

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
OCTOBER 20, 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  
Attorney Michael Smoron  
Police Chief Keith VonAllmen  
Special Project Coordinator Rick Quinn  
Assistant Administrator Vinny Lamontagna

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** – Joseph Fischer attended to question why the Village does not permit the keeping of chicken as pets. He remarked that they are not only helpful to people for food, but they also can be helpful to people with developmental challenges. President Hettermann questioned if he spoke to anyone at the Village Hall regarding the matter. He confirmed he did. Mr. Lamontagna explained that Village staff discussed with Mr. Fischer, the necessary steps to request a variance from the prohibition of the use in residential zoning districts. He pointed out that the Board can consider waiving fee for the hearing but the petition still needs to pursue the required notice and go through the zoning process. President Hettermann explained that legally it has to go through that process. Attorney Smoron concurred and explained that the Village's regulations are typical of how you see the use regulated as it is unusual to allow farm animals on residentially zoned properties. Ed explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission considered the matter at length and established the prohibition on the keeping of chickens. Mr. Fischer stated that he did not wish to go through the zoning process but would rather the Village change its ordinances. Trustee Frost stated that the Ordinance Committee will be discussing the matter at their meeting in November and it was explained that the matter will still need to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission as well.

**OMNIBUS AGENDA** – Trustee McEvoy 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 October 6, 2020 Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
- Move to ratify the acceptance of the proposal from Associated Electrical Contractors in the amount of \$34,470 for Electrical Site Upgrades to the Village Hall property.
- Move to approve Resolution #20-21-02 Supporting the Submission and Execution of an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Application and Agreement between the Village of Johnsburg and the Illinois Department of Transportation.
- Move to approve Pay Request to Peter and Baker & Sons in the amount of \$401,112.19 for the 2020 Road Resurfacing Program.

**Disbursements**

General Fund	\$ 248,954.23
Land and Building	\$ 1,819.20
Waterworks & Sewage Fund	\$ 26,331.50
Golf Course	\$ 0
Debt Service/SSA Fund	\$ 0
Motor Fuel Fund (MFT)	\$ 231,178.00
Total All Funds	\$ 508,282.93

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – President Hettermann introduced Annamarie Clark who was in attendance and explained that she has been hired to replace Tim Haynes as the Administrative Assistant/Collector. He also reported that Joe Kleinhanzel is replacing Shannon Park in handling park & facility maintenance. He explained that Mr. Parker has resigned his position as he has chosen to go into business for himself as a general contractor.

**NEW BUSINESS** – President Hettermann explained that no action is required on the following two matters but asked that the Board inform Ms. Sofiakis or Mr. LaMontagna of any questions they have or if additional information is needed.

**ORDINANCE 20-21-16 BRATEK VARIANCE** - The Board performed a first read of Ordinance 20-21-16 Granting a variance to Section 7.1-7, Accessory Buildings and Structures to permit a detached garage with a height of 12 feet to the eaves in lieu of the otherwise permitted height of 10 feet. Said variance is to accommodate a detached garage measuring 12 feet in height which was recently constructed on the JM CM Rev Liv TR Bratek property, commonly known as 5519 Dakota Ridge. Trustee Curry questioned the overall size of the structure. Mr. LaMontagna explained that it is a detached garage which can be up to 864 square feet. Trustee Curry questioned if the limitation on the height was noted for the permit. Mr. Lamontagna stated that the plans approved by HR Green clearly identified the height limitation. Mr. Bratek stated that the plans reflected the 12 feet height and explained that when he received the permit for the structure via email, it did not reflect the 10 feet height restriction. Later upon reviewing the permit further he saw the 10 feet height restriction noted on the plans.

**ORDINANCE 20-21-17 CHIEF WAUBONSIE LLC AMENDMENT/VARIENCE** – The Board performed a first read of Ordinance 20-21-17 Amending Ordinance 18-19-10, An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Allow for Outside Storage of Vehicles and Equipment with Screening for the Property to: 1) Permit the use of Industrial Fencing measuring 8' in height lieu of the previously approved 30% open fencing, 6' in height constructed of chain link or ornamental metals; and 2) a variance to 7.2-3(D) to permit the extension of the fence into the front yard. Said request is to accommodate the outside storage of vehicles and equipment associated with the principal use of the Chief Waubonsie, LLC property, commonly known as 5707 Weatherstone Way.

The applicant, Jason Konrad, explained that he prefers to pursue a higher fence for improved screening of the storage items and is asking to permitted to extend the fence into the front yard. President Hettermann asked that the Board review the minutes and information further for the consideration at the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - Trustee Foreman reported that the parade for Holiday Magic is still proceeding on December 12<sup>th</sup>. She further reported on the success of the pond property cleanup and remarked that there is still a lot to clean up but much progress was made. Trustee Foreman reported that the grant to pursue prairie plantings on one of the Village's lots was approved. Trustee Klemstein reported that the Finance Commission reviewed the proposed tax levy and made a recommendation that will be brought before the Board in November. Trustee Frost reported that after reviewing the burning ordinance over several meetings, the Commission recommended no changes to the existing ordinance at this time but suggested the Village look into alternative with the upcoming garbage contract renewal

**ADJOURNMENT** - Trustee Curry moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee McEvoy seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye. Motion to adjourn was carried at 7:37 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Claudett Sofiakis  
Village Administrator*