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Village Board
Martin Meaney, Mayor
Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin
Trustee John Walker 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, January 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Present:	Martin Meaney, Mayor Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor Mary Jacyna, Trustee Lori Thorn, Trustee John Walker, Trustee
Absent:	None
Also Present:	Keegan Coughlin, Legal Counsel Clarence Shager, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Meaney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Meaney asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for Greg Matyas who was on our Planning and Zoning Boards and for President Carter.

Mayor Meaney advised where the fire exits are located.

Mayor Meaney took roll call.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

[1] There will be two additional Christmas tree pickups on January 13 and January 20. There will be no yard waste collection at this time.
[2] Village Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th in honor of Martin Luther King Day.
[3] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 7:30pm with a work session at 6:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

[1] December 17, 2024 Village Board Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2024 and place them on file was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

BIDS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[1] Local Law Amending Chapter 118 of the Code Entitled 'Buildings, Unsafe'

Mayor Meaney opened the public hearing.

Carol Laskoski, *Edward St* – questioned what is unsafe.

Mayor Meaney responded where the fire was on North Baldwin Street right before Christmas, the building is in eminent danger and we have to convene as a Board to have any type of remediation if the building had to come down. As a Board if a structure reaches a certain percentage of destruction, the Fire Marshal, the Mayor and Public Works get together and they can deem it unsafe and have the building razed.

Don Slota, *Eldridge Ave* – questioned insurance and reimbursement

Mayor Meaney answered that is built into the law.

Mayor Meaney closed the public hearing.

PETITIONS RECEIVED – None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Meaney opened the privilege of the floor.

Carol Laskoski, *Edwards St* – when was the last time someone showed any interest in McClury building?

Mayor Meaney responded the gentleman that owns it was pursuing grant money through the DRI. Because his plans weren't complete there was an issue. He wanted to put two stories on it and there is a zero-lot line. With a zero-lot line if the adjoining property wanted to build something they could and New York State Building Code calls for all bedrooms to have natural light and it would've taken the natural light away and that's why it didn't make the cut.

Michael Abettan, *New York, NY* – looking for a reduction in fines at 210 Baldwin St. Explained the fines in a course of a month with DPW fees and Repeat Offender fees. He is asking for relief on the 2023 repeat offender fees.

Don Slota, *Eldridge Ave* – Congratulate the new members of the Board and the Mayor and wished them good luck and may they continue helping the Village to prosper in the coming year.

Mayor Meaney thanked Mr. Slota for his kind words.

Mayor Meaney closed the privilege of the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS

A motion to accept and file the following Communications was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

[1] Correspondence from Michael Abettan regarding 210 Baldwin Street.
[2] Correspondence from Aqil Dharamsey regarding 26-28 Crocker Avenue.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

[1] Police Department Overtime Report for December 5, 2024 - December 18, 2024
[2] Fire Department Overtime Report for December 5, 2024 - December 18, 2024
[3] Fire Department Overtime Report for December 19, 2024 – January 1, 2025

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Abstract #10 of the 2024-2025 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, was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

GENERAL FUND	$504,490.80
WATER FUND	$95,140.29
SEWER FUND	$18,894.18
REFUSE FUND	$42,513.95
SESAME ST	$0
VARPUR	$56,705.18
JSTP	$0
SPECIAL GRANT	$3,251.16
DEBT SERVICE	$0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES

Resolution 1 of 2025

A motion to approve the following appointments made by Mayor Martin Meaney was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

2025 Mayoral Appointments

Name	Board/Committee	Expires	Term (yrs.)
Clarence Shager	ADA Coordinator	12/31/2025	1
Director of Planning or Designee	Alarm Review Board	12/31/2025	1
Fire Chief or Designee	Alarm Review Board	12/31/2025	1
Kim Cunningham	Alarm Review Board	12/31/2025	1
Police Chief or Designee	Alarm Review Board	12/31/2025	1
Tom Johnson	Alarm Review Board	12/31/2025	1
Hon. Thomas Dellapenna	Associate Village Justice	12/31/2025	1
Gail Lucas	Bingo Inspector	12/31/2025	1
Kris Ferranti	Bingo Inspector (Deputy)	12/31/2025	1
Clarence Shager	Clerk/Treasurer	12/31/2025	2
Kim Cunningham	Clerk ZBA & Planning Boards	12/31/2026	2
Clark Giblin and Mary Jacyna	**Court**	12/31/2025	1
Kim Cunningham	Deputy Clerk	12/31/2025	2
Clark Giblin	**Deputy Mayor**	12/31/2025	1
All	**Finance**	12/31/2025	1
Fr. Dennis Ruda	Fire/Police Chaplin	12/31/2025	1
All	**Government Affairs (Insurance, Budget, etc.)**	12/31/2025	1
Janet Ottman	Historian	12/31/2025	1
All	**Human Services**	12/31/2025	1
Clark Giblin & Mary Jacyna	**Joint Sewage Treatment Board**	12/31/2025	1
Stephen Andrew	JSTP Board	12/31/2026	3
Bruce King	JSTP Board	12/31/2027	3
George Kolba	JSTP Board	12/31/2025	3
TBD	JSTP Board Attorney	12/31/2025	1
Mary Jacyna	**Library**	12/31/2025	1
Jeanine Bowers	Library Board	12/31/2026	3
Barbara Hill	Library Board	12/31/2025	3
David Goguen	Library Board	12/31/2025	3
Hope Matthews	Library Board	12/31/2025	3
Mary Kay Roland	Library Board	12/31/2026	3
Michele Talcott	Library Board	12/31/2026	3
Joshua Holland	OSHA Administrator	12/31/2025	1
John Walker and Lori Thorn	**Planning, Zoning & Code Enforcement**	12/31/2025	1
David Michalak	Planning Board	12/31/2028	5

Name	Board/Committee	Expires	Term (yrs.)
Gerald Putman	Planning Board	12/31/2026	5
Jen Reinhart	Planning Board	12/31/2030	5
Michael Sheredy	Planning Board	12/31/2030	5
Marcia Ward	Planning Board	12/31/2029	5
Miroslav Herzog	Plumbing Inspector	12/31/2025	1
Rick Holden	Plumbing Inspector (Deputy)	12/31/2025	1
Diane Deyo	Police Matron	12/31/2025	1
John Walker and Clark Giblin	**Public Safety (Fire & Police)**	12/31/2025	1
John Walker and Mary Jacyna	**Public Works (Includes Parks)**	12/31/2025	1
Kim Cunningham	Record Advisory Board (Deputy Clerk)	12/31/2025	1
Keegan Coughlin	Record Advisory Board (Atty. For the Village)	12/31/2025	1
Clarence Shager	Record Advisory Board (Clerk/Treas.)	12/31/2025	1
Marty Meaney	Record Advisory Board (Mayor)	12/31/2025	1
Janet Ottman	Record Advisory Board (Village Historian)	12/31/2025	1
Mary Ann Kinne	Registrar	12/31/2025	2
Eileen Edwards	Registrar (Deputy)	12/31/2025	2
All	**Rules**	12/31/2025	1
Joshua Holland	Stormwater Management Officer	12/31/2025	1
Stephanie Yezzi	Susquehanna Heritage Area Advisory Board	12/31/2025	3
Brent Dodge	Village Wide Safety Committee	12/31/2025	1
Keith McCaffery	Village Wide Safety Committee	12/31/2025	1
Joshua Holland	Village Wide Safety Committee	12/31/2025	1
Marty Meaney	Village Wide Safety Committee	12/31/2025	1
Kim Cunningham	Workplace Violence Committee	12/31/2025	1
Brent Dodge	Workplace Violence Committee	12/31/2025	1
Joshua Holland	Workplace Violence Committee	12/31/2025	1
Christopher Brown	Zoning Board	12/31/2028	5
Dr. Steve Holowinski	Zoning Board	12/31/2029	5
Edward Mazanek	Zoning Board	12/31/2026	5
Leonard Sas	Zoning Board	12/31/2025	5
Don Slota	Zoning Board	12/31/2027	5

Resolution 2 of 2025

A motion to authorize that Roberts Rules of Order, including previous amendments [which includes "holdover" provision, which must be used prior to the vote and which will hold over the subject matter until the next scheduled meeting] and future amendments by the Village Board, be used as the governing material

for the Village Board meetings for the year 2025 was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Resolution 3 of 2025

A motion to authorize the Village Clerk-Treasurer to pay Village taxes, payroll, debt service, telephone, electric, gas, unemployment, obligations to other governments and postage bills for Water, Sewer, Refuse and Tax bill bulk mailings prior to authorization by the Board at their Regular Meetings was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Resolution 4 of 2025

A motion to authorize that JPMorgan Chase Bank, M & T Bank, NBT Bank, Citizens Bank, Key Bank, First Niagara Bank and Tioga State Bank are the Bank Depositories for the year 2025 was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Resolution 5 of 2025

A motion to authorize that the Press & Sun-Bulletin be designated as the official newspaper for the Village of Johnson City for the year 2025 was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Resolution 6 of 2025

A motion to authorize that the Village Board of Trustees will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at Village Hall, 60 Lester Avenue, with the noted exceptions in the attached schedule was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Resolution 7 of 2025

A motion to authorize the New York State Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance to provide

workers' compensation coverage for the Village of Johnson City for 2025 was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Resolution 8 of 2025

A motion to authorize the implementation of the 2025 Internal Revenue Service Standard Mileage Rate of 70.0 cents per mile for business miles driven n was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Resolution 9 of 2025

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

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2025

WHEREAS, notice was given that the Village Board scheduled a public hearing for January 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. for Local Law No. 1 of the year 2025 entitled "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 118 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED 'BUILDINGS, UNSAFE'"; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village and posted on the Village Clerk's sign board; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on the 7th day of January, 2025 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. 1 of 2025 entitled "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 118 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED 'BUILDINGS, UNSAFE'", 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 will take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

Resolution 10 of 2025

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

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 145 HARRY L DRIVE

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated December 31, 2024, the Village Code Enforcement Officer and the Fire Marshall have requested that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City consider declaring the building at 145 Harry L Drive, Johnson City, New York (TM# 143.41-4-4), unsafe and dangerous pursuant to Section 118-3 of the Village Code, which consideration requires a public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board will hold a public hearing on February 18, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. to solicit public input on the issue concerning whether the building at 145 Harry L Drive, Johnson City, New York should be declared unsafe and dangerous; and be it further

RESOLVED that notice of said public hearing shall be served on the record owner of 145 Harry L Drive, Johnson City, New York and its legal counsel, if known, pursuant to Section 118-6 of the Village Code; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk and Legal Counsel are hereby authorized to take such additional and further action as is necessary to notice the public hearing as noted herein; and be it further

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 118-9 of the Village Code, a clear and imminent danger to life, safety and health exists for persons and property, and as such the building at 145 Harry L Drive, Johnson City, New York must be secured immediately. The Village Board hereby authorizes the Code Enforcement Officer to immediately cause the securing of this building.

Discussion: Mayor Meaney stated this is to set the public hearing for February 18th.

Resolution 11 of 2025

A motion for forgiveness of Code Repeat Offender Fees in the amount of $4,500 together with the 12% penalty to Michael Abettan regarding 210 Baldwin Street was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Failed – Vote:

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

Resolution 12 of 2025

A motion for forgiveness of refuse fees in the amount of $250.00 to Aqil Dharamsey regarding 26 Crocker Avenue was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Failed – Vote:

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE – No new business

POLICE

Resolution 13 of 2025

A motion to auction the following vehicle as surplus which has high mileage and mechanical problems that are not worth repairing was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Former Parking Enforcement Car #744
2013 Ford Taurus Interceptor
VIN: 1FAHP2L85DG169798
Mileage: 143,669

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

PUBLIC WORKS – No new business

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Resolution 14 of 2025

A motion to authorize the Mayor or his designee to sign a letter of support for Broome County's application to the US DOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant program for the inter-municipal trail connector project was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Brown.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD

Resolution 15 of 2025

A motion to approve the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board's request that the owners pass legislation to amend the 2024 Budget to increase Chemicals ES8130.54150 by $85,000.00 and

decrease ES8130.54202 Electricity by $85,000.00 was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna.

Motion Carried – Vote:

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

Mayor Meaney stated this is our organizational meeting, the first meeting of the new year and new Board, at this time the Board will identify any potential conflicts of interest.

Declaration of Conflicts:

Mayor Meaney – He is a retired firefighter for the Village and his son works for the Fire Department. He does not believe he has any conflicts of interest.

Trustee Giblin – He works for Harding Brooks Insurance Agency and they do handle some of the insurances for the Village. He does not receive any compensation or commission from them so he does not believe he has any conflicts of interest.

Trustee Walker – He is retired from Lourdes/Guthrie. He does not believe he has any conflicts of interest.

Trustee Jacyna – She has a son who work for the Fire Department. She does not have any conflicts of interest.

Trustee Thorn – Her husband works for the Village Water Department; She works for a company who sells janitorial supplies to the Village. She has no conflict.

Mayor Meaney thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a safe trip home.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Meaney adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

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Clarence Shager
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Recordings of the Village Board meetings and work sessions
are available for review through the Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office

VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY

2025 VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY MEETING CALENDAR

All Village meetings and work sessions are open to the public.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Village Board	7,21	4,18	4,18	1,15	6,20	17	15	19	2,16	7,21	18	2,16
Planning Board	28	25	25	22	27	24	22	26	23	28	25	23
Zoning Board	27	24	17	21	19	16	21	18	15	20	17	15
Library Board	14	11	11	8	13	10	8	12	9	14	11	9
Recreation Com.	Meetings as announced											

Village Board of Trustees - Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, (except for the months of June, July, August & November) at 7:30pm in the Municipal Building, 60 Lester Avenue, with a work session at 6:00pm in the area. Meetings are subject to change from the published schedule due to the Board's agenda and/or via Zoom.

Planning Board - Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm (except where noted above) in the board room at Village Hall, 60 Lester Avenue, with a work session at 7:00pm. Meetings are subject to change from the published schedule due to the Board's agenda & holidays.

Zoning Board of Appeals - Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm (except where noted above) in the board room at Village Hall, 60 Lester Avenue, with a work session at 6:00pm. Meetings are subject to change from the published schedule due to the Board's agenda.

Library Board - Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 5:30pm in the lower level of the library at 107 Main Street. Meetings are open to the public. Meetings are subject to change from the published schedule due to the Board's agenda.

Recreation Commission - This board meets on an as needed basis.

Holidays *(No* Meetings):

Wednesday, January 1st – New Year's Day
Monday, January 20th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, Feb. 17th - President's Day
Friday, April 18th - Good Friday
Monday, May 26th - Memorial Day
Thursday, June 19th - Juneteenth
Friday, July 4th
Monday, September 1st - Labor Day
Monday, October 13th - Columbus Day
Tuesday, November 11th – Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 27th - Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28th - Day after Thanksgiving
Thursday, Dec 25th - Christmas