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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, September 1, 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

- [1] The Village Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026 for Labor Day. There will be no yard waste collection on Labor Day. There is no change to the refuse collection for the week.
- [2] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:30pm with a work session at 6:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room.
- [3] The next Zoning Board Meeting will be Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:30pm with a work session at 6:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room.
- [4] The next Planning Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 7:30pm with a work session at 7:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room
- [5] Village Board will join the City of Binghamton Council for a Joint Water Sewage Treatment Plant Budget Hearing on September 8, 2026 at 6:00pm in the City of Binghamton Chambers.
- [6] Town of Union is hosting a memorial service on September 11th at Highland Park at 6:30pm
- [7] September is Spanish heritage month
- [8] Wish all Johnson City Wildcats and all students going back to school a happy new school year.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

[1] August 18, 2026 Village Board Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes and place them on file was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Jacyna. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

BIDS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PETITIONS RECEIVED – None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Charuk opened the privilege of the floor.

She stated if you would like to address the board, please state your name and address. If you have a prepared statement, please address it to the clerk treasurer. According to Robert's Rules of Order, any speaker can address the board no longer than five minutes.

Gary Andrews, North Street submitted the below statement to the Trustees and the Clerk-Treasurer:

Privilege of the Floor Statement Cloverleaf Bioretention Project Study Village of Johnson City Board Meeting --- September 1, 2026

I'm Gary Andrews.

I'm here to speak about the Cloverleaf Study and a statement made on social media by the Mayor after the Trustees tabled the resolution for a second time.

When the Trustees correctly tabled the resolution again on August 18th --- the Mayor publicly accused them of "rejecting an opportunity because they hadn't done their homework."

She also claimed -amazingly enough- that this is "no longer about needing more information".

Afterwards, I'll provide the Trustees with a professionally prepared, independent analysis based on the available public record and project documents which -together- will prove her public statement to be wrong in the extreme.

But it did fit the Mayor's pattern: assign blame first, understand the facts later --- if at all.

The facts:

1. The Board did not vote against stormwater mitigation.
2. The Board did not vote against flood protection.
3. The Board did not reject the grant.

The Board tabled a resolution.

Tabling preserves the matter for further consideration while the Board obtains information necessary to make an informed decision.

Information the Mayor thinks they do not need.

No one disputes that stormwater runoff can carry serious pollutants. Or that flooding and water quality are matters.

But with respect to Stormwater mitigation the public record does not unequivocally establish -among other the following:

- The project footprint
- Property responsibility

And perhaps most importantly

- The Village's maximum unreimbursed exposure

Those are not minor details.

The Village's SWMP defines its MS4 as stormwater conveyances owned or operated by the Village.

But that SWMP does not clearly establish that the Route 17/201 cloverleaf assets are Village assets.

Who owns and maintains the drainage structures? The relevant catch basins, culverts, ditches, pipes, swales, outfalls, and drainage channels. Are they owned by Johnson City? NYSDOT?

Moving along ---

The DEC award is a reimbursement grant. The Village spends first and gets reimbursed later.

Additionally ---

The DPW Officer who had been managing stormwater responsibilities resigned in June.

I make no criticism of the employees now being asked to share those functions. It is now imperative to identify -in writing- who holds the complete project file, who is managing the grant, who is communicating with NYSDOT, who will supervise the consultant, and who will submit reimbursement claims.

That is not obstruction.

It is the minimum preparation required for an informed vote.

I submitted a FOIL request for basic project information -- maps, parcel records, right-of-way determinations. The response, from the very Village official who applied for this grant, was: "I don't have this information."

Collaboration is real governance. But collaboration means getting answers --- in writing --- before asking Johnson City taxpayers to proceed with a study involving a State highway interchange.

Preparation is leadership. But preparation means giving the Board a map, an ownership determination, and a written answer from NYSDOT before asking for a vote.

Doing the work includes refusing to vote first and asking questions later.

I respectfully ask the Trustees to keep the resolution tabled until the Mayor's Administration provides the requested documents and answers.

Once the facts are established, the Trustees can then make an informed decision based on the public interest, not on an incomplete project record.

Blaming the federal government, and refusing to correct the record, is one thing. But posting a reckless public accusation that these Trustees — who sit beside you at this dais — are unwilling to do their jobs, simply because they demanded the basic facts before spending taxpayer money, is quite another.

They did their job.

They protected the public interest.

You simply didn't recognize it.

So tonight, I ask the Board to do what they've done from the start: keep this resolution tabled until the Administration puts the answers in writing.

The analysis is attached hereto as Exhibit A

Resident of Academy Street – He knows the JC Field days became a logistical and security problem, but asked if Johnson City could have a fireworks show as a morale booster and summer finale.

Mayor Charuk thinks that is a great idea. We have the Johnson City Events Committee that often works on those things. It might be appropriate to approach that. She thinks the village would be in support if we can get the Fire Marshal and everybody to sign off on it.

Mayor closed the privilege of the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- [1] Police Department Monthly Report for July 2026
- [2] Police Department Overtime Report for August 13, 2026 – August 26, 2026
- [3] Fire Department Overtime Report for August 13, 2026 – August 26, 2026

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Abstract #4 of the 2026 - 2027 Fiscal bills as stated and or amended and attached to the work session minutes and recorded as part of the work session minutes, having been audited by the Board and approved with the amendments, was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin. 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	\$774,534.19
WATER FUND	\$66,708.58
SEWER FUND	\$25,334.24

REFUSE FUND	\$55,090.72
VARPUR	\$235,056.59
SPECIAL GRANT	\$0
DEBT SERVICE	\$0
CAPITAL	\$14,424.05

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES

Resolution 185 of 2026

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

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

WHEREAS, a local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 205 TO THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED ‘PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION 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 shall be held by the Village Board of the Village of Johnson City with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid Local Law on September 15, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard; 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 186 of 2026

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Constellation to provide electricity to the Village 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 187 of 2026

A motion to approve the transfer in the amount of \$28,740.00 from Contingency A.1990.4.090 to

Parks Projects A.7140.4.207 for the Virginia Ave Basketball Court paving project 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 188 of 2026

A motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a lease extension with Crown Castle for the cell tower located on a portion of 124 Brown Street 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 189 of 2026

A motion to authorize the Mayor or her designee to enter into an agreement with ATI for the provision of their software program Park Mobile for metered parking in the Village of Johnson City was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Thorn.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Discussion: Trustee Walker stated our current vendor that we have with the kiosk is going out of business, and the kiosk will no longer function. So that's why we're moving forward to go with this new parking program. Mayor Charuk added it is also the program that the City of Binghamton and Binghamton University are using.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE – No new business

POLICE – No new business

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution 190 of 2026

A motion to appoint Jakob McConnell to the position of DPW Probationary Laborer at a salary of \$21.4460 per hour effective, September 3, 2026. This appointment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation and the required pre-employment drug screening 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 191 of 2026

A motion to approve a \$10,000 stipend to Timothy Sherman for taking on additional duties of the Director of Public Services was made by Trustee Thorn and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Discussion: Attorney Coughlin advised he's not acting as the director of public services. With that vacant, he is taking on some of the responsibilities.

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT – No new business

JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD – No new business

Trustee Walker suggested a motion to untable.

A motion to untable Resolution 162 of 2026 was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Resolution 162 of 2026

A motion to authorize the Mayor to accept the Non-Point Source Planning Grant award of \$50,000 and execute a Grant Disbursement Agreement with NYS DEC to complete an engineering study for the Cloverleaf Bioretention Project was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

A motion to untable Resolution 164 of 2026 was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Discussion: Attorney Coughlin stated Allison sent him the contract and he reviewed it. The only thing out of the ordinary for that is any publicity related to the project, and the results of that needs to be run through the state prior to anything going out. Aside from that, it's their standard grant disbursement agreement.

Resolution 164 of 2026

A motion to authorize the Community Development Administrator to release a Request for Proposals to hire consultant to complete an engineering study for the Cloverleaf Bioretention Project was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Thorn, Jacyna, Giblin, Walker, Charuk) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Christina Charuk thanked all attendees for coming, wished everyone a safe trip home and adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.

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.

Cloverleaf Bioretention Project Study Documents and Answers Needed Before Approval

Purpose: This handout does not propose stormwater management, green infrastructure, flood mitigation, or State grant funding; it identifies the information needed for an informed Board decision on a proposed Village engineering study involving or adjacent to the Route 17/Route 201 cloverleaf. Core point: Telling is not rejection. The Board has delayed a contract decision while it obtains the records needed to determine jurisdiction, fiscal exposure, NYSDOT authority, and future maintenance responsibility.

Questions Requiring Documentation

Question	Current public record	Information needed before approval
Exact project location	The Village with Swap does not identify a cloverleaf study footprint, parcel number, coordinates, or a project map.	A map showing the proposed study area, parcel, tax-map numbers, NYSDOT right-of-way boundaries, village land, private property, and access points.
Authority to work at site	NYSDOT public records state that work on State highway property or State right-of-way requires a permit.	Written NYSDOT Region 9 confirmation of right of entry, permit pathway, technical expertise, work zone traffic-control requirements, insurance requirements, and limitations.
Drainage-system ownership	The SWMP defines the Village as a drainage conveyance, "owned or operated by the Village." It does not identify the cloverleaf facilities.	An ownership/prioritization chart for every relevant inlet, catch basin, ditch, pipe, culvert, swale, outfall, drainage easement, and receiving water connection.
Hydrologic connection	The SWMP identifies the Lower Schohariega and Little Chittenunk Creeks/tributaries as receiving waters, but does not connect cloverleaf drainage to a specific outfall or flow path.	A drainage-area delineation, outfall map, direction-of-flow map, and identification of the actual receiving water.
Mean and benefit	The SWMP discusses general pollutants and stormwater concerns; it contains no site-level specific flooding, pollutant-load, or water quality analysis.	Site-specific evidence of flooding or drainage deficiency, affected facilities, pollutant concern, and expected cloverleaf benefit.
Engineering scope	No detailed consultant scope appears in the SWMP.	Full scope and deliverables: survey, utility research, infiltration test/sortings, drainage modeling, preliminary alternatives, NYSDOT coordination cost estimates, permits, and optional leaks.
Contract cost	The SWMP contains no consultant price or not-to-exceed amount.	Proposed engineering agreement, procurement record, selected proposal, payment schedule, and a defined not-to-exceed amount.
Grant terms and cash flow	DEC NPG is a planning/monitor/assess grant framework; the SWMP does not state the agreement terms, match source, or reimbursement schedule.	Executed grant agreement, approved work plan, eligible-cost list, match source, reimbursement process, deadline, and conditions precedent to payment.
NYSDOT financial role	No NYSDOT funding, ownership, construction, or maintenance commitment appears in the SWMP.	Written NYSDOT statement whether it will contribute to planning, design, construction, future ownership, or maintenance; if not, confirmation of village responsibility.
Future maintenance	The SWMP tracks ownership, maintenance responsibility, inspection frequency, and maintenance documents for existing post-construction practices; no cloverleaf facility is listed.	Preliminary operation-and-maintenance plan naming the owner, responsible department/unit, access rights, inspection schedule, sediment removal, vegetation care, snow/road salt management, repair, replacement and annual cost.
Staffing and continuity	The SWMP assigns responsibilities to the Director of Public Services, DPWS, Senior User staff, and Code Enforcement. Some municipal-operations training is listed as "Future." The former DPW employee handling stormwater work reportedly resigned in June.	Written continuity plan identifying responsible personnel, grant-administration duties, constant oversight, NYSDOT point of contact, training status, reimbursement duties, and capacity for future inspection and maintenance.

Question	Current public record	Information needed before approval
Project-file custody	A FOIL request for the application, award letter, grant agreement, scope, maps/right-of-way records, and NYSDOT/DEC correspondence produced: "I don't have this information. Maybe Tim or Randy?" This does not establish nonexistence, but shows the file was not readily identified by the responder.	Identify the official custodian; provide the complete, indexed project file to the Board; and confirm responsibility for grant compliance, consultant oversight, and NYSDOT coordination.

Requested Board Action

1. Keep the resolution tabled until the Administration supplies the documents and responses below.
2. The executed DEC grant agreement, approved application/work plan, budget, eligible-cost terms, match source, reimbursement terms, and deadlines.
3. The proposed engineering contract, procurement materials, detailed scope, deliverables, optional-task pricing, payment schedule, and not-to-exceed fee.
4. A site and drainage map showing State, Village, and private ownership; State right-of-way; drainage assets; outfalls; drainage direction; and receiving water.
5. Written NYSDOT Region 9 correspondence addressing access, permits, fieldwork, traffic control, cost participation, construction approvals, ownership, and maintenance.
6. A written Village fiscal-impact statement stating anticipated cash outlay, match source, reimbursement timing, maximum potential unreimbursed exposure, and any appropriation needed.
7. A written staffing/continuity plan naming the present responsible personnel and their duties for grant administration, consultant oversight, NYSDOT coordination, reimbursement claims, training, and future maintenance.
8. One complete, indexed project file for Board review—not scattered references, verbal assurances, or a suggestion that key records may be held elsewhere.

Record basis

Village of Johnson City, Stormwater Management Program Plan, dated February 21, 2026, including its MS4 Notice of Intent and attached Village Code excerpts; NYSDOT public descriptions of the Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source and MS4 Planning Grant; NYSDOT public Highway Work Permit materials. The quoted FOIL response is quoted from the response received by the requester. This handout identifies questions for documentation; it does not claim that records not produced to the requester do not exist.