

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
SEPTEMBER 25, 2008, MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF WHOLE**

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman David Dominguez called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Committee Members Present

Ed Hettermann (later in the meeting)

Harold May

Marylou Hutchinson

William Sandell (absent)

John Huemann

Bruce Bennett

Kim Husby

FROM THE FLOOR – Rick Lane was in attendance to thank President Dominguez and Building Dept, Facilities and Grounds Supervisor Bill Swartzloff for their efforts in getting trees cut down that were threatening his property. Mr. Lane suggested that the Village Board may need to step back and reevaluate its current contracts with lobbyist due to current economic conditions. He opined that the \$80,000 could be better spent and perhaps the Village could continue utilizing the lobbyist but at a different level. Committee Member Hettermann attended at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Committee Member Bennett reported that the Finance Committee has been reviewing the request to change sewer rates during the summer months. The Finance Committee agreed that if not enough data is available to make a change at this time perhaps it should be looked into again next year. Committee Member Bennett added his committee feels that some consideration should be given.

Committee Member Bennett further reported on the recent Council of Governments meeting at which the salt shortage was discussed. He stated that communities have been able to secure contracts for salt ranging between \$114-\$148 per ton. The General Assembly is looking to establish a fund to help offset the cost per ton as compared to the average for the State. Communities are looking at different applications methods in light of the increased costs. The Committee agreed that an article should be included in the newsletter to inform residents about the situation.

PUBLIC WORKS - Committee Member May informed the Committee that a local internet provider attended the recent meeting to request consideration to place antennas on our water tower. The Public Works Committee requested some additional information and instructed the gentleman to come back to the next meeting.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Committee Member Hutchinson reviewed some alternatives to update and manage our current website. She explained that one of the issues we currently face is the inability to maintain much of the website inhouse. This is primarily due to the manner in which the system was originally set up. Since that time, there are new alternatives that will allow

more inhouse control. One of the options specializes in government websites. They have provided an estimate on the cost to convert our current system but we can also perform the conversion inhouse with training provided by them. Committee Member Hutchinson explained that she is waiting for a quote from the company that currently hosts our site. Committee Member Huemann suggested that feedback from other committee members would be helpful. Committee Member Hutchinson asked that the Board obtain their committee's input and provide feedback within the next couple of weeks.

Committee Member Hutchinson also reviewed a software alternative for preparing our newsletter. She explained that the software, InDesign, when purchased through Adobe, includes technical support and updates in the pricing. Training can also be obtained online for \$99. When purchased independently, these costs are not included in the pricing. Committee Member Hutchinson explained that she will be pursuing the software further at an upcoming Board meeting.

Committee Member Hutchinson iterated that the Celebration in the Park event will be held October 4th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Additionally, her committee is planning the annual holiday party event for the first weekend in December.

ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION - Committee Member Husby explained that the Zoning and Planning Commission have not had any petitions recently, but will be meeting the following week to hear two petitions.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Committee Member May to adjourn. Seconded by Committee Member Bennett. All Committee Members present voted aye. Motion carried at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Claudett E. Peters
Director of Village Operations