

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
FEBRUARY 3, 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.

**Attendees**

Trustee Mike Fouke

~~Trustee Josh Hagen~~ (absent)

Trustee Scott Letzter

Trustee Jamie Morris

Trustee James Sylvanus

Trustee Keith Von Allmen

~~Village Administrator Claudett Sofiakis~~ (absent)

Assistant Village Administrator Vinny Lamontagna

Chief of Police Jason Greenwald

Attorney Michael Smoron

~~Village Engineer Tim Hartnett~~ (absent)

~~Special Projects Coordinator Rick Quinn~~ (absent)

**FROM THE FLOOR –**

Cheryl Markunas (1310 Hayden Dr) shared comments regarding golf carts and side-by-sides and questioned consistency in handling noise concerns between subdivisions. Suggested the Village consider waiting for State regulations on UTVs licensing before taking further local action. The permitted user's adherence to designated routes as outlined in the Village registration agreement and noted a recent instance of noncompliance. They also stated that some residents may be unaware of requirements such as seat belts and upcoming State plate requirements, recommending clearer communication. Regarding proposed incubator metal storage containers at Rescue Squad, she questioned whether ordinance approval had occurred, noted the estimated cost, and expressed concern about the structures being permanent. They suggested an alternate location near the Sunnyside Park, citing parking and activity availability and reduced impact.

Terri Stade (1919 Channel Beach Ave) expressed concern regarding perceived inconsistency in ordinance committee discussions, stating that more attention appeared to be given to allowing golf carts through than to addressing the concerns. Questioning whether complaints are being weighed evenly. She further addressed concerns about golf carts being permitted to make a left turn from Fairview onto Chapel Hill where vehicles are restricted, noting potential traffic hazards. President Hettermann advised that is not taking place and the NHVs are maneuvering through the intersection and making right-hand turns, similar to some vehicles, but the roundabout is where standard vehicles are to navigate through. Mrs. Stade also referenced the Chief of Police's comments about increased enforcement workload and questioned approving measures that may add strain on police resources. Mrs. Stade concluded by encouraging strict enforcement if the proposal is adopted.

**OMNIBUS AGENDA** – Trustee Fouke moved to approve the Omnibus Agenda. Trustee Von Allmen seconded the motion. Trustee Fouke requested the removal of Ordinance 25-26-28 Amending Chapter 15.15(B) regulating Non-Highway Vehicles. Trustee Letzter requested the removal of the Professional Service Agreement with HR Green for Preliminary and Design Engineering Services for the 2026 Road Program. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll on the remaining Omnibus Agenda items. Motion carried.

- Move to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees.

• **Disbursements**

• General Fund	\$ 219,568.79
• Motor Fuel Fund	\$ 0.00
• Waterworks & Sewage Fund	\$ 5,327.37
• Gold Course Fund	\$ 0.00
• Total All Funds	\$ 224,896.16

**SERVICE AGREEMENT** – Trustee Von Allmen moved to approve the Professional Service Agreement with HR Green in the amount of \$47,190 for Preliminary and Design Engineering Services for the 2026 Road Program. Trustee Sylvanus seconded the motion. Trustee Letzter requested clarification regarding the proposed area identified. Assistant Administrator Lamontagna clarified the phases within proposed Dutch Creek Estates resurfacing would be limited to phase 1 and 2, approx. 2.2miles. Village President Hettermann emphasized that would be the total for 2026 road resurfacing program. All Trustees voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 25-26-28** – Trustee Letzter moved to approve Ordinance 25-26-28 Amending Chapter 15.15(B) regulating Non-Highway Vehicles. Trustee Fouke seconded the motion. Discussion on the ordinance began with Trustee Fouke expressing the need to change and implement into said ordinance was not needed; whether it noise or convenience to permitted users the taxing on the police department is not needed. Trustee Fouke provided statistical data of registered users and higher traffic flow of Johnsburg Rd, operators pushing boundaries, understanding of the mapping, and additionally the State legislative is currently discussing the matter for Illinois. Trustee Sylvanus requested clarification from Chief of Police due to absence on overview. Chief Greenwald expressed concern about perceived preferential treatment between subdivisions under the same ordinance and noted potential enforcement challenges in distinguishing between golf carts and UTVs. Chief recommended deferring any changes until pending State legislation is finalized and reiterated safety concerns about non-highway vehicles operating on public roadways, particularly alongside heavy truck traffic. Trustee Sylvanus clarified that his concerns were not solely based on a single complaint, but focused primarily on safety along the bike path near the school entrance. Noting that a gate along the path has been damaged multiple times and expressed concern that certain larger UTVs, while compliant with the ordinance, may be too large for the space and pose risks to pedestrians and children. Furthermore, Trustee Sylvanus referenced convenience considerations related to route access and turning movements from nearby subdivisions, as outlined in prior correspondence to the Ordinance Committee. Trustee Sylvanus acknowledging enforcement workload concerns raised by the Chief of Police, he stated that safety issues related to vehicles operating on designated walking and bike paths remain his primary concern. Village President Hettermann agreed with Trustee Fouke concerns, if State of Illinois allows then burden lies with the State of Illinois. Trustee Von Allmen provided some clarification regarding the development during permitting use of NHVs, regarding less about noise and more about accommodating the use of NHVs to assist in traffic patterns, but believes with state it's inevitable they will be considering on roadways. All Trustees present voted no on the roll. Motion denied.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Village President Hettermann advised the Trustees to ensure their SOAR analysis get submitted for the approaching Strategic Planning meeting proposed for Saturday, March 7, 2026. Trustee Fouke advised a quick announcement regarding approaching Village Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at Sunnyside Memorial Park.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Trustee Fouke moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Letzter seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye on the roll. Motion carried 7:24p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vinny Lamontagna  
Assistant Village Administrator