

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Sisk  
Ken Calhoun  
Cynthia Ducak  
Cheri Dory  
Jill McEvoy  
John O'Brien  
Audrey Ullrich

Chief Von Allmen

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman Sisk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee Member Dory moved to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Committee Member Calhoun – All committee members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

- **Chairman's Report:** Chairperson Sisk informed the committee that Chief Von Allmen was present to discuss changes to Ordinance 13-14-14 regarding the use of tobacco products in Village parks. Chief Von Allmen informed the committee that he received funding from a grant for customizing signs and would like to offer the opportunity to have a community wide design contest. The signs would be displayed in all the Village's parks. Committee Member Dory suggested having the contest through the schools to bring awareness to the new ordinance. The Chief will bring information to the next meeting in order to have something put into the winter newsletter. Committee Member Ullrich suggested the unveiling of the winner at the JABA Business Expo.
- **Security Cameras:** Chief Von Allmen informed the committee of a proposal for new security cameras. He explained that the wireless cameras purchased last year didn't work out as thought because of electrical and signal issues generated by components at the Village Hall so they will be better suited for the police station. Chief VonAllmen discussed a proposal he received in the amount of \$7,395 for high definition cameras to serve Sunnyside Park. The system would enable officer to monitor the cameras remotely from a work station or smart phone. Chief VonAllmen explained that \$3,500 was allocated in last year's budget for the cameras but the funds were never moved from the park funds because of the issues that had occurred. The Chief asked the committee to support the contribution of funds towards the

\$7,500. Committee Member O'Brien asked for an opportunity to review the proposal more closely as he has experience and expertise in the matter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Celebration in the Park:** The Committee discussed the details for Celebration in the Park (see attached details).
- **Meet and Greet Santa:** The Holiday celebration is set for December 1<sup>st</sup> from noon until 3 p.m. at the Johnsburg Community Club. Santa will be in attendance at 1 p.m. The Lions Club plans to have the wreath pick up take place during the event in the main room and crafts will take place in the hall. The Johnsburg Men's club will be serving food. A suggestion was made to have a Christmas tree decorating contest but the Committee agreed that it may be difficult to carryout in a one day event. The Committee agreed to consider new decorations and to pursue either a local church choir or the Madrigals to perform. The committee suggested advertising in the next newsletter if there is sufficient time.
- **Hiller Concession Stand:** Chairperson Sisk drafted a letter to the sports organizations giving them the opportunity to use the concession stand before starting major discussions on what may be viable for the village. The Committee approved the letter and Chairperson Sisk will forward it to Ms. Peters.
- **Community Events:** The Committee discussed having a Farmers Market once or twice a month. Committee Member McEvoy suggested that Sunday Morning would be the best day to have it because of St. Johns mass schedule. She stated that she knows someone who is actively involved in farmer's markets whom she will contact to get more information. Chairperson Sisk asked Committee Member Ullrich to check into special permits needed.

Committee Member O'Brien reported that he approached Maria Zawacki at the Johnsburg Public Library as well as the PTO about their movie events. He was informed that the library and school obtain a special license for their events and agreed to look into the license requirements as well as the equipment. The committee expressed interest in holding the movie night event at either Hiller Park, because of the concession stand and available parking, or at Rescue Squad Park.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Cameras** – The Committee further discussed the security camera project at Sunnyside Park and expressed that they feel it should be a Village cost and not funded by parks funds. Committee Member Ullrich stated that she would support with committing the original amount of \$3,500 with the differences being funded by the general fund. Committee Member O'Brien said he could obtain an additional proposal and would be willing to donate his labor for the project. Chairperson Sisk stated the committee would only be responsible

for their portions. She suggested Committee Member O'Brien talk to the Chief about an alternative proposal and discuss the matter further at another meeting.

- **Next Meeting:** September 24 or 30, 2013 7PM

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Committee Member Ullrich moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Calhoun. All committee members present voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marikay Gebis