

## **Village Board Report – March 2012**

*Welcome to the Village Board Report which is placed on our website monthly to keep you informed of actions taken by the Village Board on ordinances and other significant matters.*

**2012 Sewer Project** – At the March 1, 2012 meeting, the board discussed moving forward with a sewer project that will extend sewer infrastructure along Fairview Avenue from the Chapel Hill Road lift station to Church Street. The project will be funded by State and Federal grants and is expected to be completed this year. The project will include infrastructure of significant size that is needed to eventually serve the entire north service area. By constructing this infrastructure with the use of grant funding, neighborhoods connecting to the sewer system in the future will benefit from a reduced cost.

**Electric Aggregation** – At the March 1, 2012 meeting, the board approved a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement and joining the Northern Illinois Governmental Electric Aggregation Consortium. By participating in the consortium, the Village would have saved dollars by sharing in the cost of bidding and establishing a contract for electric supply had the electric aggregation referendum passed on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The referendum failed to receive enough votes therefore the Village is not participating in the consortium.

**Strategic Planning/Visioning** – At the March 1, 2012 meeting, the board discussed the development of a vision statement. The matter was further discussed at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting at which time a draft statement with supportive language was developed. The final statement is expected to be completed shortly.

**Newsletter** - At the March 15, 2012 meeting the board further discussed contracting the production of the newsletter through a local vendor that will handle the processing and preparation for mailing with the cost covered through the sale of ads to be placed in the newsletter. The sale of ads will enable the Village to again send the newsletter through the US Post Office to all households and businesses at a cost consistent with the current cost to produce the electronic newsletter. Letters will be going out to local businesses shortly to inform them of this advertising opportunity which will begin with the fall issue.

**Tasers** – At the March 15, 2012 meeting, the board authorized the purchase of four (4) tasers for use by the Police Department.

### **Ordinances**

**Amendments to Chapter 18** – On March 1, 2012, the Village Board approved Ordinance 11-12-31 which further defines vehicle impound regulations.

**Utility Bill Late Payment Penalty** – On March 15, 2012, the Village Board approved Ordinance 11-12-32 which institutes a late fee of 10% (but no less than \$5.00) for utility payments received after the due date.

**Sale of Village Property** – On March 15, 2012, the Village Board approved Ordinance 11-12-33 which authorized the sale of two vehicles no longer in use by the Village.

For more information about this report and the above referenced matters, please contact Village Administrator, Claudett Peters, at 815-385-6023 or [cpeters@johnsburg.org](mailto:cpeters@johnsburg.org).