

PRESS RELEASE - STATE BANK DELAYS JOHNSBURG'S DAY IN COURT

Attorneys for the State Bank filed a motion to continue the hearing scheduled regarding incomplete public improvements in Whispering Ridge Subdivision. The Village of Johnsborg filed a Complaint against State Bank in July because of the Bank's failure to provide for the completion of outstanding public improvements in the subdivision. State Bank's attorney and Chairman, Jack Franks, has maintained that the bank is not obligated to provide infrastructure improvements in the development because it did not have a "profit motive" when it took over ownership of the development and therefore the taxpayers of the Village should bear the cost. Such position has been met with shock and disappointment by the Village Board. "The Village has a long-term history of doing business with the State Bank and we are shocked with their decision not to honor their obligations in this matter" said Village President Ed Hettermann. The Village filed suit in an effort to bring the matter before a jury and in response to which the State Bank has indicated that it will use its best efforts to prevent the matter from being heard by a jury. "It appears that the State Bank is going to seek every opportunity to delay this matter and burden the taxpayers of Johnsborg with additional legal costs", said Village President Ed Hettermann.

The Village Board's decision to take legal action was unanimous and came after several attempts by the Village to amicably resolve this matter. "The Village Board and I have an obligation to protect the interests of our residents and we would be derelict in our duties if after not being able to amicably resolve this matter we did not continue with legal action against the bank" said Village President Ed Hettermann.