

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA**  
**Agenda**

**Date: Monday, September 09, 2024**  
**Time 6:00 p.m.**

**Johnson Municipal Building upstairs located at 293 Lower Main West, Johnson VT**

**Agenda:** Please note times are approximate.

**6:00 p.m. Call to order**

**6:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance**

**REVIEW OF AGENDA AND ANY ADJUSTMENTS, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS**

**6:03 p.m. Review and Approve Minutes of Trustee Meetings**

Trustee Meeting August 12, 2024

**6:05 p.m. Treasurer's Report:** Review and approve bills and warrants. Budget Status Report, village audits timeline, Village Treasurer training update, any other Action Items. Signatures needed.

**6:25 p.m. Village Manager's Report and any action items**

**6:35 p.m. Water/Wastewater Report and action items**

**6:45 p.m. Electric/General Report and any action items**

**6:50 p.m. Fire Department Report and any action items**

**7:00 p.m. Any other discussion or action items**

1. (D/A) Beautification Committee request for fall planting; Adrienne Parker (10 Min).
2. (D) Discuss cupola repairs at municipal building (10 min).
3. (D) Discuss the possible future use of Docu-Sign for village operations (10 min)
4. (D) Discuss Main Street Statue and future procedures for use of village property. (15 min)

**7:35 p.m. Members of the Public**

Possible Executive Session

**Other Business**

**Adjourn**

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JOHNSON VILLAGE TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024

**Present:**

Trustees: Steve Hatfield, Will Jennison, BJ Putvain, Ken Tourangeau

Others: Erik Bailey, Rosemary Audibert, Alberto Della Torre

**Absent:** GiGi Beach

**Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.**

**1. Call to Order**

Ken called the meeting to order at 6:00.

**2. Review of Agenda and Any Adjustments, Changes and Additions**

It was agreed to postpone the public hearing on the draft municipal plan until a representative from LCPC was there. No members of the public were present.

**3. Shall All Village Trustee Meetings Open with the Pledge of Allegiance?**

Ken said he asked Erik to put this on the agenda. **Will moved and BJ seconded to open all Johnson Village Trustee Board meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance.** Steve said he plans to abstain from voting. He has no problem with the Pledge but he feels sometimes symbolism like flags and the Pledge take on more importance than true service (for instance, in the military or the fire department), which is what he wants to honor. He feels that sometimes people do something symbolic like saying the Pledge and feel they have done their duty. But he doesn't feel strongly enough about it to not say the Pledge or try to stop the board from opening meetings with it. Ken said he understands what Steve is saying, but the American flag is for all American people, not just the military, which has its own flags. **The motion was passed.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**4. Review and Approve Minutes of Trustee Meetings**

**Will moved to approve the minutes of July 8 and July 22, 2024, Steve seconded and the motion was passed.**

**5. Treasurer's Report: Review & Approve Bills and Warrants / Budget Status Report / Action Items**

The board reviewed current bank account balances. Rosemary said tax bills were sent out and are due September 13. Payments have started to come in. The town paid for its fire contract for the year. Waterville and Belvidere have each paid 50% of their annual fire department contract cost.

BJ commented that water department revenue is down quite a bit compared to past years. The closed grocery store was mentioned as a contributing factor. Erik said people have not needed to water their lawns and gardens as much this year.

Steve asked if there are any big water leaks currently. Erik said no. Water loss is so low that the professional leak detection service we had scheduled for August was postponed until the end of the season.

Ken asked how the training with Rosemary, Susan and Erik is going. Rosemary said she and Susan did some training. They have been working on setting up remote bank deposits. Those are going fine so far. They have a machine they can put the checks through and the information is sent to the bank.

Rosemary said electric revenue was 59% of budget for the first 7 months of the year. Power cost was 39% of budget for the first 5 months. The power bill for June was about \$70K. Water sales are at 53% of budget and sewer sales are at 56%.

**6. Village Manager's Report and Action Items**

Erik read his report:

The entire FT staff got Red Cross certified in 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, CPR, AED in a free program through VT Local Roads. Not only was it the most engaging CPR class I have taken, but it also saved us the \$660 for the time crew to take in through NEPPA.

The electric Rate Case has been filed with the PUC, rate notices have gone out to users, now we just wait for the rounds of questions and such before they authorize our new rate which will go into effect in December.

Hyde Park has a massive shortage in their line crew and has been leaning on us quite a bit. While it is a small income producer, it is putting us behind on Johnson projects, so I have instructed Nate to refuse any future Hyde Park jobs other than power outage help until we get caught up with summer tasks.

The sinkhole at the Town garage associated with the culvert that runs under the W&L garage's driveway and the Town garage has been rerouted by joint staff, and the old line filled with flowable concrete.

The Village has survived 2 more significant storm events. The anniversary flood on July 11, 2024 flooded to very near a level that would cause issues, but thankfully largely spared the Village. The remnants of Hurricane Debby last Friday did not cause any flooding locally, but we had some power outages associated with wind dropping trees on lines, which the crew got taken care of promptly.

I'm working with LCPC on a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program pre-application for the reclamation of the WWTF site if relocation is approved by FEMA.

Erik said he is getting quotes for propane from several suppliers. Board members suggested another supplier to check with. BJ asked if we are going to pick the propane supplier and the town is going to pick the heating fuel supplier, as was done previously. Ken said yes, but he would like to hear the fuel cost figures before we pick anything. He thinks the best way to handle it would be for the managers to get prices and present them to the boards at a joint meeting. BJ said he saw that the joint meeting was canceled. Ken said he and Eben agreed not to have a joint meeting until there are enough topics to make it worthwhile. **Will moved to authorize the chair to pick a propane supplier, BJ seconded and the motion was passed.** BJ asked if we have to vote to approve the selectboard choosing a fuel supplier. Ken said we will when we get numbers.

**7. Electric/General Report and Action Items**

Erik read the report submitted by Nate Brigham:

Electric Dept.

Mutual aid for Hyde Park 28 hrs

Outage for Gould Hill Rd. – blown fuse due to solar

Brush cut/brush hogged around substation  
Started brush hogging around the system  
Cut brush at 1460 Clay Hill Rd.  
Moved equipment from lower storage for flood and moved equipment back  
Outage on the R4 due to a limb on the line behind the post office  
Outage at 53 Katywin – blown fuse  
176 West Settlement Rd. – tree on line  
Met with VEC and Consolidated on West Settlement Rd. to discuss low lines near 96 West Settlement Rd. Consolidated is setting a pole  
Did estimates for 72 LMW and 552 Railroad St.  
Met with the Woolen Mills for new service for the Old Mill  
Installed conduit bracket for new service at 11 School St.  
Completed monthly meter reading, high/low checks, substation check and dig safes

#### Water/Sewer

Fixed water leak at the intersection of College Hill Rd. and School St.  
Fixed water leak at 65 Lamoille View Drive – found with new sewer camera  
Moved the office trailer at the sewer plant, from the flood, for pick up  
Town hit the hydrant on River Road East with a brush hog. Waiting on parts to fix it.  
Brush hogged filter plant field  
Dropped off 1” water meter and billed 93 River Rd. W.

#### General Dept.

Met with Jason about the River Rd. E. catch basins  
Swept River Road W. and Railroad St. after flood  
Work at town clerk’s moving downstairs  
Dug the sinkhole with the town at the town garage  
Fixed the walking path down to Beard’s Park for the town after the flood  
Working with the town to install culvert and ditch to reroute the old culvert under the town garage  
Changed flags on the Green and Town Clerk’s

#### Safety

All employees took CPR/AED/First Aid  
No NEPPA safety meetings this month

Will asked what duties for the village the crew is behind on due to providing mutual aid for Hyde Park. Erik said concrete work, the big electric job on 100C and brush cutting. Ken asked if employees are still taking Friday afternoons off instead of banking CTO. Erik said they haven’t been doing that much recently. Ken suggested they should stop doing that for a while. The rest of the board agreed. (*Alberto Della Torre arrived at 6:23.*)

BJ asked how Jeff’s CDL training is coming along. Erik said the state has a low-cost CDL training program that Jason is going to give us information on. It is not Jeff’s fault that the training hasn’t happened yet.

Ken asked about the hydrant that was hit. Did it not have a flag? Erik said it had a flag but it was hit anyway. Overgrowth was as high as the flag. The town is paying for the damage.

**8. *Water/Wastewater Report and Action Items***

Erik read the report submitted by Dan Copp:

Operational Status of Wastewater Plant and Callouts

- E-DMR and Wr-43 were submitted to the State
- We hauled 20,000 gallons of sludge to Morrisville for processing for the month of July.
- Mowed and trimmed all plants and pump stations and the reservoir.
- On July 9 we started prepping for potential flooding. We moved the mower and other big items to the village garage. We moved everything else that wasn't bolted to the floor to the press room where it would be high and dry. We abandoned the plant once again as the flood waters rose to the building. We had minimal seepage in the pump room. The rental trailer floated and was damaged again.
- Pratt and Smith electrical moved the transformers in the building to the break room. This has allowed us to move back into the main building and discontinue the rental office trailer. We got a couple of the used desks from the office that were flooded to use at the plant. All in all it's nice to be back in the building and be able to work without the annoying transformers.
- United Rental picked up the trailer and all damage is covered by the insurance policy we had with them.
- Participated in an interview with VT Public for how we are coping 1 year after the flood.
- Don Martin from Pump Control Solutions repaired and mitigated Highland Heights PS. He installed and raised the new control panel, installed new power leads from the meter and metal stairs with galvanized treads to reach the panel. It came out great.
- NRWA interviewed myself and Erik to put together a video for advocacy of resources for small systems.

Operational status of Water Plant and Callouts

- Monthly reports were submitted to the state.
- Coliform samples were negative
- Rotated the pumps at Katy Win.
- Had another water break on School St. The repair was made by village crew and Tim drove the coliform samples to the lab and results were negative and the boil water notice was lifted.
- VRWA did a leak detection on Lamoille View and thought they had it pin pointed for the leak. Village crew dug it and it was not there. Nate located it further down the line and repaired the leak. We drove the coliform samples to the lab and results were negative and the boil water notice was lifted.
- I do not have water loss numbers yet but our water production is down drastically. We are producing 70,000 to 80,000 gallons per day. That is the lowest I have seen since taking over in 2018.

Ken asked if we ever got all repairs completed at the Katy Win pump house. Erik said no; that is something they are working on this summer. Ken suggested that should be moved higher on Dan's list of priorities.

**9. Fire Department Report and Action Items**

Erik read the fire department report submitted by fire chief Arjay West:

Johnson Fire Department Report

*June 28 – July 25, 2024*

JFD responded to 15 calls. 9 calls occurred during the daytime (6 am - 6 pm) and 6 calls occurred during the nighttime (6 pm - 6 am.) The average duration was: 132 minutes

Nature:

Those calls were: 2 – vehicle crashes, 3 – automatic alarm, 1 – medical assist, 1 – CO alarm, 1 – odor investigation and 7 flood related (work detail/equip prep, haz-mat/haz-mat investigation, water rescues, and agency assist)

Staff:

The average number of firefighters that responded was: 11  
Total hours of service was: 265

Other:

We have put the new UTV and enclosed trailer into service. We are preparing Thank You materials for our donors/supporters, and hope to have a formal presentation in September

Ken thanked the fire department for their outstanding performance, including rendering mutual aid to other towns.

**10. Public Hearing on the Draft Johnson Municipal Plan**

There were still no members of the public present. Alberto Della Torre of the Lamoille County Planning Commission asked if there were any comments on the draft plan.

Ken said the only recreation the plan supports is bicycling. Bringing in one ATV would have as much impact as bringing in 10 bicycles, but ATVs are not allowed. He doesn't see how we can put in a plan for economic impact or recreation when it is not inclusive. His vote will be no until that is corrected. The town has spent tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars and federal grant money on bicycles. They spent \$45-50K on a welcome center that only welcomes bicyclists and walkers. The recreation and economic impact sections only talk about bicycles.

Will said he agrees with Ken. The loss of the economic value of recreational vehicles is a great loss to this community. We get a lot of benefit from recreational vehicle clubs. Recently an ATV club donated thousands of dollars to the fire department for a UTV, which can be used for the bike path and backcountry hikers as well as the ATV community. The only issue he has heard about is noise. Some cars are much louder than ATVs. Not including ATVs in the municipal plan is a huge misstep and he will vote no on the plan. Erik said in communities that welcome ATVs the economic impact is obvious. Will said ATV riders also contribute to communities in ways other

than just spending money at businesses. Ken said no money comes to Johnson from bicyclists or hikers. Steve said they do eat at restaurants in town. Ken suggested that Alberto contact people in the Newport area, where ATV riders have a huge economic impact.

**11. Website Discussion**

Erik said the town and village currently pay \$443.76 per year for the website. The village's share of that is \$221.88. Ken said if the town wants an expensive new website we could have our own website for \$443.76 per year. Will asked what issues there are with the current website. BJ said the town wants more pages. Erik said for the village the current site is not bad. He noted that if the village had its own website the cost might be less than the current cost because the village needs fewer pages. **Will moved to table discussion on the website, BJ seconded and the motion was passed.**

**12. Discussion Regarding Disposition of 180 Acres of Undeveloped Joint Property Behind W&L Garage**

Ken said the chair of the selectboard is aware of the village's wishes. Ken doesn't think it is in the best interest of the village to be a realtor. The property was originally purchased for a well, correct? Rosemary said no, for garages. The town and village were originally planning to keep some land and subdivide and sell the rest. But the town went to the voters and they voted against selling it.

Erik showed an air photo of the property with a line showing where he suggests it could be split. There is apparently a mine shaft in one area and an abandoned dome water tank in another. There is a small piece of village-owned property that has a VAST building on it. Does the village want to keep owning that or have VAST own it?

BJ said the village currently owns half of 197 acres. If the town and the village each owned 98 acres, neither would have to get permission from the other to do what they wanted with the property. Ken said he would be more in favor of them buying us out. BJ said he thinks that would be fine. The whole point is to get our part sold to get some money. Ken agreed. He said he and BJ feel we should get money for the sewer plant by selling some property. But was the property bought for the general department? Rosemary said yes.

Erik said we also own property that is containment for the old water system. Selling that is also a possibility. Ken asked if it was bought through water and light or the general department. If it was bought by the general department we can't sell it and use the proceeds for water and light. Rosemary said it was probably bought for the water department. Rosemary said the village owns some land on West Settlement Road.

Will suggested putting together a list of all the properties the village owns that are not in use or needed in the future, along with which entity purchased them. He suggests we start by dividing off the part of the property needed for the garages. Then we could divide the rest either now or later. We could sell it jointly with the town or divide it. Ken said his ultimate goal is to get it back on the tax base. Houses could be built on it. Will suggested that Erik start finding out if the town administrator is on board with this idea and willing to take it to the selectboard to get it on their radar. He noted that the property is not in the village but selling it would help village taxpayers because they are town residents.

**13. Executive Session**

**Will moved to go into executive session as allowed by 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1) to discuss probable civil litigation, as premature public knowledge of the matter to be discussed would put the**



**village at a substantial disadvantage, BJ seconded and the motion was passed at 6:57.** Ken said Erik and Rosemary would be included in the executive session. The board came out of executive session at 7:24. No action was taken.

***14. Adjourn***

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:24.**

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*



## **Village Manager's Report September 9, 2024**

Electric Boom truck replacement update: Tori from LCPC found a grant from the VT Public Service Department called the Energy Efficiency and Conservation grant (EECBG). It is for municipalities to add energy efficiency to their operations. Grants are for awards of \$50,000 to \$100,000 dollars, and require no match, but matching funds are preferred. Hybrid maintenance fleet trucks are one of the listed preferred projects. I had Nate get a quote for such a truck that would best fit our current replacement needs and it finally came back at \$249K. With a \$100K grant award, this puts us in a new truck vs an ~5 year old that we were looking for, and with expanded capabilities for less money after trading in our truck. This type of hybrid runs the back end on battery (unless the battery runs out, then you engage the PTO off the diesel engine that drives the truck). In our operations >90% of a bucket truck's run time is the back end. A hybrid saves a huge amount of fuel, saves wear & tear on the engine, allows the crew to hear each other better, and removes diesel fumes from their work zone. Nate & I are pretty excited about this possibility. With the board's consensus, I'm going to pursue this grant with help from LCPC.

I did the research on propane prices, and Jack Corse again had the best price at \$1.63/gallon. Bourne's could have matched that if we owned our tankage, but it all belongs to Corse. The propane bid has been awarded to Jack Corse, they have already adjusted our account to show the reduction to that price.

The utility pole on the bank of the Gihon next to Union Bank has had much of its protective riprap washed down river by the floods, quite noticeably after this past July's flood. We got an estimate to repair it with even larger material to guard against future floods for \$99,000. I have filed a FEMA Public Assistance Program application for DR4810 (July 2024 flood) to get assistance with that repair. This single claim should only require village staff to navigate the FEMA process.

The end of summer edition of the Village News went out in electric, and water/sewer bills last week. A copy is in this packet.

Water & Light Garage Project update: Weston and Sampson, the Ph1 ESA contractor came last Thursday to tour the garage and take notes and pictures, then did a records dive at the municipal vault. The rest of the work on the ESA will be done at their office, and it should be complete in 3 weeks.

AES, the architecture & engineering firm awarded the project are going to meet with me, Nate & LCPC tomorrow to get a solid Scope of Work so they can begin the design process.

Tori from LCPC is working with Rosemary and I navigating the steep paperwork on the CDS grant finalization. As well as helping me massage the scope of the BGS MERP grant for the garage.

All parts of this project are currently going forward at a very rapid pace. This should help make up for the “oops” by LCPC management when Rob Moore left. While they told the customer (us) who our replacement PM was for this project, in all the upheaval, they failed to let the new PM know that we had a PM contract, or that he was the PM! So, Alec has been helping us the past several months at the normal level of LCPC liaison effort due to this miscommunication. That got fixed a week ago and the project is now moving very fast.

FEMA Update: All 2023 flood projects other than the ongoing WWTF ones have been finished at our level. Many are obligated and awaiting FEMA to get more money in the Disaster Relief Fund. The mitigation projects at JFD and the Lower storage Building are not yet obligated, still awaiting CRC review and sign-off. Once they are obligated, I will get the contractor going on those projects. Just a reminder that the WWTF project can only go 2 ways at this point, either rebuild in place upgraded to Current Codes and Standards and for flood mitigation or moved to the Municipal Building location. The previous consideration of locating at the future industrial park is no longer a factor as the design engineer walked the property and found it unsuitable for our purposes.

The Villag Crew is forging ahead fast and getting projects done. Much electric ROW clearing has been done, Nate has estimated some jobs and is just awaiting payment to schedule them, sidewalk & Cold Spring concrete is happening right now, and they are working with Dale Percy to disconnect our system from the Nadeau well in the next couple of weeks. All in addition to the multiple water leaks and power outages. The water leaks they fixed were obviously long term issues, as water loss is now at 10%, which is almost zero when you account for old meters not quite logging all gallons used. I've never seen a water system run below 15% loss, we are very tight. The crew will be working with a grant funded water valve exercising contractor next month, as well as one that will jet our sewer lines.

The project to get our electric customer at the end of our line on Clay Hill returned to us was assigned to Anne and she did not get done. I am reenergizing that effort and digging into it myself. Sarah Braese from VPPSA gave me some ideas and suggested contacts and I am taking it from there.

I coordinated with the Local Loss Control Specialist, Larry Smith from PACIF to conduct what I call a "FauxSHA" inspection of our facilities and safety practices. This is basically a mock VOSHA inspection through our insurer. We walked through the Water & Light Garage, WWTF, and the Municipal Offices on August 29<sup>th</sup>. I'm happy to report that we found nearly no potential violations. Both Larry and I were very impressed with the safety culture and practices in our current operations. He will be sending me a report of our walk through soon.

The Cold Spring is closed for repairs this week as the village crew busts up and removes the old crumbling floor and replaces it with a new one. I posted a notice in last Thursday's FPF, and Nate hung signs with the schedule at the Cold Spring. It will be blocked off during construction and the water will be turned off. They will also be repairing a 60-foot poor section of Railroad St sidewalk at the same time to save on concrete costs by not having short loads.





# Village News

## September 2024

Happy Labor Day to all!

This season has seen a lot of work for village crew and staff. Much of the staff work is related to working through the FEMA reimbursement processes for the flood of July 2023. While a very slow and complicated process, the Village of Johnson is well ahead of all of the hardest hit municipalities in navigating the FEMA/VT Emergency Management department procedures. We are also working on multiple grants both related to the flood and ongoing projects like the Water & Light garage rebuild and the Lower Main Street sidewalk extension scoping study.

What about that anniversary flood? Talk about stress & anxiety! Here we go again. The village went to all lengths to prepare for a possible repeat flood in July. At the WWTF (Wastewater Treatment Facility), all electronics were put on the 2nd floor, the floodgates went in the doorways, and the tractor & other garage items went up to the Water & Light garage. Our foreman, Nate Brigham, had all his trucks loaded and ready to relocate in case the water threatened to cross the Railroad St bridge. In the municipal office, all electronic equipment and Land Records were put up high. Thankfully, this flood rose during daylight, and crested just short of damaging any public facilities.

The Water & Light Department has a new Assistant Foreman! Jeff Parsons has been at the department since 2014 and recently "topped out" as a 1st Class (journeyman) lineworker. Jeff also has relevant experience in water system repairs and all other facets of the Village Water & Light operations. Congratulations Jeff!

The Village Water & Light Department hired a new apprentice lineworker to replace a departed journeyman lineworker. We welcome Matt Champney to the village crew. Matt grew up in Jericho and graduated from the Linemen Institute of the Northeast in Kingston, NY this past April. He is fitting in great with the crew and is always eager to get things done.

Keep an eye out on the Main Street sidewalks and at the Cold Spring, as the Village Water & Light crew will be doing concrete repairs in multiple locations in the coming days.

Congratulations to the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) crew!! In late May, the Village of Johnson WWTF received the WWTF Facility Excellence Award for their herculean efforts to get the facility back online and meeting the discharge permit in record time after being completely inundated during the July 2023 flood.

Congratulations also to Lt. Dylan Jennison and the entire Johnson Fire Department. Dylan was presented The Valor Award from the U.S. Department of The Interior for his actions in the wake of Super Storm 2023. The entire Johnson Fire Department really came through, and Dylan's employer shone the light upon what these brave volunteers do for this community. Thank you to the entire Johnson Fire Department!

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Village of Johnson Water & Light customers have exclusive access to great rebates. Whether you want to get a new, efficient appliance, switch to a heat pump, or weatherize your home; we've got you covered. To learn more, call 888-921-5990 or follow the link. <https://www.encyvermont.com/vppsa>

Respectfully submitted by Erik Bailey, Village Manager

**Utility E-Billing is Eco-friendly!**

The Village has a program that will allow our utility customers to elect to receive their electric and/or water/sewer bills via email each month rather than receiving paper bills in the mail.

How Does It Work? The e-billing option will send a PDF version of the standard Village utility bill to you using an email address you provide, with the PDF available for download for 30 days from the date it was sent. All of the information now included in the traditional paper bills will be available on the PDF version. If you wish to retain a copy of the bill longer than 30 days, you will need to save the PDF or print a copy. From time to time, the Village includes informational inserts in utility bills. Those who have signed up for e-billing will be able to access the inserts online using a link provided in the notes section of the PDF bill.

Enrollment In order to sign up for e-billing, please fill out and sign the enrollment form at the bottom of this sheet, which indicates your willingness to cease receiving paper utility bills, and return it to us with your next payment. Only those customers who fill out the form completely and return it to us will be enrolled in e-billing. Before enrolling for e-billing, please confirm that you are able to open PDF documents on your computer or device.

Cancellation If you decide you no longer wish to participate in e-billing and would like to resume receiving paper utility bills, you may cancel your e-billing enrollment by calling the Village at 635-2611.

-----**Detach Here & Send Back with Payment Remittance**-----

E-Billing Enrollment Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ elect to begin receiving my  electric bill and/or  water/sewer bill via email  
(print your name) (please check boxes that apply)

and agree to no longer receive paper utility bills from the Village of Johnson. I understand that to cancel e-billing, I must call the Village at 635-2611 to request to receive paper bills again.

Please send my e-bill to me at the following email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Enter your email address here - please print clearly)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Account Holder/Agent      Date      Phone # (required)

If there is a second person on your account, he/she must also sign and date the Enrollment Form

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Signature of Account Holder/Agent      Date      Phone # (required)



The Village of Johnson WWTF, WTF  
Monthly Chief Operator's Report  
September 4, 2024

1. Operational Status of Wastewater Plant and Callouts

- E-DMR and Wr-43 were submitted to the State
- We hauled 64,000 gallons of sludge to Morrisville for processing for the month of July.
- Mowed and trimmed all plants and pump stations and the reservoir.
- We are continuing to dispose of the tainted alum from the flood by slowly dripping it in to our influent stream.
- Performed and passed our permit required proficiency testing for pH, Settleable Solids and eColi.
- Don Martin completed the mitigation work at River Road pump station. He raised the entire backboard and control panel and installed metal stairs to reach all of the components on both sides of the structure.
- Don also has started the mitigation of the Syphon panel and controls at the Main St Bridge. He is raising everything up and will have a set of stairs so we can reach and service the panel.

2. Operational status of Water Plant and Callouts

- Monthly reports were submitted to the state.
- Coliform samples were negative
- Rotated the pumps at Katy Win.
- Tested for disinfection byproducts.
- Started the rehab of Katy Winn pump house #1. We ordered and received a lot of the fittings and pipe needed to consolidate all of the service lines and meters. We hand dug the dirt floor out to see where all of the service lines distributed out from under the building. It's a mess of service lines going every which way. We tore out the ceiling to find 2 rafters rotted. We will be replacing those. Tim is building the meter header system at the plant for an easier install. We are in the process of moving the electrical and pressure tank for the existing well that is Katy Winns, so it will be tucked out of our way. Pump House #3 is a much easier project. We will be working on that at the same time. We need to sleeve a few of the lines and raise a valve up 2 ft. We will compact about 2.5' of sand and pour a 4" concrete floor to bring the finished height above grade. I anticipate being wrapped up by the end of October.



Village of Johnson Water and Light Report Sept. 2024

Prepared by Nate Brigham

Electric Dept. –

Mutual Aid for Hyde Park 29.5Hrs

Outage on Gould Hill Rd due to Hurricane Debby - 13 customers out for 3.5hrs

Outage on Sweetser Rd due to Hurricane Debby - 6 customers out for 7hrs

Outage on West Settlement Rd due to Hurricane Debby – 12 customers out for 30mins

Cut Trees of lines at 5 different locations around the system – no outages

Moved Equipment from Lower Storage for Hurricane Debby

Outage 1026 100C – tree on line – 3 customers out for 1hr

Outage at Katywin East

Working on estimate for Johnson Woolen Mills major service upgrade

Did Easement for 552 Railroad St

Transferred Pole at 96 West Settlement Rd that Consolidated set

Started getting Matt's Apprenticeship set up

Working on getting generators serviced

Working on getting quotes for a Hybrid little bucket truck (possible grant) as well conventional bucket trucks

Voltage reduction test

Completed monthly meter reading, high/low checks, substation check, and dig safes

#### Water/Sewer -

Fixed curb stops at 170 100C and 43 Railroad St.

Shut off 43 Railroad St and 170 100C

Replaced manhole on Lamoille View Drive

Raised Valve Boxes for Main St paving project

Met with VCS for a building at the Old Fire Station Lot

Set up Vtums for sewer line jetting and Catch Basin cleaning

Met with Percy's at Naduae Well for moving of the fire hydrant

#### General Dept. –

Pressure-washed Cold Spring due to Graffiti

Cut some brush around sidewalks

Started putting up winter sand for sidewalks

Extensive work with the Town to install culvert and ditch to reroute the old culvert under the Town Garage

Cut broken leader out of the Maple tree by the monuments at the Town Clerks

Changed flags on the Green and Town Clerks

Site prep for Cold Spring and sidewalk concrete work being done the week of the 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Safety –

Jeff had welding class

NEPPA Safety meetings was on Grounding

Did rubber gloves/sleeves swap out and shipped out of testing



# **Johnson Fire Department Report**

*July 26 – Aug.29, 2024*

## **Calls:**

JFD responded to 9 calls.

8 calls occurred during the daytime (6 am – 6 pm)

1 call occurred during the nighttime (6 pm – 6 am)

The average duration was: 90 minutes

## **Nature:**

Those calls were: 2 – vehicle crashes, 1 – automatic alarm, 1 – medical assist, 1 – odor investigation, 1 – work detail (boat motor repairs) and 3 mutual aid (2 water rescue, 1 smoke condition)

## **Staff:**

The average number of firefighters that responded was: 10

Total hours of service was: 133

## **Other:**

The truck committee has received its first design packet. It has been sent back for changes and cuts. We expect a revised design packet within a month and more importantly, truck cab and chassis specifications in the near future. We will present to the Board as soon as available.

Respectfully submitted, Arjay West, Fire Chief

