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Village Board

Martin Meaney, Mayor
Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin

Trustee John Walker

Trustee Adam Brown

Trustee Mary Jacyna

**Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 6:00pm on
Tuesday, August 20, 2024 in the Village Hall Board Room, 60 Lester Avenue, Johnson City, New York**

Present: Martin Meaney, Mayor
Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor
Adam Brown, Trustee
John Walker, Trustee

Absent: Mary Jacyna, Trustee

Also Present: Keegan Coughlin, Legal Counsel
Clarence Shager, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Joshua Holland, Director of Public Services

Mayor Meaney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Joshua Holland, Director of Public Services spoke regarding:

- Change Order for Carlton is for backfill and the depth of the trenches. It is within the contingency.
- Resolutions for federally funded projects
- For next agenda the Board will see:
 - proposal from Delta for the Oakdale Road sidewalks
 - proposal from McFarland Johnson for the mill and fill
- Grant for fire hydrants
 - Attorney Coughlin stated the resolution is to standardize both the hydrants and the leak detection system so we don't have to bid it every time.
- Bridge deck was poured last week
- Milling up in the Mayor's neighborhood and will be there for a couple more days
- Culvert carrying creek that goes under Leigh Street and through the yards
 - Explained the necessary work to fix the culvert

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 6:06 pm for the sale of real property and contract negotiations with another municipality was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Brown. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 6:30 pm was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Director Holland spoke about Floral Avenue

- The pool will be fixed before next year. The current system is for a home pool.
- The Department of Health requirements
- We need a better system
- Chlorine issue
- Fill pipe
- Baseball field will be done in the fall
- Pesticide license

Attorney Coughlin advised we may be able to use the Intermunicipal Agreement that allows shared services for licensed pesticide applicators.

Trustee Giblin questioned which part Dan Brown Construction did on Grand Avenue. Director Holland confirmed he did all of it. Director Holland stated it started at the light at Baldwin Street to Roberts and confirmed it was one block.

Mayor Meaney stated it is \$1,000 a linear foot to rebuild a street.

Mayor Meaney reviewed the agenda and resolutions.

Attorney Coughlin explained the slight change to the policy for Resolution 162 reworked the timing section which is attached to the agenda. This is to help give the Village authority to combat the chargebacks.

Mayor Meaney spoke regarding the water bill issue.

- Section 270-63 Bills due and payable when rendered; failure to receive bill. Our code specifically states “All bills are due and payable when rendered. The property owner shall be held responsible for all bills. Failure to receive a bill shall not excuse payment. No partial payments will be accepted.”

We are going above and beyond because we have identified there is a problem but we have to vet to make sure the repeat offenders aren’t being forgiven as well. And once that is vetted, they will receive a credit on their next water bill.

Attorney Coughlin suggested the Board tweak the resolution. The Board discussed Resolution 164 of 2024 amended as follows:

A motion to authorize as a credit on the next quarterly billing cycle or forgive the late fees for the attached list of properties penalties and late fees due to the late deliveries and/or failure of deliveries following the Village’s normal mailing process, subject to the Clerk/Treasurer’s review of the mailing list for confirmation of payment history.

Mayor Meaney stated if during the privilege of the floor people start speaking up, he will say Resolution 164 will address this issue.

Trustees

Trustee Giblin – Nothing to report. Have joint sewage treatment plant discussions for executive session.

Trustee Walker – Nothing to report. He has a question for executive session.

Trustee Brown – Nothing to report.

Trustee Jacyna – Absent

Mayor Meaney and the Trustees discussed:

- Water bills
 - Issues with delivery
 - Duplicate bills being sent
 - New bills v. postcards
 - Clerk-Treasure Shager added we gave out 40% more shut off notices than normal
 - Some postal routes do not have coverage

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter executive session at 6:56 pm for legal advice, sale of real property and personnel issues and ongoing litigation was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 7:22 pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Brown. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Meaney adjourned the work session at 7:26 pm.

Clarence Shager
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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

Clerk/Treasurer,

Questions for the August 20th, 2024 Abstract:

Questions for 8/20/2024

1. Could we please get a report on the Floral Ave Pool. Why it was closed and the repairs to bring it back on line?
Thank You. Floral Ave pool has had ongoing issues with the chlorinating system. It was closed off and on due to this issue. The repairs will be done prior to opening for the 2025 season – probably a different chlorination system
2. Why are we buying a repair contract on a refrigerator for \$453.59?

Warranty was purchased on VH refrigerator since there have been issues with it & it will be better for the Village since the warranty will cover repairs & not a cost to the village. The warranty is for 5 years.

3. We purchased a lamp headlight rim and ornamental head on the blanket po. No vehicle was mentioned on the po. What happened? Was this an accident or repair. Burr Trucking \$404.94 Truck 11 – was struck by truck 15 in the garage
4. What is the Bill for E-Z Pass \$25.00 for? The EZ Pass automatically reloads with \$25 dollars when it goes below a certain threshold. We occasionally use it when we travel for trainings or investigations.
5. On the C & G invoice there is a discussion about turning a cemetery over to the Village. What is this? Executive Session
6. On the C & G invoice what was the research regarding Purchase options with the Mayor and DPW? Executive Session
7. Why are we buying Chlorine for the Floral Ave pool from both Century 21 pools and Mr. Bills? Mr Bills did not have the proper (required by law) chlorine tabs in stock so they had to be purchased somewhere else.
8. What are the invoices from overhead door for 7/9/24 for \$1044.50 and 7/12/24 for \$751.36? Was this the same door? These were for repairs to the Parks Department door on two separate occasions due to malfunction and improper installation by the original contractor – not overhead door
9. We have an invoice for Overhead Door for the Police Dept. If I recall we just spent \$\$\$ for Stainless Steel for a door repair several months ago. Is this the same Door? This was to replace the failed weatherstripping around the sides of the doors to help reduce heating costs ahead of the cold weather.
10. What is the Deflector purchased from Williams Ford for the Police Department? \$148.82 This was to replace the plastic shroud underneath the engine of one of the patrol cars. The old one was damaged and was hanging down.
11. I would assume that parts purchased from Power and Paddle in Candor were for Stihl equipment? Why purchase from Candor when there are closer Stihl dealers? They rebuild kits for DPW chainsaws – purchased here due to having parts in stock and being the lowest price of any Stihl dealer around.
12. What is the Trans Machine purchased for the Garage used for \$5021.00 This was a budgeted expense discussed in June – it is used for the entire Village passenger fleet.
13. We discussed having a central distribution for office supplies. Is this moving forward? yes
14. Big E tires we purchased what looks like tires and mounting for \$7,932.84. How many tires and for which trucks? They were for refuse vehicles and the quantity was on the invoice – I do not have the invoice in front of me, but there were over 20 tires that were retreads. Mounted by Big E because our tire machines aren't big enough.
15. Why are we buying gloves from Home Depot for cleanup of a homeless camp? Don't we have gloves for the Refuse employees? The FD ran out of dish soap after business hours and as you know we are there 24/7. We were

in need and Sanico has been less than responsive so the only reasonable and logical solution was to purchase it on the pre-approved blanket from Home Depot. These were sharps gloves used by DPW Employees to clean up a homeless camp safely. we have gloves in stock for our employees but these were special.

16. Was the entire purchase for the in car computers for the Police Department covered by the NYS DCJS Tech Grant? \$75,152.29. yes all grant money

I also do have a question to be asked in exec. Session.

I respectfully submit these questions and ask that they be submitted into our work session minutes

Respectfully,

Trustee Walker

Here are my questions and comments:

- 1 Why are we paying Kovarik bills from May and June in August in the police department?
Phil stated that those invoices got lost in the shuffle and he will be more diligent in looking for those in the future.
- 2 Why are we buying grabbers for the parks department from Kovarik when we can get the from Amazon for less money? These were purchased locally because of the immediate need to replace broken grabbers.
- 3 Why are buying dish soap in the fire department from Home Depot when we are purchasing our cleaning supplies from Sanico? The FD ran out of dish soap after business hours and as you know we are there 24/7. We were in need and Sanico has been less than responsive so the only reasonable and logical solution was to purchase it on the pre-approved blanket from Home Depot.

Respectfully,

Mayor Meaney