

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG ECONOMIC STIMULUS TIMELINE

November 2008	Village receives Metropolitan Mayors Caucus notification that Congress is expected to consider economic stimulus package week of November 17, 2008. Village submits initial \$21,120,000 in wastewater and potable water projects that meet "ready to go" status required for stimulus funding
February 6 2009	In anticipation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)being passed, Village sends out press release announcing intent to pursue economic stimulus funding.
February 12, 2009	Northwest Herald article by Brian Slupski entitled "Johnsburg project deserves funding"
February17, 2009	President Obama signs American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law February 17, 2009 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning provides interpretation of how funds will be disbursed to the State of Illinois.
Feb-March 2009	Village of Johnsburg researchs funding criteria. ARRA dollars will be disbursed as through State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF). Funds will be made available in the form of loans. Half of the loan amount could receive zero interest financing and the remainder could be secured with low interest financing. Up to 25% of the loan may be forgiven.
March 10, 2009	Village of Johnsburg submits application to IEPA for \$10,000,000 in ARRA financing for wastewater collection system.
March 10-30 2009	Village continues to work on requirements for next step in SRF process and is informed that litigation regarding SSA 23 may jeopardize the Village's "shovel ready" status, therefore impacting the projects eligibility for ARRA financing
March 30, 2009	Village issues press release regarding ARRA loan application and impact of SSA litigation on financing opportunity.
March 31, 2009	Northwest Herald article regarding lawsuits impact on ARRA financing chances with IEPA spokesperson Maggie Carson stating "I can't see how that would affect the funding decision...."
Mar 31- Apr 29, 09	Village of Johnsburg continues to work on planning report and financing application for ARRA funding. Work includes email correspondence with Greg Boullion and Vera Herst of IEPA.
April 21, 2009	Northwest Herald follow up article entitled "SSA ruling toughens chances for stimulus funds" in which IEPA spokesperson Gary Bingenheimer states "If they can't prove to us they have some dedicated source of revenue, they won't get the funding"...."It puts them way down on the list"
April 23, 2009	Village receives fax from Representative Jack Franks which includes a letter dated April 20, 2009 from the IEPA explaining that communities that submitted a pre-application were going to receive a letter from IEPA encouraging them to move quickly through application steps because of large demand for financing compared with funds available. Village on list but never received letter.
April 29, 2009	Village receives email from Gary Bingenheimer of IEPA informing that "any project for which a Planning Report is not already in house has virtually no chance of receiving stimulus funding." He added, "We do not want anyone to waste time/effort/money if the only reason they were pursuing a project was in hopes of receiving stimulus money" Village follows up with telephone call to IEPA confirming that all stimulus money is committed. The funds were committed on a first come first serve basis which included many projects that were already in the SRF process before passage of ARRA and replacement sewer projects requiring less time and expense for submittal.

May 1, 2009	Email sent to Representative Jack Franks and Senator Pamela Althoff requesting clarification and assistance regarding stimulus financing availability.
May 1, 2009	Email from Senator Pamela Althoff indicating that what Mr. Bingenheimer has stated is correct however she encourages an application being submitted in case any projects drop out. Village of Johnsburg responded explaining that submission would require significant expenditure in dollars. Senator Althoff responded that she would follow up and get back to Village
May 4, 2009	Village emails both Representative Jack Franks and Senator Pamela Althoff for status on questions regarding stimulus financing availability. .
June 3, 2009	Village receives email response from Representative Franks' office confirming that stimulus money is committed however applications can still be submitted in the event projects drop out. Email encourages Village to apply for funding for future years through SRF eventhough future financing will not provide zero interest and possible partial loan forgiveness.
June 17, 2009	Northwest Herald article entitled "J'burg shelves request" claiming that "the village is ineligible for federal stimulus funding because officials did not finish application"
June 27, 2009	Northwest Herald columnist, Dan McCaleb claiming that "The Environmental Protection Agency told us recently that Johnsburg is not eligible for stimulus money because it didn't apply for any".
July 20, 2009	Village issues press release regarding pursuit of stimulus funding