

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
APRIL 5, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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President Edwin Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Attendees

Trustee Kevin McEvoy (absent)
Trustee Mary Lou Hutchinson
Trustee John Huemann
Trustee Janice Sisk
Trustee Ron Zanko
Trustee Rich Janusz
Village Attorney Michael Smoron
Police Chief Keith VonAllmen

OMNIBUS AGENDA – Trustee Sisk moved to approve the Omnibus Agenda. Trustee Huemann seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

- Move to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2012 Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
- Move to approve Ordinance 11-12-35, Amending Chapter 3 of the Johnsburg Municipal Code
- **DISBURSEMENTS**
- General Fund \$107,219.83
- Waterworks/Sewerage Fund \$ 6,166.73
- TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS \$113,386.56

PRESIDENT’S REPORT - President Hettermann proposed the appointment of Joe Krueger to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee. Trustee Janusz moved to appoint Joe Krueger to the Finance Committee. Trustee Huemann seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Chief Keith Von Allmen presented Keith Magnuson and Tina Lunau with an Outstanding Citizenship Award for their efforts in helping to apprehend a suspect fleeing from an attempted robbery. Village Administrator Claudett Peters informed the Board that the vacant administrative position has been filled by Marikay Gebis and that Matt Reiche has resigned and his position has been filled by Stephen Boswell in the Public Works Department.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 11-12-36 Amending Chapter 17 – The Board discussed the amendments proposed by the Ordinance Committee related to the storage of refuse containers on residential properties. The Board directed that staff get information out to the community regarding the restrictions prior to active enforcement taking place.

Ordinance 11-12-37 Amending Chapter 16 – The Board discussed amendments proposed by the Ordinance Committee regarding Massage Therapy Clinics. Trustee Huemann expressed

concern regarding the fee charged for licensing the business activity. He expressed that he would rather instituted greater penalties for violations of the ordinance than charge a licensing fee if possible. President Hettermann explained that he believes the fee was instituted to cover costs associated with the processing of the license by the Village. The board asked that additional information be obtained regarding the State licensing requirements and what the Village must do to license a massage therapy clinic before taking action on the ordinance.

Ordinance 11-12-39 Amending Chapter 11 – The Board reviewed changes proposed by the Ordinance Committee regarding Amusements. Trustee Huemann expressed concern with the regulations regarding Public Dances. He asked that the Village define a “public dance” so that everyone is clear on what activities are being regulated. The Board discussed changing the language to impose the regulations for “Public Events” and then define what those events would include.

Ordinance 11-12-39 Amending Chapter 10 – Trustee Zanko asked to table the Ordinance so that he can take it back to the Ordinance Committee to further discuss notice by individuals who do not wish to be approached by solicitors. The Board suggested that the Village include an article in an upcoming newsletter cautioning residents about solicitors who may be fraudulent.

VEHICLE STICKER FEES - The Board discussed changes to vehicle sticker fees as recommended by the Development and Governmental Affairs Committee to increase them by \$5.00 in each fee category. Ms. Peters informed the Board that the current vehicle sticker fees have been in place since 2002. She added that the fees are collected to support street lighting and do not currently cover the expense. Joe Huemann was in attendance to express the negative impact a vehicle sticker increase would have on local businesses that adhere to the ordinance. He explained that it is already costly for him to purchase stickers for the fleet of vehicles for his business.

The Board discussed the need for more aggressive enforcement because total revenues derived from vehicle sticker sales and the total number of vehicle stickers sold continues to decrease. Trustee Hutchinson pointed out that the vehicle sticker program is costly to administer. She explained that because of the cost, it may not be the best source to rely on long term to support street lighting costs. She added that in the interim, the recommendation from the Development and Governmental Affairs Committee is reasonable in light of what other communities charge.

More discussion occurred regarding aggressive enforcement of the vehicle sticker ordinance to include ticketing of vehicles that do not display a current vehicle sticker situated in public parking lots such as at retail stores and at ball games. Trustee Huemann stated that he would rather see an increase in the fees for individuals who fail to purchase their sticker than increase the regular vehicle sticker fee. Trustee Sisk concurred. The Board discussed increasing the ticket for a vehicle sticker violation to \$100 and increasing the cost for purchasing a sticker late to \$40 in all categories. Village Administrator Claudett Peters explained that staff needs to order the renewal cards for the stickers and therefore needs to know what rates the Village will be imposing. The Board agreed to increase the vehicle sticker cost for stickers purchased late (after July 31st) to \$40 per vehicle in every category. They further directed the police department to pursue more stringent enforcement of the ordinance to include enforcement in public parking lots and to increase the ticket cost to \$100 for failure to purchase a vehicle sticker. Ms. Peters stated that she would present an ordinance to the board reflecting the change at the next meeting.

The Board asked Ms. Peters to look into whether or not street lighting costs could be renegotiated in accordance with rate changes expected through ComEd.

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION - Ms. Peters informed the Board that she is discussing the possibility of instituting an opt in electric aggregation program for residents to consider as an option. She explained that although the referendum failed, there were many residents that requested the Village pursue an electric aggregation program and perhaps an opt in program can provide them a competitive alternative. Trustee Huemann stated that he feels staff should not expend time on the matter since the referendum failed to receive sufficient votes. Trustee Hutchinson stated that it would not take a great deal of staff's time to look into the option as we are working with the Council of Governments on the matter.

ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT - Trustee Hutchinson moved to approve an Economic Incentive Agreement between the Village of Johnsburg and Angelo's Market, Inc. Trustee Huemann seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

BOAT LAUNCH - Trustee Janusz raised concerns with the condition of the Village's boat launch. He explained that he is meeting with Public Works Director Dave Wilcox at the launch to look into the matter further. Ms. Peters explained that the Public Works Department just completed significant maintenance at the launch but perhaps more wash out has occurred.

ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Huemann moved to adjourn. Trustee Sisk seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Claudett E. Peters
Village Administrator