

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
AUGUST 23, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Attendees

Trustee John Huemann
Trustee Kevin McEvoy
Trustee Mary Lou Hutchinson (absent)
Trustee Tom Curry
Trustee Greg Klemstein
Trustee Kyle Frost
Village Attorney Michael Smoron (absent)
Village Engineer Tim Hartnett
Special Project Coordinator, Rick Quinn
Chief Keith VonAllmen

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Senator Pamela Althoff was in attendance to discuss concerns regarding increasing property taxes. She thanked the board regarding their consideration to resolve the Old Bay Road matter and congratulated the Village for having the lowest tax rate in McHenry County. She stated that Johnsburg’s rate is 10.14%, the City of McHenry’s is 13.01%; Crystal Lake’s is 11.08%, Harvard’s is 12; and Spring Grove’s is 13%. Senator Althoff remarked that 13% of the Village’s property tax base is commercial.

OMNIBUS AGENDA - Trustee Curry moved to approve the Omnibus Agenda. Trustee McEvoy seconded the motion. Trustee Huemann requested the removal of Ordinance 16-17-15 regarding the Sale of Surplus Property. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll on the remaining Omnibus Agenda items. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 16-17-15 - Trustee Huemann moved to approve Ordinance 16-17-15 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus property. Trustee Curry seconded the motion. Trustee Huemann questioned when the auction will occur. Chief VonAllmen explained that the auction is expected to occur in the fall. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT - President Hettermann requested recommendations for individuals to serve on Committees.

NEW BUSINESS

SAM LESNIAK - Sam Lesniak and Ted Juske were in attendance from Johnsburg High School to request the use of the Hiller Park fields for Varsity Softball and Baseball. He stated that they would improve the fields and have many parent volunteers that will help and also organize fundraisers for field improvements. He explained that the location of the fields is an advantage and the concession stand would be a benefit to them. Trustee Curry expressed support of the request and explained that he has talked to School representatives about the matter. Mr. Lesniak explained that the high school field does not have permanent fencing and they are limited because of other adjacent fields. He remarked the back stop on the high school’s field is not regulation for varsity use, but could be used for freshman baseball. Mr. Lesniak stated that they had been using Tiger’s Field but logistically it is difficult for students without licenses. There is difficulty maintaining Tiger’s Field because of its location and rescheduling rainout games is challenging. Mr. Juske explained that they plan to scrape the grass out of the infield on

the Mustang/Bronco field. Mr. Hartnett stated that doing so may make the field more versatile for different league needs. The Board concurred with the proposal. President Hettermann explained that they will have to submit their schedule to insure that conflicts do not occur with other league use. Mr. Hartnett suggested a memorandum of understanding be developed to insure that conflicts do not occur. Mr. Juske suggested all groups using the field meet to discuss maintenance and of the fields. The Board concurred.

ORDINANCE 16-17-14 - Trustee McEvoy moved to approve Ordinance 16-17-14 Adopting by Reference of the McHenry County Stormwater Management Ordinance. Trustee Huemann seconded the motion. Mr. Hartnett explained that the Village is required to adopt the changes as they implement the IDNR's required language into the ordinance. He explained that the changes have minimal impact and they will make the ordinance user friendly. Trustee Huemann expressed concern regarding how the changes may impact private road maintenance and improvements. Mr. Hartnett explained that it would not create more challenges for private roads. Trustee Huemann also questioned its impact on septic replacements. Mr. Hartnett explained that it does not alter the McHenry County Health Department requirements for septic replacements. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

WEBSITE DESIGN - Trustee Huemann moved to approve the proposal from aHa Consulting in the amount of \$12,000 for redesign of the Village's website and \$2,400 for one year hosting, maintenance and support. Trustee Frost seconded the motion. Ms. Peters explained the need to redesign the website site and discussed the other proposals that were submitted. She stated that staff unanimously recommends the board accept the proposal from aHa Consulting and asked for the board support. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

MESSAGE BOARD SIGNS – Trustee Frost moved to authorize the purchase of two message board sign. Trustee Huemann seconded the motion. Mr. Hartnett reviewed the changes made to the sign foundation proposed for the Route 31 Public Works property. He explained that pinpoint lights can be focused specifically on the Village emblem. The sign is proposed to be located on the south side of the entry drive approximately 40 to 50 feet off of the road, along the edge of the public utility easement. The Board concurred with purchasing the Watchfire sign per the quote received from Rainbow Signs in the amount of \$24,299. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

STREET NAME SIGNAGE - Trustee Frost informed the Board that he was able to obtain quotes for aluminum, power coated posts. The cost for the sign with one scroll bar is \$275 and two scroll bars is \$303 per post. He explained that the posts are only proposed along major roadways, other posts will be used on interior subdivision roads. President Hettermann explained that this year's budget includes funds to replace all of the signs along Johnsburg Road from Route 31 to Ringwood Road. He further explained that next year we will pursue the replacement of the signs on Chapel Hill Road from the roundabout to Bay Road. Trustee McEvoy asked that Mr. Walsh have an opportunity to review the post to see how it will be mounted. Mr. Hartnett suggested that a concrete base be poured slightly higher than the ground surface so that when trimming around the post the paint is not damaged. He also explained that we need to make sure the posts are constructed in a fashion to break away. Trustee McEvoy moved to proceed with the replacement of the signs on Johnsburg Road. Trustee Curry seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Huemann asked if the cross walk improvements are being worked on at Channel Beach Avenue and Johnsburg Road. Mr. Hartnett stated that he is putting together the specs to proceed and looking at the possibility of including additional warning lights.

RECESSED FOR CLOSED SESSION – Trustee Frost moved that the meeting recess to go into closed session to discuss litigation affecting the Village. Trustee Huemann seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried at 8:17 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION - Trustee Curry moved to return to regular session. Trustee Frost seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried at 8:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Trustee McEvoy moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Curry seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Claudett E. Peters
Village Administrator