

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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At a Special Board meeting held last night, the Village of Johnsburg announced plans to appeal a recent court decision regarding the establishment of Special Service Area (SSA) 23. "As a Board we want to reassure the public that we will not and cannot move forward with SSA 23 as originally planned but whether or not to appeal the validity of the court's decision is what is at issue," said Village President Ed Hettermann. "With the advice of counsel, the Village has decided to obtain an independent review by the Appellate Court to insure that SSA's can be effectively used in the future," said President Hettermann.

SSA's have been successfully used in the Village for many years as a means to collect funds for the cost of road improvements benefiting specific areas of the Village. Residents living on private roads have been able to upgrade their road to Village standards through the use of an SSA. Today those residents have improved roads which have greatly impacted the aesthetics of their neighborhood, improving their home value. Without an SSA, these improvements would not have been possible.

The Village is concerned with the impact the court's decision may have on the future use of SSA's. "We believe that the decision has opened the door to ambiguities as to how SSA's are to be formed," said President Hettermann. "If that occurs, there are far reaching impacts to this decision".