



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President  
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

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**MINUTES**  
**EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE**  
**City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton**  
**Wednesday April 23, 2014**

**Called to Order.** Called to order by Employees Committee Chair Berg at 3:35pm.

**Council Members Present:** Joseph Mihalko, Chris Papastrat (Committee Member), Bill Berg (Committee Chair)

**Council Members Absent:** Jerry Motsavage (arrived at 3:40pm), Teri Rennia, Lea Webb (Committee Member, arrived at 3:44pm), John Matzo

**Also Present:** David Holleran, Fire Lieutenant

**ITEMS CONSIDERED**

**Discussion.** The Employees Committee discussed death benefits for employees who die in the line of duty. At present, all beneficiaries of City employees who die in the line of duty receive \$5,000. Committee members questioned whether this amount was set by the City's Workers Compensation carrier, and discussed drafting a Request for Legislation at the next City Council Work Session on Monday May 5, 2014 which would allow the City to set aside additional funds to supplement this amount.

Motion to refer this matter to Corporation Counsel, Personnel and the City's Workers Compensation carrier.  
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**

**Future Actions.** Besides referring this matter to Corporation Counsel, Personnel and the City's Workers Compensation carrier, the Employees Committee agreed to ask the City Clerk to contact other municipalities within Broome County to determine the death benefits for employees who die in the line of duty, and to determine if those municipalities have considered increasing that amount.

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 3:52pm.  
Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**