

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
AUGUST 16, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**Attendees**

Trustee John Huemann  
Trustee Kevin McEvoy  
Trustee Mary Lou Hutchinson  
Trustee Janice Sisk  
Trustee Ron Zanko  
Trustee Rich Janusz  
Village Attorney Michael Smoron  
Village Engineer Tim Hartnett  
Police Chief Keith VonAllmen

**OMNIBUS AGENDA** – Trustee McEvoy moved to approve the Omnibus Agenda. Trustee Huemann seconded the motion. Trustee Zanko requested the removal of the minutes from the agenda. Trustees Zanko, McEvoy, Sisk and Huemann voted aye. Trustees Janusz and Hutchinson abstained. Motion carried.

**MINUTES** - Trustee Huemann moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Sisk seconded the motion. Trustee Zanko requested the minutes reflect that he suggested that the Village Engineer look into whether or not sway bracing would be needed on the dugouts. Trustees Zanko, McEvoy, Sisk and Huemann voted aye. Trustees Janusz and Hutchinson abstained. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - President Hettermann discussed the deck recently installed in front of Chef DaVito's restaurant. He explained that concerns have been raised by a neighboring tenant of the facility. At the time the Village received the permit application, it was required that the property owner authorize the request before the permit was issued. Furthermore, the Village confirmed that the Fire Department does not have any issues with the deck and it meets all building code regulations. President Hettermann explained that any concerns by the tenants are private matters between the owners of the center and the tenants.

President Hettermann also reported on concerns raised by some residents regarding activities taking place at the McHenry Sportsman's Club. He discussed concerns that were raised a few years ago regarding the use of high powered rifles which were investigated and unfounded. Nonetheless, the Village did amend its ordinance at that time to prohibit the use of high powered rifles. Recent concerns raised are related to noise and safety. A meeting was held with the concerned residents and also with representatives of the Sportsman's Club. It appears that the Club is operating in accordance with regulations governing their activities. President Hettermann explained that this is a private matter between the residents and the Club however the Village is attempting to set up a meeting between both parties in an effort to facilitate a good working relationship.

**CONCESSION STAND** - Trustee Sisk moved to approve an agreement between the Village of Johnsburg and JJBB Enterprise LLC regarding the operations of the Village's concession stand. Trustee Zanko seconded the motion. Mr. Blackowicz of JJBB Enterprise LLC was in attendance regarding that matter and explained that he would like to start operating the stand as soon as possible. Trustee Sisk explained that the agreement is consistent with previous agreements with a few minor exceptions. Trustee Zanko raised concerns regarding the 60 day notice provision. Ms. Peters pointed out that the agreement is not exclusive and if issues arise regarding its operations, the Village could seek an alternative party to operate the stand. All Trustees voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

**METRA** - President Hettermann explained that the Village has been working with representatives of Metra regarding the future rail yard and train station since the late 1990's Ms. Peters discussed points previously raised and addressed regarding the development (see attached) She explained that in addition to providing much needed improved rail service to the area, the development enables the Village to pursue an at grade rail crossing north of the yard/station as well as across FAP 420 which we would otherwise not be able to acquire. Mr. Hartnett reviewed the location of the yard and station and explained how it provides for opportunities for proper buffering and future transit oriented development. He explained that the topography of the land is very high adjacent to the tracks which provides for an immediate buffer. Additionally, a 25 feet high berm is planned to provide more screening west of the yard.

Trustee Zanko raised concerns regarding pollution and noise that he believes will result from the development. Furthermore, he expressed concern regarding criminal activity occurring late at night as the last trains come into the station. Trustee Zanko opined that the negative impacts are not worth the small increase in rail service that would result from the development as he does not expect the service to be as frequent as that which is provided in Fox Lake currently. Ms. Peters stated that she would confirm the number of trains the Village can anticipate daily. Trustee Zanko requested that Chief VonAllmen check with Fox Lake to obtain information regarding the police calls they deal with resulting from Metra's activities.

Mr. Keil of Remington Grove subdivision was in attendance. He questioned what the proximity is of the future yard to his home. Mr. Hartnett stated that he could come by to meet with Mr. Keil to show him the approximate location.

Ms. Peters suggested that the trustees email her their questions related to the Metra development and she will obtain answers from Metra. President Hettermann encouraged the trustees to visit the Elburn site for an example of what to expect at Johnsburg's site. Mr. Hartnett offered to arrange a tour of the Elburn facility if trustees are interested.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Trustee Huemann moved to adjourn. Trustee McEvoy seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Claudett E. Peters*  
*Village Administrator*