

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
JUNE 16, 2026 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Attendees

Trustee Mike Fouke  
Trustee Josh Hagen  
Trustee Scott Letzter  
Trustee Jamie Morris  
Trustee James Sylvanus  
Trustee Keith Von Allmen  
Village Administrator Claudett Sofiakis  
Assistant Village Administrator Vinny Lamontagna  
Assistant Village Administrator Ethan Hoffman  
Chief of Police Jason Greenwald (absent)  
Village Attorney Michael Smoron (absent)  
Village Engineer Tim Hartnett (absent)

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** - Village resident and past Rescue Squad Retired Trustee Bill Swartzloff attended regarding the incubator program proposed in Rescue Squad Park. He explained that in 2012 the Johnsburg Rescue Squad Retired members donated a \$150,000 to develop the park and later contributed an additional \$22,700. In return, the park was dedicated in honor of all of the former volunteer rescue squad members and was developed to be open and passive with a quiet and relaxing environment, and he desires that it remain such. Mr. Swartzloff expressed concern with the two metal containers proposed to be installed in the park for the incubator project. He stated that the location is not suited to draw people to the shops and he does not support the program in the park.

Rob Peisert also attended regarding the proposed incubator program. He stated that he lives adjacent to park and understands what the Village is trying to do with the program. He explained that he has seen the plans and is concerned that the amount of funds being assigned to the project are insufficient. He also questioned if the location will draw sufficient foot traffic to frequent the shops. Mr. Peisert stated that he supports the Rescue Squad Retired members and remarked that they did a nice job improving the park.

Johnsburg resident and Rescue Squad Retired member Al Robel attended to express his objection to the incubator project in Rescue Squad Park. He expressed safety concerns and stated that he believes there is a location better suited for the program.

Resident and Rescue Squad Retired member Dick Seaborn stated that the Johnsburg Rescue Squad was the first chartered rescue squad in Illinois. He stated that he agrees with the concerns raised by the other members of the squad.

Resident and Rescue Squad Retired member Harry May expressed support for the statements made. He explained that when the Rescue Squad Retired considered investing in the park, all agreed that the park would be improved as a passive park environment. He added that he recently read a newspaper article about an incubator program in another suburb and he did not find the buildings to be appealing. He expressed concern that the incubators will detract from park

Resident and Retired Rescue Squad member Chuck Majercik attended to express what the park means to the members who started the Rescue Squad. He stated that the members invested their time protecting the

Mr. May questioned if other sites were considered. Trustee Hagen stated that Sunnyside Park was considered but the Board felt that Rescue Squad Park was better suited because of its location in the downtown area and the potential to draw higher traffic to the area. Mr. May questioned if the triangle area still being developed. President Hettermann confirmed that it is. Trustee Hagen reinforced the need to bring traffic to the downtown area to attract development. He stated that the Village is moving forward with downtown parking lot to help facilitate development.

Mr. Seaborn restated that the park was improved as a nice quiet place to go with children. Trustee Hagen stated that there is a lot of area in the park. Mr. Swartzloff offered that Sunnyside Park has more area for the improvement.

**OMNIBUS AGENDA** – Trustee Von Allmen to approve the Omnibus Agenda. Trustee Fouke seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye on the roll. Motion carried

- PRESIDENT’S REPORT** - President Hettermann questioned the board’s availability for the June Committee of the Whole and July board meetings. Trustee Sylvanus stated that he may be unavailable for the July 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts, the June Committee of the Whole meeting will be canceled and the board will discuss the Strategic Plan findings and funding priorities at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. President Hettermann delivered the Oath of Office to newly hired police officer Tim Aubert.

*Claudett Sofiakis*  
*Village Administrator*