

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
MARCH 3, 2020 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President Edwin Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Attendees

Trustee Greg Klemstein  
Trustee McEvoy (absent)  
Trustee Josh Hagen  
Trustee Tom Curry  
Trustee Frost  
Trustee Beth Foreman  
Village Attorney Michael Smoron  
Assistant Administrator Vinny LaMontagna  
Chief Keith VonAllmen

**AUDIENCE PARTICPATION**

Steve Dougherty and Kay Bates attended to discuss their service on the County Board. Mr. Dougherty explained that he and Ms. Bates are on the ballot for election to the County Board and expressed that they welcome any questions or feedback regarding County services.

Sam Tenuto attended to discuss programs provided through the Pioneer Center for Human Services. He discussed the PADS homeless shelter that is currently located in Woodstock which is a 34-bed facility offering immediate care, shelter, food, laundry and other services to help those in need. He explained that they provide case management intake to understand why their tenants are homeless so that they can work to get them out of homelessness. Mr. Tenuto added that they have outgrown their current facility and are working to construct a new 78-bed facility in McHenry. He requested the Village's consideration for assistance with their operating costs stating that the City of Woodstock has agreed to contribute \$10,000, Lake in the Hills \$5,000, Algonquin \$5,000 and Cary \$5,000. Mr. Tenuto explained that operating costs are 70% supported by private contributions and 30% government contributions.

Tina Sieben attended to discuss the open burn policy in the Village. She explained that her daughter suffers from health issues and open burning aggravates her condition. She expressed concern with the impact to the environment and explained that burning not only affects the outdoor air, but also seeps into the house. As a result, she must run three air filters to insure her daughter's condition is not aggravated. Ms. Sieben asked what can be done to ban open burning. She informed the board of a website her daughter developed at [www.betterthanburning.org](http://www.betterthanburning.org) to educate individuals about burning alternatives and mailed out informational flyers locally. She questioned if leaf pickup is something the community could institute. President Hettermann explained that leaf pickup is costly, but the Village could consider a referendum to see if residents will support the cost. He added that the Village's residential refuse, recycling and yard waste contract is coming up next year and the Village will solicit proposals for leaf pickup service. President Hettermann asked the Ordinance Committee to further consider Ms. Sieben's concerns.

Hank Kroll attended to discuss concerns regarding an abandoned pier and absentee landlord in his neighborhood. He explained that he is seeking Village assistance in addressing the pier as the Army Corp has responded that it is not their problem. President Hettermann stated that he is familiar with the situation and explained that the neighbor owns the pier but it is his understanding that the adjacent land is owned by the homeowners association. Chief VonAllmen stated that he spoke with Army Corp, Fox Waterway, and the IDNR regarding the matter and they maintain that they do not have control over the matter and that it would need to be addressed with the homeowners association since the pier is attached

to their property. President Hettermann further explained that the road is private and therefore the Village has no jurisdiction over it. Mr. Kroll stated that the pier has been abandoned. President Hettermann pointed out that the pictures of the pier provided by Mr. Kroll show that repairs had been performed on the pier and therefore it does not appear to be abandoned. Mr. Kroll expressed that the pier is a safety concern and therefore he wants the Village to condemn it. President Hettermann explained that the Village does not have authority to condemn it. Attorney Smoron concurred, and explained that the Village does not have jurisdiction as its authority ends at the edge of the waterway.

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

- Move to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
- Move to approve proposal from HR Green in the amount of \$65,000 for Phase I Engineering for Riverside Drive Road Improvement Project.
- Move3 to approve proposal from HR Green in the amount of \$19,206 for Phase I Engineering for Johnsborg Road Resurfacing Project.
- Move to approve Ordinance 19-20-49 Amending Chapter 9, Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing

**Disbursements**

• General Fund	\$176,366.30
• MFT	\$ 23,202.49
• Waterworks & Sewage Fund	\$ 5,421.97
• Golf Course	\$
• Debt Service/SSA Fund	\$
• Total All Funds	\$181,788.27

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – President Hettermann requested concurrence for the appointment of Jeff Braveri to the Ordinance Committee as requested by Trustee Frost. All Trustees in attendance concurred with the appointment. He reported that the next meeting will be moved to Thursday March 19, 2020 due to elections and informed the Board that residents on Sunnyside Beach Drive submitted a petition to pursue Road SSA for which an informational meeting is being scheduled to address questions regarding the proposed project. Trustee Curry questioned if there will be an opportunity to open up road. President Hettermann explained that the residents do not want the road opened but the project would likely include a gate similar to that on River Terrace to open up in the event of emergencies and to provide golf cart, pedestrian and bicycle access. President Hettermann informed the Board that a resident recently donated \$80,000 to pursue playground improvement at Rescue Squad Park.

**PUBLIC HEARING** - President Hettermann opened up a public hearing at 7:59 p.m. regarding the Village’s intent to issue bonds (A) not to exceed \$3,800,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Village’s General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020A (the “Series 2020A Bonds”) and (B) not to exceed \$2,750,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Village’s General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020B (the “Series 2020B Bonds”, and together with the Series 2020A Bonds, the “Bonds”). He requested written comments regarding the proposed bonds and no written comments were submitted. President Hettermann then requested verbal comments. Laura King of 2718 Tichfield Terrace, Johnsborg, Illinois attended to express support for both of the bond initiatives. She stated that she understands how it can be a difficult decision for the Board to take on the debt but she feels both of the projects are important to the community. Ms. King stated that she serves on the Economic Development Committee and the committee has been discussing the need to extend the Village’s sewer service to attract new business and help existing businesses and homeowners. She added that it is important that the Village provide proper housing for its department operations and

the building improvement will enable the Village to merge its administration and police services, which will improve efficiencies in operations. Ms. King stressed the need to invest in the community.

Austin Root attended on behalf of the Village's bond counsel, Ice Miller. Mr. Root explained that rates were at 2.27% a few days prior and continue to drop. Len Keil attended and questioned if Mr. Root expects any issues with selling the bond at such low rates. Mr. Root explained that Bernardi will sell the bonds to interested buyers and would handle the sale of the bonds. Trustee Foreman questioned the risk involved. Mr. Root stated that his firm, Bernardi Securities, monitors the market for fluctuations and deals are currently closing without any issues. With no further questions or comments, the hearing closed at 8:07 p.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Trustee Foreman reported the Community Affairs Committee members are stuffing Easter eggs for the hunt and preparing for cleanup of pond property. She added that the plan is to pursue the rock outcrops on the pond in lieu of a pier. Trustee Hagen reported that the Economic Development Committee discussed the importance of pursuing the sewer extension project to advance the Village and all members are in support of the project. Trustee Frost reported that the Ordinance Committee recently reviewed regulations regarding weapons and will start looking at open burning.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Trustee Foreman moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hagen seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried at 8:13 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Claudett Sofiakis  
Village Administrator*