

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
MAY 16, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Attendees

Trustee Kevin McEvoy
Trustee Mary Lou Hutchinson (absent)
Trustee Tom Curry
Trustee Greg Klemstein
Trustee Kyle Frost
Trustee Josh Hagen
Village Attorney Michael Smoron
Village Engineer Tim Hartnett
Special Project Coordinator Rick Quinn
Chief Keith VonAllmen
Accountant Kim Giovanni

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - Len Keil of 4211 Jay Street was in attendance to express concern regarding gravel being drawn out into the right turn lane on Route 31 at the intersection of Alexander Boulevard. He explained that a resident took a fall on his bike because of the loose gravel which is being deposited into the roadway by the business activities taking place on the property adjacent to the turn lane. President Hettermann directed Chief VonAllmen to have the CSO address the violation.

OMNIBUS AGENDA -Trustee Curry moved to approve the Omnibus Agenda. Trustee Frost seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

- Move to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017, Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
- Move to approve Ordinance 17-18-2 Authorizing Acceptance of the Bid from Joel D. Taylor Relative to the "Beach" Lot

- **Disbursements**

• General Fund	\$238,598.07
• Waterworks & Sewage Fund	8,689.55
• Debt Service/SSA Fund	1,043.75
• Total All Funds	\$248,331.37

FY 2018 BUDGET PRESENTATION - Village Administrator Claudett Peters and Accountant Kim Giovanni reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation of information related to the proposed FY 2018 Budget. Discussions included line items impacting FY 2017 year end totals for the General Fund, MFT Fund, Land and Building and Waterworks and Sewerage Funds. A review of fiscal challenges was conducted followed by discussions related to solutions considered and those that were implemented.

The Board reviewed the pre-reconciled budget, the original proposed budget and that which was recommended by the Finance Committee. In reconciling the budget, road resurfacing was reduced by \$380,000 and transfer to police pension was reduced by \$70,000. Deficits were noted in investments into the Sewer and Water Capital Fund, Police Pension and Reserves. Laurie Cwerenz was in attendance on behalf of the Finance Committee. She explained that the committee wanted to see the additional Sales Tax revenues being directed at four underfunded areas only: roads, police pension, sewer and water capital fund and general fund reserves. She further explained that the committee's recommended budget

did not support the inclusion of a building inspector as building permit activity does not currently support the need for a full-time individual. Ms. Cwerenz spoke about the need to address pension liabilities, including IMRF, as required accounting changes continue to add to those underfunded liabilities.

President Hettermann explained that serving as a residential building inspector is only one small portion of what the proposed individual will be doing. He further explained that there is currently a significant void in managing and maintaining our facilities because our public works crew is limited. Additionally, each year more facility and parks related projects are taken on. These projects are currently being coordinated either by contracted services or by other staff preventing them from directing their efforts in a manner that better serves the Village. The new employee will be coordinating and carrying out these projects. President Hettermann added that he is looking for the position to be filled by a certified electrician who can also maintain the new pedestrian street lighting as well as the grinder pumps and other components of our wastewater treatment system. In addition, the individual will have to have advanced carpentry skills and general knowledge of mechanical systems. He explained that a detailed job description is being developed and the board will be further discussing the position in the coming months.

Ms. Cwerenz replied that if it is determined that the position is needed, she suggests the board look at something else that can be cut to maintain a balanced budget while including an allocation for reserves. She cautioned the board in taking on another ongoing operational expenses given the unreliability of State controlled revenues and stressed the need to build reserves to address lean times.

Trustee Frost suggested that the Village save some dollars by eliminating the new vehicle proposed for the position and instead utilize a truck from the public work's department. Trustee Hagen suggested that we identify areas in which dollars could be saved as a result of the work being handled by the individual.

Trustee Frost moved to approve the budget as originally presented with the inclusion of the new position. Trustee Hagen seconded the motion. Trustee Frost stated that he can see the benefit of bringing on a building and facility employee as well as the need to justify the position. He suggested that we determine if dollars can be saved on the vehicle. Trustee Curry agreed and expressed concern with one person's ability to handle all of the tasks being proposed for the position. Trustee Frost questioned the amount the Finance Committee is recommending for reserves. Ms. Cwerenz stated that the committee feels adamant that \$50,000 be set aside annually. She explained that the committee wants to make sure that the board is aware of the need to build reserves. President Hettermann stressed the need to continue to expand sewers and invest in our community recognizing the potential economic development benefits they will bring. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT –President Hettermann submitted a full list (see attached) of recommended appointments to all committees and public offices for the Board's concurrence. He explained that the only two changes were to appoint Laura King to the Economic Development Committee and Rich Hrabak to the Finance Committee. Trustee Frost moved to accept the appointments as proposed. Trustee Curry seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Frost moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hagen seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Claudett E. Peters
Village Administrator