

**Village Board Report – January 2013** *Welcome to the Village Board Report which is placed on our website monthly to keep you informed of actions taken by the Village Board on ordinances and other significant matters.*

**Village Clerk's Position** - In response to a request from a Village resident, the Village Board met several times in January to discuss the proposition of placing a referendum question on the April 9<sup>th</sup> ballot asking voters whether or not they want the Village Clerk's position to be elected rather than appointed. The Village attorney advised the Village Board that they do not have the authority to place the question on the ballot. He explained that the Illinois Municipal Code specifically states that the only way to place the question on the ballot is through a voter initiated petition. The resident and some trustees countered that the Illinois Constitution contradicts the Illinois Municipal Code in response to which the Village attorney provided the Board case law that shows when a conflict exists between the Illinois Constitution and the Illinois Municipal Code, the board must rely on the Illinois Municipal Code.

After weighing all of the evidence provided, the Village Board voted 4-3 against approving the ordinance. See the minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 17<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Village Board for more information.

**2013 Dodge Charger** – At the January 3, 2013 meeting the Village Board authorized the expenditure of \$22,670 to Sunnyside Dodge for the purchase of a 2013 Dodge Charger squad car.

**Sewer Project Expenditures** – At the January 3, 2013 meeting the Village Board authorized payment in the amount of \$6,186.80 to HR Green and \$1,195 to Midland Standard Testing, Inc. for work related to the Fairview Avenue Sewer Extension Project.

### **Ordinances**

**Broders Special Use Permit** – On January 17, 2013 the Village Board performed an initial review of Ordinance 12-13-22 Granting A Special Use Permit for Warehouse, Mini-Storage as a Conditional Use and outside storage with screening for the property commonly known as 1370 Horizon Drive. The matter will be on the February 7, 2013 meeting agenda for Board consideration.

For more information about this report and the above referenced matters, please contact Village Administrator, Claudett Peters, at 815-385-6023 or [cpeters@johnsburg.org](mailto:cpeters@johnsburg.org).