

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
OCTOBER 28, 2010, MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF WHOLE**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Edwin Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**Committee Members Present**

Harold May  
Marylou Hutchinson  
John Huemann  
Bruce Bennett  
Ron Zanko  
Karl Nitz  
Kim Husby

**Staff Present**

Claudett Peters  
Keith Von Allmen  
Rick Quinn

**MINUTES** – Committee Member Bennett moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2010 meeting. Committee Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. All Committee Members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – Chairman Hettermann reported that Milan Petrovic is scheduled to be at the November 16, 2010 board meeting to provide an update on his efforts regarding securing the Village's funds through the Capital Bill. He asked that the committee members consult their calendars regarding a Saturday they would be available to attend a Strategic Planning Session in January. Committee Member Zanko questioned how long the session would be held. Chairman Hettermann explained that it is an all day event. Committee Member Zanko stated that he would be unable to attend any Saturday as he has personal obligations. Committee Member Husby stated the sessions are held approximately once every ten years and she feels it would be inappropriate to expect attendees to take a vacation day from their employment to attend the session during the week. Committee Member Hutchinson suggested that perhaps Committee Member Zanko could attend part of the session. The remaining committee members agreed to attend on January 15, 2011.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Von Allmen reviewed color options for the 2011 Dodge Charger police squad that the board authorized ordering. Committee Members Zanko, Huemann and May expressed concern with the ability to keep the dark blue squad looking clean. Committee Member Hutchinson asked Chief Von Allmen if he has concerns with keeping the blue squad clean. Chief Von Allmen explained that he does not have concerns about maintaining a clean appearance with a blue squad explaining that even a white car can be difficult to keep clean. Committee Member Nitz moved that the Village pursue the purchase of the 2011 Dodge Charger in blue. Committee Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. Committee Members Zanko, Huemann and May voted no. Committee Members Hutchinson, Nitz, Bennett and Chairman Hettermann voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Member May provided an updated on the sewer construction status on Fairview Avenue. Committee Member Zanko questioned whether or not there was an additional warranty period for the pumps that will not immediately be installed on the vacant lots. He also expressed concern with the subcontractor having the appropriate equipment to move the e-one units as it

appears that they have been dragged on the pavement. Chairman Hettermann stated that he would have Mr. Hartnett follow up on both of the matters.

Committee Member Huemann stated that he heard that Oakdale Avenue was going to proceed with an SSA based upon assessed value. Chairman Hettermann explained that the Village is providing the residents options so that they can choose what is in their best interest. He further explained that bonding now requires a debt reserve account which adds additional upfront cost to the project and by pursuing a flat rate SSA, there are even more costs involved to annually prepare a special tax report. In an effort to lessen the cost impact to the residents, the Village has offered the option of pursuing an SSA based upon assessed value which does not require the annual special tax report. Committee Member Huemann expressed concern about the use of an Ad Valorem SSA since it will result in residents paying a different amount because it is predicated upon their assessed value. Chairman Hettermann explained that in the case of Oakdale it may result in the residents who need the sewers the most and are committed to moving forward having the higher assessed value and paying more for the project which will actually help some of the residents who are more concerned with the costs and have a lower assessed value contribute less. He iterated that the choice is up to the homeowners. Committee Member Zanko questioned if the amount that is paid by each property owner is then fixed throughout the term of the SSA. Committee Member Quinn explained that it is not fixed; it will fluctuate over the term of the SSA as assessed values change. He further explained that if someone were to build on a vacant lot included in the SSA, the vacant lot would then pay more while the other property owners within the SSA would see a reduction in the amount they would pay.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING** – Chairman Hettermann explained that he would like each committee member to briefly review the work their committees have done regarding the goals that have been assigned to them. Committee Member May reported that the Public Works Committee is looking to partner with McHenry Township more in the future on road programs in an effort to obtain more attractive bids for road resurfacing. He also pointed out that the committee has put together information regarding capital improvement, maintenance and replacement costs that will be passed on to the Finance Committee to be included in the Capital Improvement, Maintenance and Replacement budget. He further reported that the Village needs to identify manpower demands for park maintenance. Committee Member May questioned the status of the ordinance regarding sidewalk maintenance. Committee Member Zanko explained that the Ordinance Committee reviewed the matter and directed it back to the Public Works Committee to identify as to whether the sidewalks are located in the right of way or easements on private property. Ms Peters stated that she would check with staff on the status of the Ordinance.

Committee Member Zanko informed the Committee that the Ordinance Committee had been assigned to review fees. He explained that he was not going to ask the committee to consider fee increases given the current economy. Committee Member Hutchinson explained that the Ordinance Committee still needs to review our fee structure and compare it with other communities so that the Board can decide whether or not our fee structure is appropriate.

Committee Member Hutchinson reported on the goals assigned to the Finance Committee. She explained that the Committee is working to get the Village's Annual Financial Report on the website. She explained that it is taking some time because it is demanding on manpower and because of some changes that will need to be made to the website in order to house a document that could be as much as 150 pages long. Committee Member Zanko recommended that the report not be placed on the website as no one will read it. Committee Member Hutchinson explained that a short summary of the Village's finances will be put on the site along with the full

report as there will be some people that will want to read it. She further explained that many of our residents expressed a desire for the Village to be more transparent and in an effort to address that request we need to make information more easily available.

Committee Member Huemann suggested that both the Economic Development Committee and Development and Governmental Affairs Committee work together to discuss higher density development in and around the downtown area to stimulate future downtown businesses. He further asked that the Economic Development Committee be added as a secondary committee regarding activities related to park planning. Committee Member Hutchinson explained that the Community Affairs Committee had goals to assess all parcels of land owned by the Village, keep an inventory of those parcels, and make plans for their future use. Committee Member Bennett encouraged the Community Affairs Committee to spruce up Alfred May Park by improving the ramp and adding more piers to better accommodate boaters.

Chairman Hettermann informed the committee that he has met with a person who has a Masters Degree in planning and has offered to volunteer his services to help the Village. Committee Member Huemann stressed that the Economic Development Committee's biggest goal is to complete a marketing plan and although the committee is almost 90% done with the work, they need some professional assistance to finalize the plan.

Ms Peters discussed some of the tasks associated with goals for the President, Board of Trustees and herself. Committee Member Bennett expressed concern that the State of Village address is being directed towards JABA only and not the residents too. Committee Member Huemann explained that JABA is arranging the luncheon at which the State of the Village speech would be made but that the Village could certainly post the speech on our website and get it out to the residents as well. Discussion was also had regarding a separate venue which the residents could attend to here the State of the Village speech. Committee Member Hutchinson suggested that it could also be taped and aired on our website thru You-tube.

Committee Member Nitz reported that a group of residents came before the Community Affairs Committee to discuss the need for a youth football field. More information has been requested from the group and the committee expects to discuss the matter further in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Committee Member May to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Committee Member Hutchinson. All Committee Members present voted aye. Motion carried at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Claudett E. Peters*  
*Village Administrator*