

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG

PRESS RELEASE

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This past fall, Judge Michael Caldwell rendered a decision in favor of the Village confirming it owns Maple Avenue in response to a frivolous suit brought against the Village by Margaret and Frank Haney. The Village spent two years and more than \$14,000 in legal costs defending itself against the suit through which the Haney's attempted to take public right of way from the citizens of Johnsburg. Throughout the suit, Mrs. Haney pursued repeated delays, running up attorney's fees for the Village. Judge Caldwell described the Haney's filings as "abusive" and "drivel". It now appears that Mrs. Haney is attempting to overturn the judge's decision through the Illinois State Police by attempting to implicate the Village in an alleged conspiracy regarding deeds related to her suit. Her actions have resulted in even more cost to the taxpayers of Johnsburg through the production of documents in response to a Subpoena related to Judge Caldwell's decision. Many of the documents requested were already on file with the circuit court.

At the Village Board meeting last night, Mrs. Haney fabricated more allegations against the Village by implying that there were missing checks and questionable financial practices. Her allegations were easily disproven with statements she herself made at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting will be available shortly on the Village's website. **In total, actions pursued by Mrs. Haney in retaliation against the Village's defense of its public roadway, have cost the taxpayers of Johnsburg more than \$40,000 to date and continue to climb.** All of the Court pleadings regarding this matter are available for viewing at the McHenry County Government Center. All of the deeds in connection with the litigation are publicly recorded with the McHenry County Recorder's Office. The Village is currently pursuing the reimbursement of its attorney's fees through the Appellate Court.