

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
MARCH 15, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President Edwin Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Attendees

Trustee Kevin McEvoy
Trustee Mary Lou Hutchinson
Trustee John Huemann
Trustee Janice Sisk
Trustee Ron Zanko
Trustee Rich Janusz
Special Projects Coordinator Rick Quinn
Police Chief Keith VonAllmen

FROM THE FLOOR – Village Accountant Laurie Cwerenz was in attendance to review the status of the McHenry County Council of Government’s consortium for electric aggregation. She explained that notice for the hearings regarding the Plan of Operations and Governance will be published shortly and, provided that the referendum is passed, hearings will be held in April. The Village of Johnsburg has tentatively scheduled its hearings for April 5th and April 12th.

OMNIBUS AGENDA - Trustee Hutchinson moved to approve the Omnibus Agenda. Trustee McEvoy seconded the motion. Trustee Zanko requested the removal of the minutes and purchase of tasers from the agenda. Trustee Huemann requested the removal of the ordinance authorizing the sale of Village property. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll on the remaining Omnibus Agenda items. Motion carried.

- Move to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2012 Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees (removed)
- Move to approve Ordinance 11-12-32, Amending Chapter 39 of the Johnsburg Municipal Code, Section 39.28 B, Bill Date, Penalty
- Move to approve Ordinance 11-12-33 Authorizing the Sale of Village Property (removed)
- Move to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$4,998.55 for the purchase of 4 tasers (removed)
- **DISBURSEMENTS**
- General Fund \$103,777.89
- Waterworks/Sewerage Fund \$ 12,031.39
- TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS \$ 115,809.28

MINUTES – Trustee McEvoy moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2012 meeting. Trustee Huemann seconded the motion. Trustees Zanko, Huemann and Hutchinson abstained and Trustees McEvoy, Sisk and Janusz and President Hettermann voted aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY - Trustee Huemann moved to approve Ordinance 11-12-33 Authorizing the Sale of Village Property. Trustee Zanko seconded the motion. Trustee Huemann stated that he was surprised with the low bids received. Chief VonAllmen explained the deteriorating condition of the vehicles and need for costly maintenance. Trustee Huemann suggested in the future we check with the school to see if their

automotive department could use the vehicles for maintenance and repair training. All Trustees voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

TASERS - Trustee Huemann moved to approve the purchase of four (4) tasers in the amount of \$4,998.55. Trustee Hutchinson seconded the motion. Trustee McEvoy questioned if the fire department has been notified of our intent to implement the use of tasers due to the possible need for medical attention related to the tasers. Chief VonAllmen stated that he has spoken with the fire department and they plan to talk with the officers during training. He explained that based upon call experience, he expects the use of the tasers to be limited to one to two instances per year. Trustee Zanko expressed concern with the expenditure for equipment that is expected to be used minimally as compared with the cost of potential liability. Trustee Hutchinson explained that the Village has already had instances that have caused officer injury resulting in considerable costs which could have been avoided had the officers had the option of utilizing a taser to subdue the individual. Chief VonAllmen agreed and added that the Village's insurance company supports the use of tasers to prevent injury to employees and costly worker's compensation claims. All Trustees voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President Hettermann reminded the board about the upcoming Business Expo. Trustee Huemann explained that the Village will include two PowerPoint presentations at the expo and showcase the future improvements to Church Street. He also stated that we expect to field questions regarding the Johnsbury Road Improvement Project and the upcoming electric aggregation referendum. Ms. Peters explained that the County is currently performing tree removal along the Johnsbury Road Improvement Project area so that utility relocations can continue and they expect to be out for bid on the project later this year. Ms. Peters informed the Board that a competitive quote was received from a local business to handle the production of the Village's newsletter. The Village will be contracting with DP Designs to produce and circulate newsletters to all residents in the Village via the US Postal Service beginning with the Summer edition. The Village will only be responsible for the cost of postage.

President Hettermann informed the Board that the Village expects to close early on the Schmitt Property. He explained that the Ordinance authorizing the execution of the Promissory Note approved last fall anticipated the closing between April 15th and May 1st but we expect to close within the next two weeks. The board agreed that upon acquisition of the property, the Village should proceed with demolition of the structure on the property as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS – Trustee Zanko questioned if the Village has considered pursuing a design-build approach for the sewer extension project. Mr. Quinn explained that we can consider that approach in the future however the sewer project has already been designed and permitted once and given the time constraints related to the grant, we need to solicit bids as soon as possible.

Ms. Peters reported that the Village has filled the vacant position at the Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT – Trustee McEvoy moved to adjourn. Trustee Janusz seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Claudett E. Peters
Village Administrator