consults with them often. They keep us apprised of finance, state and labor laws, bonding issues, etc. They are a wealth of knowledge. Anything that comes through that would affect a municipality they send to us; good or bad.**

7) Why do we need a new cell phone in the police department? **This was not a new phone for the Police Department. It was the iPad for the Sewer department. It was on the Police bill, charged originally to the Trustee line; fixed and charged correctly to the Sewer Department. Kim has called Verizon in an attempt to get the billing straightened out.**

8) Why did we need to buy Flex Seal for the new pool $65.08? **A concrete/grout border was required to be installed around the pool because the new liner system created a 1" tall lip that created a tripping hazard. The Flex Seal was used to paint/seal that concrete so it will last and not have to be replaced yearly.**

I respectfully request that these questions and comments are attached to the work session minutes.
Thank you,
Trustee Meaney

1. The iPad for the sewer department is under miscellaneous. Do we have a computer line in the budget? **This was paid from their computer line. The description was Misc.**

2. Tech support for Pyramid from January to April. Should that come out of last year's budget, for DPW $967.50 – **No, monies were not encumbered for this. The bills are dated April 30, but not received until after the last abstract in May. It appears like a long period of time because we are now in the 3rd week of June. Only one abstract in June.**

3. Could we discuss the independent medical exams in our work session? **Sure, executive session.**

4. Again, Pyramid for the water department from April? **Same as #2**

5. Marty asked the same question but the locks and keys for parks? **Same as Trustee Meaney's #5**

6. Music production fees? **It's the name of the fee. We have to pay these in order to have music in any of the parks – including the Gazebo and Carousel or on any Village property.**

7. Why are we paying for pool repair when the pool is not opened yet? Will flex seal tape really take care of the problem? **A concrete/grout border was required to be installed around the pool because the new liner system created a 1" tall lip that created a tripping hazard. The Flex Seal was used to paint/seal that concrete so it will last and not have to be replaced yearly.**

8. Can parks try to limit trips to Home Depot 5/25, 5/27, 6/1,6/3, 6/4, 6/7, 5/8 **As with the rest of the departments, we are doing our best to limit the trips to all of the suppliers, not just Home Depot. But during the day, needs arise that are unforeseen and another trip is necessary. I will continue to coach the crew leaders/other employees to limit their trips and to multitask when they go to Home Depot or any other supplier.**

9. Why are we buying copy paper from staples when we purchase from AVRE? **We did not purchase paper from Staples. The department sent their order as part of their staples order – we purchased the paper from AVRE. AVRE has the better paper price.**

10. What fence was installed for the pool? Wasn't there a fence already around the pool. $15,105.00 **A new Fence was installed at the pool, twice as tall as the old fence around the pool in an attempt to limit the vandalism that has happened in the past, and specifically to limit the size of the objects being thrown into the pool on a daily basis. Both Mayor Deemie and the Parks Foreman, Dick Green, expressed concern with the fence height during this project; since there was extra money in the budget for the pool, I made the decision to add the fence as a Change Order during the project.**

11. If the bid for the pool was $157,047.00 why are we paying additional $$$ for wall repair $9,875. Pool bonding $2,100. Electrical $1,725.00 plus additional $$$ for electrical inspection?

- **The extra wall repair was unforeseen and a necessary change order. When the old pool liner was removed, large sections of the existing concrete wall**

crumbled off and had to be repaired for the structural integrity of the new liner system.

- **The Fence was also a change order not in the original scope, but since there was money in the budget, new fence installation was approved.**
- **The Electrical work that was performed at the pool, including Bonding and Inspection, was not part of the original scope of work/agreement, but it was necessary for the new equipment and to Permit the pool through the NYS and BC Health Department.**
- **The other unforeseen expense was chlorine; the price of Chlorine skyrocketed over the past few months, and not knowing how much of the chemical the new pool will use, we ensured that we have more than enough on hand due to shortages and surging prices. This will also save money on the Chlorine budget line and give a baseline for the budget number moving forward.**

I would like to commend the departments for their efforts in keeping control on the spending. It appears to me that the invoices in a monthly basis have decreased in the last 6 months or so. Good job.

Trustee Walker