

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
OCTOBER 19, 2021, REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Approved**

President Hettermann called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Whispering Hills Community Center.

Attendees

Trustee Tom Curry  
Trustee Beth Foreman  
Trustee Kyle Frost  
Trustee Josh Hagen  
Trustee Greg Klemstein (absent)  
Trustee Scott Letzter  
Village Administrator Claudett Sofiakakis (absent)  
Assistant Administrator Vinny Lamontagna  
Police Chief Keith VonAllmen  
Village Attorney Michael Smoron  
Village Engineer Tim Hartnett (absent)  
Special Projects Coordinator Rick Quinn

**FROM THE FLOOR** – Mrs. Cheryl Markunas and Mr. Len Keil were present, but no concerns were brought to Village Board attention; in summary comments provided “No Problems”.

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

- Move to approve minutes of the October 5, 2021 Regular Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
- Move to approve Pay Request #2 to Peter Baker and Son Company in the amount of \$46,555.52 for the 2021 Road Program.

• <u>Disbursements</u>	
General Fund	\$235,627.06
Waterworks & Sewage Fund	\$35,421.45
MFT	\$0.00
Land and Building	\$17,987.65
Debt Service Fund	\$13,515.15
Total All Funds	\$302,785.31

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** - President Hettermann advised the Board that there are no further appointments for committees at this time and to ensure that the date of May 15, 2022 is Tentavily noted on all calendars for a proposed dedication date for DGD Municipal Center. Advised to Board of trustees that painting is being completed, walls are up and landscaping is being installed.

**VILLAGE BOARD** - Trustee Frost moved to approve the Amendment and Second Amendment to Contract for Baseball and Softball Scoreboards. Trustee Letzter seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion began with Trustee Foremen expressing why here Community Affairs Committee (Parks and Facilities) didn’t have an opportunity to review prior to Village Board approval to offer a

recommendation. Village President Hettermann expressed that the process was a collaborated letter with Village and D12 via Nevco Sports Marketing on or about July 2021 and when approached by Gary Lang Auto Group with strong interest in August full sponsorship was available according to Nevco. At said time during development and discussion, Gary Lang Auto Group expressed the request for “First Right of Refusal” at which time the Village began drafting said agreement. Trustee Foreman still expressed concerns that it’s a five (5) year timeline and all pre-existing advertisements at Hiller, example provided in summary are the banners on the home run fence would be allowed to continue. Village President Hettermann expressed the agreement is for future developments at Hiller Park; providing the example as dug-outs and press boxes; one for boys and one for girls then continuing one for boys and one for girls “visitor” side. Trustee Curry wanted it to be clarified that the scoreboards noted on the agreement would be for only the boys and girls scoreboards and any new improvements, but the Village would be allowed to continue with existing, once again signage on the fencing with current and pre-existing sponsors. In summary, Gary Lang Auto Group has no right denying any existing advertisement at said Hiller Park. Village President Hettermann expressed this is for future development like fields, parking lot, and lights and to his knowledge all pre-existing would be allowed to continue. He did mention that he extended the wording in the agreement to reflect fourteen (14) days then the proposed seven (7) written with board packets. Trustee Curry was surprised that Village didn’t receive any responses from local business.

Village Attorney Smoron expressed that given the discussion and Staff member Lamontagna interpretation, it would be best to reiterate and clarify what was available at the beginning of this process and that there is an understanding among parties that all pre-existing would be allowed to continue and the agreement would only be for the future allocation of improvements and scoreboards as it relates too.

Village President advised Staff member Lamontagna to reach out one more time via correspondence and encompass an understanding that the agreement is for future development at Hiller Park and scoreboards (Mustang and Showcase) and that all pre-existing advertisement would be allowed to continue. Village Smoron advised to be sensitive and ensure they have an understanding that pre-existing sponsors and conversation would be allowed to continue that involve different scopes like banners on fencing and included different fields.

All Trustees present voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

Trustee Frost advised he has a pending meeting Thursday discussing “Keeping of Chickens” development for Village Board to review at a later time.

Trustee Hagen advised movement forward with American Eagle Marketing and that he has a pending meeting for EDC, advised by the end of the year we should have an established base point to gather marketing data. Expressed he has had a difficult time establishing a quorum in the last two (2) months.

Trustee Letzter advised he has a pending meeting at the end of the month for October and if there is any interest it would be at Village Hall conference room.

Trustee Foreman advised her committee has not met since the beginning of October to which they recapped Celebration in the Park and the discussion of development for Holiday Magic. Provided a quick summary of a parade with the intension of extending, food trucks and keeping the event outdoors for tree lighting and maybe smaller individual bonfires. Currently all scope is in development phase with Community Affairs, but the idea is to simplify the event and eliminate indoor activities

Trustee Curry expressed his committee meets next Wednesday and can provide further at said time. Also, he expressed that he has received complaints regarding construction hours are not being adhered to at the Berkshire – Johnsbury development. He expressed that maybe ordinance needs to revisit

construction hours currently adopted in the Village municipal code. Trustee Curry advised he received the complaints anonymously. Trustee Curry also expressed that at the Multi-Use Field at Hiller Park if the flag poles can be erected thus Johnsbury Jr. Skyhawk's Football could play the National Anthem.

Staff member Lamontagna requested clarification regarding Lake Disposal Services Inc outfitting of Village of Johnsbury residents with the proposed base bid 65-gallon waste toter and 95-gallon recycle toter; however, Lakes is proposing based on 1400 can toters observed in Village they proceed forward with 95-gallon waste toter and 95-gallon recycle toter. Village Board was advised that the newsletter was in USPS possession and would be unable to retrieve from dissemination. Village Board advised Staff member Lamontagna to get clarification if a grace period or credit would be honored and that the in the interest of the outfitting the Village to proceed with production of 95-gallon waste and 95-gallon recycling toter; however, Lakes Disposal Service would adhere to residents request in a timely manner.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Trustee Frost moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hagen seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye. Motion to adjourn was carried at 7:43p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Vinny Lamontagna*  
*Village Assistant Administrator*