

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
MAY 1, 2018 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President Edwin Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Attendees

Trustee Kevin McEvoy
Trustee Greg Klemstein (later in the meeting)
Trustee Kyle Frost (absent)
Trustee Tom Curry
Trustee Mary Lou Hutchinson
Trustee Josh Hagen
Attorney Michael Smoron
Village Engineer Tim Hartnett
Special Project Assistant Rick Quinn (absent)
Police Chief Keith VonAllmen

FROM THE FLOOR – Tom Liston attended regarding the Cypress Creek solar farm proposal before the McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Liston explained that he attended two hearings to date at which the petitioner presented testimony. He provided the board a transcript of testimony provided by one of the petitioner's witness, which rejects the Village's position that the use is in conflict with comprehensive land use plans.

Former Johnsburg Trustee John Huemann attended regarding the Cypress Creek solar farm proposal also. He spoke regarding all of the planning efforts that the Village put forth in developing its Comprehensive Lane Use Plan and emphasized the time, funds and professional expertise that went into developing the Plan. He further discussed how the Village has relied on the Plan in the past, which helped the Village to grow in a desirable manner, which brought about diversified housing and beneficial retail and commercial development that resulted in the creation of jobs. He pointed out that the plan includes areas within 1.5 miles of the Village's corporate boundaries that are not the subject of border agreements.

Mr. Huemann stated that despite all of the efforts put forth to develop a well thought out Plan, the petitioner's testimony simply dismissed the Plan out of hand. He explained that the only area for future growth for the Village is in the northwest region, which is where the solar farm development is proposed. He expressed concern that if the solar farm is approved, the ability for that area to develop in the future will be adversely impacted. Mr. Huemann maintained that the development will not benefit the community. He suggested that the best place for this type of development is west of Route 47 where it does not adversely affect existing uses.

John reinforced the need to keep reviewing our plan and updating it as necessary as it should be relied upon. Mr. Liston added that District 4 County Board Members have expressed support for the residents' position. Trustee Klemstein attended at this time.

Attorney Smoron explained that if an objection is received from a municipality it triggers the requirement of a supermajority vote by the County Board. Additionally, if an objection is received from 20% of the neighboring property owners, a supermajority vote is also required. Attorney Smoron further explained that if the matter is litigated a judge will look at what the trend of development is in the area and also consider what the comprehensive plans provide for.

President Hettermann read a draft of a follow letter to the County reinforcing the Village's position. Village Engineer Tim Hartnett suggested that language be added to require property value cash bonds as is done in cases of where gravel pits are sited. He further suggested that the Village include in its letter a

list of all of the professionals who were involved in the development of the Village's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Board concurred.

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

- Move to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2018 and April 17, 2018 regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
- **DISBURSMENTS**
- General Fund \$132,258.08
- Waterworks & Sewer Fund \$ 1,128.75
- Total All Funds \$133,386.83

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – President Hettermann informed the Board that the ICC hearing regarding the rate increase being proposed by Utilities Inc. is scheduled for Monday, May 7th at 7:00 at the High School.

NEW BUSINESS

JOHNSBURG BOYS BASEBALL LEAGE - Matthew Welch attended on behalf of JBBL to request the Village's support for half of the cost of the new portable pitching mound they purchased for Hiller Park. He presented a copy of an invoice totaling \$2,448 of which he is requesting \$1,224 towards the cost of the mound. Trustee Curry reviewed the joint effort pursued by the Village and Johnsburg School District to perform improvements to the fields last year. President Hettermann questioned if the school paid for their half of the improvements done last year. Trustee Curry stated that he has been in communication with the Village Treasurer who reached out to the school regarding the matter. President Hettermann questioned what percentage of kids playing on JBBL teams are Johnsburg residents. Mr. Welch stated that he was unsure but that he believes 95% are in school district. President Hettermann questioned who will own the mound. Mr. Welch said he would expect it to be shared ownership. President Hettermann stated historically when equipment improvements are implemented at Village parks, the assets are owned by the Village. Trustee Curry recommended the Village contribute towards the cost and the mound becomes the property of the Village as is the case with the scoreboard being donated by Johnsburg Jr. Skyhawks. Trustee Klemstein questioned where it will be stored. Mr. Welch stated that Trustee Curry said it could be stored in the storage area at the concession stand, which will work if stored vertically. Trustee Hagen questioned the anticipated life of the mound. Mr. Welch stated it has a life of 5 years and emphasized it is constructed of fiberglass.

Trustee Curry moved to reimburse JBBL for one-half of the cost of the pitching mound purchased for use at Hiller Park on the basis that the mound will be the property of the Village. Trustee Hagen seconded the motion. Mr. Welch explained that he will have to confirm with the JBBL board that they are agreeable to the Village retaining ownership of the mound. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Trustee Curry reported that the Jr. Skyhawks scoreboard was delivered. He added that steel has been donated by Knoll Steel in Spring Grove to mount it and a licensed electrician has donated his services to wire it. He reported that he received a request from a resident asking to develop a youth golf program. GolfVisions has developed a cost of \$10 per player for 5-9 holes for the program and more details for the program are being developed. Trustee Curry reported that the committee is working to organize a new event tentatively planned for July 28th which will include a BBQ cook-off, car show, entertainment, etc.

PUBLIC WORKS – Trustee McEvoy stated that the department has been out flushing hydrants.

ORDINANCE – Trustee Hutchinson reported that the Ordinance Committee is reviewing Chapters 10 and 11.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Trustee Hagen reported that the Economic Development Committee is working to further development the EDC webpage now on the Village's website

FINANCE- Trustee Klemstein handed out the recommended FY 2019 budget and reported that the budget presentation is planned for the May 15th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Trustee McEvoy moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Curry seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried at 8:19 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted,

Claudett Peters
Village Administrator