Public Works Committee Meeting
September 22, 2026, Johnsburg Village Hall
Approved

In attendance: Chairman Scott Letzter &
Members Scott Diedrich, Joe Gallina, Jim Pingitore, Bill Rudzena, ~~Chuck Schaefer~~, and Wally Steffens.
Also present from Staff was Public Works Foreman Walsh

Called to Order: 6:34pm

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	Chairman/Trustee Scott Letzter called the meeting of the Village of Johnsburg Public Works Committee to order at approx. 6:03p. Chuck Schaefer was noted absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
From the Floor	Mr. Jurek, of 4603 Wilmot Ct, raised concerns regarding tree limbs obstructing visibility and creating a safety hazard for vehicles exiting the cul-de-sac. Public Works staff reported that the village's brush pickup was expected to conclude by Wednesday or Thursday of that week, weather and operating conditions permitting. Staff indicated that additional tree trimming would be performed in various locations while the chipper was in service. The committee discussed a specific limb extending toward the roadway and an existing work order. Staff indicated that the area would be addressed as time and resources permitted.
Approval of Minute	Committee Member Rudzena moved to approve July 28, 2026 public works committee minutes as written. Committee Member Gallina seconded the motion. All Committee Members present voted aye, motion carried.
Old Business	Public Works Foreman Dave Walsh provided an update on department operations, equipment, maintenance, and winter preparations. The committee discussed salt availability, pricing, delivery logistics, and the Village's procurement arrangements for the upcoming winter season. Staff reported that; 400 tons of salt were in storage, with the salt shed nearing capacity. Village had confirmed its salt contract in June. Village's participation in the Lake County/McHenry County cooperative arrangement was discussed as preferable to relying on the state procurement process under the circumstances. Contract was reported to provide for approximately 1,150 tons, with deliveries available through the supplier's storage and ordering arrangement until the following May. Salt consumption varies substantially depending on snowfall, ice conditions, and the number of snow-removal operations. The committee discussed the importance of monitoring inventory and ordering additional salt as storage capacity becomes available. Members also discussed transportation costs and potential delivery difficulties during periods of high demand. No change to the existing procurement arrangement was recorded. Staff reported that seasonal brush pickup was underway and expected to be completed shortly. The department also responded to recent storm-related incidents, including: A tree falling onto the Claremont Well House roof and affecting a power line & A large oak tree falling in the Oakland subdivision and damaging utility infrastructure. Staff coordinated with a tree contractor and utility personnel to remove the affected tree limb from the well-house roof and power line. Additional cleanup behind the Public Works building remained to be completed after neighborhood brush pickup. Additionally, staff reported that a pump at Running Brook had been removed for cleaning after debris became entangled in the equipment and reduced its performance. The pump was cleaned and reinstalled, and normal operation was restored. Administrator provided an update on the Village's 2026 road resurfacing projects. DCE Ph1&2, VL reported that restoration work had been substantially completed approximately two weeks earlier, with some minor punch-list items remaining. Final acceptance

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	remained subject to completion of the outstanding items and the engineer's recommendation. RemGrove PH3, staff planned to conduct a site review of the binder surface with the engineering consultants. DCE Ph6, committee discussed outstanding work in the Spring Grove Road area. Staff referenced the Board's authorization to pursue a claim against the developer's letter of credit if the developer failed to complete the required work. A final walkthrough remained necessary. Road shoulder materials and restoration standards; Committee members expressed favorable opinions regarding the shoulder aggregate and asphalt millings used in the Dutch Creek Estates project, particularly their compaction and performance after rainfall. Members discussed whether the materials used on this project could serve as a preferred standard for future resurfacing projects. Staff indicated that a request could be made to incorporate the preferred shoulder material into future project specifications, subject to engineering review and applicable requirements. Members also discussed damage to recently restored areas caused by vehicle traffic. Staff indicated that the affected property and surrounding areas would be addressed with the responsible parties. Potential enforcement or legal remedies were discussed if the damage was not corrected.
New Business	Staff reviewed preliminary plans for the Ringwood Road resurfacing project anticipated in 2027. The anticipated letting date was discussed, with March mentioned as a possibility but not confirmed. Staff explained that the Village's project would be coordinated with the township through an intergovernmental agreement. The project was discussed in connection with a federal-aid funding arrangement administered through the McHenry County Council of Mayors, with an anticipated 80/20 funding split. The village would be responsible for its portion of the project, while the township would be responsible for its own portion under the agreement. Staff presented the proposed sidewalk alignment and discussed a neighborhood meeting scheduled for September 28th at 1p.m. to review concerns raised by two residents. Members discussed resident concerns about the sidewalk's proximity to private property, landscaping, trees, and a swimming pool. Staff explained that the proposed alignment was intended to balance pedestrian safety, right-of-way limitations, available funding, and the feasibility of construction. A different alignment on the north side was discussed, but staff indicated that the current funding arrangement would not support that alternative. The committee also discussed pedestrian traffic near the school and the potential for future sidewalk extensions. Staff noted that additional improvements might be considered as funding and development opportunities become available. The committee discussed the condition of the path near the school property and the Spring Road area, particularly sections where larger stone material had risen to the surface. Members reported that the path was rough in places and could be uncomfortable for golf carts and other users. Staff agreed to inspect the affected area and consider whether additional grading and Grade 8 aggregate could improve the surface. The committee also discussed maintenance methods for gravel paths, including the possible use of screening equipment to separate oversized material from usable aggregate. Administrator presented an overview of the stormwater drainage concerns in the Shiloh subdivision, including a video submitted by a committee member. Residents reported that heavy rainfall can cause water and washed-out stone to cross roadways, creating maintenance concerns and potential winter icing hazards. Staff relayed the engineer's explanation that the existing drainage system and culverts were functioning generally as designed. Increasing culvert capacity without evaluating downstream conditions could increase the rate of flow and create additional problems farther downstream. The committee discussed the topography of the surrounding farmland and school property, which directs substantial runoff toward the subdivision.
Chairman Report	Chairman Letzter provided an update regarding Village Board and other committee matters for information exchange. The committee received an update concerning the ongoing legal and zoning matter involving the yacht club property and Rocky Beach access. This portion of the meeting was informational.
Adjournment	Committee Member Steffens moved to adjourn. Committee Member Diedrich seconded the motion. All Committee Members present voted aye. Motion carried at 7:07p.