

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
JULY 28, 2022, REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

President Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Attendees

Trustee Tom Curry
Trustee Beth Foreman
Trustee Kyle Frost
Trustee Josh Hagen
Trustee Greg Klemstein
Trustee Scott Letzter (absent)
Village Administrator Claudett Sofiakis
Assistant Administrator Vinny Lamontagna
Police Chief Keith VonAllmen
Special Projects Coordinator Rick Quinn

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – President Hettermann reported on meetings held with KLM Homes regarding the build out of townhome units in Running Brook Farms subdivision. He further reported on a meeting held with Fox Waterway representatives regarding dredging of the river and a meeting with Joe Keller regarding the build out of the Oakcreek Townhomes property. President Hettermann informed the members that a meeting is planned with the River Terrace homeowner association president regarding a possible SSA for River Terrace and Lewis Lane.

DEVELOPMENT & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Trustee Curry questioned why Washington Park is not included as an allowable roadway for golf carts. President Hettermann explained that the road was removed from the map due to concerns with Villa Lane and Washington Park residents trespassing across the golf course with their carts. He explained that there is no concern with residents riding on the roadway, but we want to discourage travel across the golf course. Trustee Curry questioned why the Aspen Drive to BP route is not reflected on the map. President Hettermann explained that the Village is working with the property owner regarding concerns he has with the access and looking into solutions. He stated that consideration is being given to moving the route down to where the creek is located. Trustee Curry reported that the route crossing Sping Grove Road is a challenge because of a tree line blocking the line of site. He added that if the property owner has approved the path, it should be added to the map and suggested that cautionary signage be implemented.

Trustee Curry questioned the Village’s regulations regarding construction start time. He reported that a resident raised a concern as he was told he could not start work until 8:00 a.m. It was clarified that construction can begin at 7:00 a.m. during the week. A discrepancy was noted in the ordinance and staff was directed to draft an ordinance to correct the discrepancy to be acted upon at the next board meeting.

Trustee Curry reported on a rental housing development presented to the Development and Governmental Affairs Committee by Redwood Homes LLC. The development is proposed on property located behind the Val-mar Center and abutting Sunnyside Park. He reviewed slideshow exhibits of the proposed development and explained that it consists of 118 attached ranch apartment homes which are geared towards empty nesters. He reported that all roads and driveways are concrete and maintained by Redwood. Each apartment home includes a 2 car attached garage, private zero-grade entrance and personal patio. Floor plans range from 1293 square feet to 1,620 square feet with anticipated rents of approximately \$2225 per month.

Trustee Curry reported that the proposal was well received by the Committee but members did express some concern regarding density and visitor parking accommodations. Trustee Klemstein recommended that the Village look into updating the Crime Free Housing Rider due to recent law changes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Trustee Hagen reported on continued efforts regarding website improvements and developing a property search function for commercial properties. He updated the Committee on the # Johnsburg Life effort and explained that a resident developed several designs for consideration by the Village. Seven examples were provided and upon obtaining feedback from Economic Development Committee, it will then be presented to the Board.

STRATEGIC PLANNING ASSIGNMENTS

- **COMPREHENSIVE PARK PLAN** - Trustee Foreman presented information regarding properties that could be liquidated. She pointed out a parcel on the corner of St. Johns Avenue and Church Street. President Hettermann explained that the property was acquired to realign Church Street and additional parking is planned for the property in the future. A parcel in Remington Grove was discussed which currently is improved with a parking lot. President Hettermann explained that the lot was installed for access to the nature path that was proposed on property to the northeast which has since been sold to Rohm Haas. The Committee discussed developing the property as a neighborhood park. It was suggested that feedback be obtained from residents in Remington Grove before proceeding. A property on Riverview Drive was also discussed. The Committee agreed that if not needed for wastewater infrastructure, it could be sold. A parcel in Shiloh Ridge subdivision was discussed. The Committee agreed that if the property could support homes along Cedar Creek Drive it could be sold. Trustee Curry discussed a parcel on Brorson Lane. It was questioned if the parcel is buildable or could be used for a park. A parcel at the golf course on which a home was removed and parcels on Washington Park were also discussed. Discussions will continue to develop a comprehensive list of parcels that can be considered for sale.

-**NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PATH NETWORK** - Trustee Klemstein reported that he discussed the non-highway vehicle path network with McHenry Township and they are agreeable to allowing carts on the paths used by snowmobiles. He pointed out that the difficulty is crossing at Route 31. Also reported that the Village needs to try to work something out with Vern Stade's brother. President Hettermann reported that Mr. Stade was going to talk with his brother, but follow up needs to occur.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT - Chief Von Allmen reported that one of the older squad cars was involved in an accident which was not at the fault of the officer. He added that the officer is okay but the vehicle may be totaled.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Administrator Sofiakis reported on the purchase of a tractor for snow removal and a trailer, both of which were budgeted. She provided status updates on securing the SSA 33 drainage easements, the easement for the sewer river crossing, the PAVER Road Rating Analysis, Phase II engineering costs for Riverside Drive, and receiving the GFOA Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY 2021.

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Mr. Lamontagna discussed plans for Party in the Burg. He reported that 103 tickets are sold and asked trustees to turn in any unsold tickets so they could be sold at the door

ADJOURNMENT - Trustee Foreman moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Frost seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye. Motion to adjourn was carried at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Claudett Sofiakis
Village Administrator*