

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF WHOLE**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Edwin Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**Committee Members Present**

Harold May

Marylou Hutchinson

William Sandell (absent)

John Huemann

Bruce Bennett

Ron Zanko

Kim Husby

**MINUTES** – Committee Member Bennett moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting as written. Committee Member May seconded the motion. Committee Member Zanko asked for a change to the minutes regarding statements he made related to the pursuit of sewers on Fairview Avenue. Committee Member Bennett amended the motion to include the change to the minutes. Committee Member May seconded the amended motion. All Committee Members present voted aye. Motion carried. Committee Member Bennett moved to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting as written. Committee Member Zanko seconded the motion. All Committee Members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** – Committee Member Zanko reported that the Ordinance Committee has samples of gaming ordinances adopted by other communities. He questioned if the board wishes to permit video gaming in the Village. Committee Member May stated that many people currently use them and we need to take the opportunity to bring in additional revenues. Committee Member Bennett questioned if we should poll existing residents and businesses for their thoughts. He questioned the impact of a possible eco-strife that could be associated with crime and expressed concern for other potential negative impacts of gaming. Committee Member Hutchinson agreed with Committee Member May and reinforced that the Village could use the additional revenues. Chairman Hettermann asked that a recommendation be made to the Village Board for consideration at the first meeting in November. He explained that whatever the Village determines, letters will need to go out to impacted businesses owners in a timely manner.

Chairman Hettermann questioned the status of the changes to the nuisance ordinance. Committee Member Zanko stated that the ordinance is okay except for some minor changes. He explained that he would be out of town for his next meeting so the committee would meet again in November. Chairman Hettermann asked that he try to reschedule the meeting or appoint an alternate chair. It was agreed that Committee Member Sandell would chair the next meeting.

**BOND REFINANCING** – Committee Member Hutchinson reported that the Finance Committee recommended the refinancing of the existing \$4.6 million debt certificate. She explained that \$2 million of an existing debt certificate was for funds to proceed with the low pressure system. Since the project is not proceeding at this time, we need to return the funds within three years of

the issuance. Bob Vail of Bernardi Securities was in attendance to review the Village's options. He explained that bonds will provide the Village with a more attractive interest rate but will involve more steps in the process. Mr. Vail reviewed a proposed timeline with a tentative public hearing date of November 17<sup>th</sup>. This timeline would permit the Village to adopt the bond ordinance at their first meeting in December. Committee Member Zanko questioned if there are any indicators as to what rates will be like at that time. Mr. Vail explained that it is difficult to say but any increase in rates should be slow.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Committee Member Huemann reported on a Mayor's Caucus meeting he recently attended. He explained that the subject matter was the county's groundwater protection program which received grant funding to perform monitoring. The Village's well at Hiller Park is one of the monitoring locations. At that same meeting, general discussion was had regarding the new video gaming regulations. Representatives of the communities present agreed that they will probably permit video gaming. If not permitted, there would be a negative impact related to potential lost business.

**PUBLIC WORKS** - Committee Member May explained that his committee has been discussing sidewalk and parkway maintenance. The committee agreed that the homeowner should be required to perform general maintenance of the areas such as snow shoveling and grass cutting. Discussion is still being had regarding a sidewalk installation, replacement and repair program.

Committee Member May reported that St John the Baptist Catholic Church is still interested in working with the Village on the right of way dedication that is necessary for improvements to Church Street but they have maintenance issues to deal with that required them to redirect some of their funds. As a result, they are unable to purchase the additional land they were considering at this time. Other options are being looked at and an appraisal for the property is being pursued. The Public Works Committee is recommending the placement of a crosswalk at Johnsborg Road and Channel Beach Avenue. Committee Member May reported that the committee received a petition with 375 names of area residents who wish to have a crosswalk along Johnsborg Road. The work will be performed using village staff.

Committee Member May reported on a roundtable discussion held with members of this year's Leadership Greater McHenry County class. Roundtable participants also included Committee Member Hutchinson, Dan Johnson, Ray Kuna and Mike Clark. The discussion revolved around what makes Johnsborg a wonderful place to live and conduct business. Committee Member May reported that the most limited discussion revolved around business which reinforces the continued need to encourage business in the community. Mr. Kuna emphasized that the good working relationship he experiences with the Village is one of the main reasons he chose to keep his business in Johnsborg.

Chairman Hettermann asked that Committee Member May attend the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Johnsborg Community Club to provide a status report on Church Street as there are rumors that the project is not moving forward. He also reported that Committee Member May will be reviewing previous strategic plan meeting efforts and provide a report at the October 22, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting. Chairman Hettermann explained that he would like to devote that meeting to discussing what strategic plan meeting goals have been accomplished and what still needs to be done and make assignments to committees.

**FINANCE** - Committee Member Hutchinson reported on her attendance at this year's Illinois Municipal League Conference. She stated that the conference was very informative and

suggested that we have someone attend each year. Committee Member Hutchinson informed the committee that the Finance Committee is working on getting more budget and financial data out on our website. She added that the Village's efforts towards cost saving measures needs to be publicized as well.

**DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS** – Committee Member Bennett reported that the Development and Governmental Affairs Committee is reviewing our current fee schedule for development. The committee has requested additional information and will further discuss the matter at their next meeting. They also reviewed Section 10, Residential Zoning Districts and discussed different development trends.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** - Ms. Peters reported that a recommendation will be coming before the board to purchase a new computer workstation and photocopier for administration. She informed the committee that the Community Affairs Committee is planning to move forward with a basketball court and dugout improvements at Hiller Park. Committee Member May asked that Mr. Swartzloff review the Hiller Park Plan to insure that the improvements are consistent with those planning efforts.

**PLANNING AND ZONING** - Committee Member Husby reported that a resident will be coming before her committee to request a zoning change to B-5 in the triangle.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** - Chairman Hettermann informed the committee that he has received a letter from residents of both Chapel Hill Road and Fairview Avenue indicating a desire to move forward with a petition to pursue an SSA to fund collection system improvements. The letters requested the Village's assistance in this matter. Chairman Hettermann reviewed the proposed service area and explained that there is \$275,000 in grant funds available for this project. He added that the maintenance director for the Pioneer Center also expressed a need for sewers for a home they have in Dutch Creek Woodlands for which they received \$20,000 in funding.

Chairman Hettermann informed the committee that he would like the Village to donate a brick at the Armed Services Memorial located at the Johnsborg Community Club. He read the verbiage that is proposed for the brick and requested support from the Village Board. Chairman Hettermann informed the committee that the next newsletter deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the new schedule will be a November, December, January issue. Followed by a February, March, April issue; May, June, July issue; and an August, September, October issue. Future deadlines for article submittal will be the first Friday of the month preceding the issue.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Committee Member May to adjourn. Seconded by Committee Member Huemann. All Committee Members present voted aye. Motion carried at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Claudett E. Peters*  
*Village Administrator*