

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
JUNE 25, 2009, MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF WHOLE**

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Edwin Hettermann called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Committee Members Present

Harold May
Marylou Hutchinson
William Sandell
John Huemann
Bruce Bennett
Ron Zanko
Kim Husby

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – Committee Member Zanko reported that the Ordinance Committee is reviewing proposed amendments to Chapter 12, Nuisances. Sergeant Von Allmen was in attendance at the meeting during which much discussion occurred regarding abandoned vehicles. Sergeant Von Allmen will be bringing the Vehicle Code to the next meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Committee Member Huemann discussed a manual that is being used by the Committee regarding downtown development. The manual identifies steps to improve downtown areas. The Committee is also walking our downtown and taking notes regarding the improvements that are needed. Committee Member Huemann stated that the Committee believes the area considered as our “downtown” should be expanded to stretch between Spring Grove Road to May Avenue and to a point just south of Paradise Cove. Committee Member Zanko stated that the Village is already contradicting its plans for the downtown area with its actions to permit a roundabout that will remove a historical building. Committee Member Huemann explained that improving that particular intersection is difficult as most of the buildings on each corner could be considered historic. Economic Development Committee Member Bill Wiltze stated that he has seen roundabouts greatly improve traffic movement in areas. Committee Member Zanko questioned its use in an area close to schools with all of the pedestrian traffic. Mr. Hartnett explained that a roundabout improves conditions for safe pedestrian movement at intersections. President Hettermann stated that the building being referred to has not been identified with any historical value. Committee Member Zanko stated that it is up to the homeowner to pursue historical status.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Committee Member May reported that the department provided additional brush pick up due to storm damage. He added that the Village is looking into the hiring of a part-time sewer and water operator which will save dollars compared with contracting this service. There will be no major road paving program this year but the Public Works Supervisor still pursued a road survey to rate road conditions.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Committee Member Hutchinson reported the following deadlines for newsletter submittals: August 7, 2009; November 6, 2009; February 5 2010; and May 7, 2010. She added that a new format is being used for the newsletter. The Community Affairs Committee is reviewing additional improvements to Hiller Park to include

new dugouts and a basketball court. The concession stand is now open for all games and CABA will again return to the Village for its tournaments. The shelter at the Johnsborg Community Park is complete. Committee Member Hutchinson reported that the new website is up and running. We will also be offering the newsletter via email in the near future.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Committee Member Bennett reported that the Finance Committee made a recommendation for approval of the proposed Appropriations Ordinance which will come before the Board July 7, 2009.

DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – Committee Member Bennett reported that representatives of Wal-mart came before the committee with a presentation of their proposed development which includes much green space and a roundabout. Committee Member Bennett reported that building permits are down.

ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION - Committee Member Husby explained that the Zoning and Planning Commission have been sitting as a Special Zoning Commission to review amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding small wind energy guidelines. They anticipate the need to look into requirements regarding solar and geothermal energy infrastructure as well. Committee Member Husby reported that she and the Village Administrator worked with CMAP to incorporate the Village's Comprehensive Land Use Plan into CMAP's regional planning maps. CMAP will be holding public hearings regarding the regional planning map to gain public input.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Chairman Hettermann reported that staff has been working to develop punch lists of outstanding items needing attention in new developments. Mr. Hartnett provided a report on the progress being made to obtain the right of way on Church Street so that future improvements can be pursued. He reviewed a memorandum of understanding that has been drafted between the Johnsborg Community Club, St John the Baptist Catholic Church and the Johnsborg School District regarding the project.

Chairman Hettermann reviewed list of detailed points regarding the proposed Metra development. Mr. Hartnett agreed to obtain information regarding the number of locomotive and rail cars expected at the beginning. Committee Member Zanko questioned the requirement for acorn lighting as it does not meet the requirements for light pollution. Chairman Hettermann stated that he would have the Development and Governmental Affairs Committee look into the matter.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – Ms. Peters reported that although funds are not available for the Safe Routes to School program at this time, Village staff will be working to finalize any easements that are necessary to construct the proposed sidewalks.

NEW BUSINESS – Chairman Hettermann reviewed a list of questions and answers related to inquiries made by residents on Fairview Avenue who wish to move forward with wastewater treatment for their neighborhood. Interest has also been expressed by Half-time and the Village is also looking into the costs of providing wastewater treatment to St. Johns Avenue and Church Street. Committee Member Zanko questioned if this proposed SSA is in conflict with SSA 23. Attorney Smoron stated that it is not as the restriction would be for a two year period from the filing of the petition. Chairman Hettermann questioned if Committee Member Zanko was against the residents on Fairview Avenue pursuing an SSA. Committee Member Zanko stated that he is not against the residents of Fairview Avenue pursuing an SSA and explained that he questions if it could end up in litigation. No further questions or comments were raised regarding the Q & A prepared for Fairview Avenue residents.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Committee Member Sandell to adjourn. Seconded by Committee Member Bennett. All Committee Members present voted aye. Motion carried at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Claudett E. Peters
Village Administrator