VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Roll call was conducted. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendees
Trustee Mike Fouke
Trustee Josh Hagen
Trustee Scott Letzter
Trustee Jamie Morris
Trustee James Sylvanus
Trustee Keith Von Allmen *(absent)*
Village Administrator Claudett Sofiakis *(absent)*
Assistant Village Administrator Vinny Lamontagna
Assistant Village Administrator Ethan Hoffman
Chief of Police Jason Greenwald
Village Attorney Michael Smoron *(absent)*
Village Attorney Matthew Walters - Alternate
Village Engineer Tim Hartnett *(absent)*
Village Special Projects Coordinator Rick Quinn *(absent)*

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

David Jurek attended to express concern with additional brush trimming along Johnson Road to improve visibility and safety. Staff reported that a work order had been issued following the prior board meeting, and Public Works had completed some trimming. Additional brush collection and trimming were anticipated during the fall brush pickup beginning the week of September 21. The resident was invited to follow up after that week.

Len Keil attended to express concern requested additional signage beneath the stop signs near Remington Grove and Alexander Avenue to alert motorists to approaching cross traffic and improve safety. Staff agreed to review and address the request.

OMNIBUS AGENDA – Trustee Hagen motioned to approve the Omnibus Agenda. Trustee Sylvanus seconded the motion. During discussion, the Board reviewed developer escrow funds associated with Hidden Harbor and TIF-related attorneys and expenses. Staff clarified that the escrow funds were maintained in a separate checking account, reported under line item 80, and were not part of the Village's general fund. The estimated initial funding was $36,000, with approximately $22,000 remaining as of the latest report. The Board's questions were addressed. All Trustees voted aye on the roll. Motion carried

- Move to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026 regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
- **Disbursements**
- General Fund $ 249,814.13
- Waterworks & Sewage Fund $ 7,266.68
- Golf Course Fund $ 0.00
- Debt Service SSA Fund $ 0.00
- Total All Funds $ 257,080.81

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President Hettermann provided the following announcements:

- The upcoming parade was discussed, including the need for trustees to confirm attendance for transportation arrangements.
- Fox River Day was scheduled for Saturday, September 19, at the Johnsburg Outdoor Club.
- Fox River cleanup was scheduled for Thursday, September 17.
- Fall brush collection was scheduled to begin Monday, September 21.
- The next Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 15.
- The Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, September 24, was expected to address financing priorities.
- Celebration in the Park was announced for October 3.

The Board also discussed a proposed resolution concerning Dolly Day and a radio interview with US 99.9 Chicago country station intended to provide regional publicity for Johnsburg.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and consensus regarding Vertical Bridge proposal; The Board discussed proposed lease terms for a vertical bridge installation at Sunnyside Memorial Park. The proposal included a contribution toward parking lot improvements, monthly rent, and an extended lease term. Discussion focused on the proposed 50-year term, with trustees expressing concern about committing future boards to a lengthy agreement. The Board reached consensus to counter with the following terms:

- Maximum lease term of 35 years.
- Annual rent increase of 3%.
- $30,000 contribution toward parking lot paving.

Staff was authorized to communicate the counterproposal and continue negotiations. Any final agreement would be subject to legal review and Board approval.

Discussion and consensus regarding Water Tower Lease – Colliers Engineering & Design proposal; The Board discussed a proposed lease for equipment and antenna facilities associated with the Village water tower on Route 31. The proposal included monthly rent of $2,000 and annual rent adjustments. The Board expressed a preference for consistency with the vertical bridge lease terms and reached consensus to counter with:

- Maximum lease term of 35 years.
- Annual rent increase of 3%.
- Monthly rent of $2,000.

Staff was directed to communicate the counterproposal and proceed with further negotiations, subject to legal review and future Board approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and consensus to authorize staff to proceed with a claim against the Letter of Credit for Dutch Creek Estates Phase 6 due to non-completion of improvements; Staff presented an update concerning outstanding improvements at Dutch Creek Estates, Phase 6, and the expiration of the developer's letter of credit on September 9. The roadway milling and resurfacing had been completed; however, outstanding items included landscaping, aggregate work, final punch-list items, and pavement striping on Sweetwater Ln and Spring Grove Road. The developer requested a six-month extension of the letter of credit to complete the remaining work. Discussion addressed engineering oversight, soil testing, and associated costs. The Board reached consensus to maintain the Village's requirements for engineering approval and the approx. $5,000 testing expense. Staff was authorized to proceed with the necessary actions regarding the letter of credit, including requesting approximately $50,000 from the bank if the required extension and completion obligations were not satisfied.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Sylvanus requested clarification regarding Administrator Sofiakis retirement and dates. The Board discussed the status of an Assistant Administrator official swearing-in and noted that the matter would be addressed at a subsequent meeting, subject to the applicable circumstances.

ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Sylvanus moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Fouke seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye on the roll. Motion carried at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vinny Lamontagna
Village Assistant Administrator