

**VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG  
JANUARY 16, 2024 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

Attendees

Trustee Mike Fouke  
Trustee Beth Foreman  
Trustee Jamie Morris  
Trustee Josh Hagen  
Trustee Greg Klemstein  
Trustee Scott Letzter  
Village Administrator Claudett Sofiakis (*absent*)  
Assistant Village Administrator Vinny Lamontagna  
Chief of Police Jason Greenwald  
Attorney Michael Smoron  
Special Projects Coordinator Rick Quinn (*absent*)  
Village Engineer Tim Hartnett

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** – Mr. Len Keil (*4211 Jay St*) expressed concerns regarding the vacant single-family home on Jay St two doors down from his dwelling (*4205 Jay St*) that has been vacant and foreclosed according to his understanding. Mr. Keil expressed concern regarding the condition of the dwelling and impacts recent low temperatures could have on the dwelling. He asked if the Village could ask the bank and foreclosure company to move the process along as the owners have not been in the dwelling all year and the Village has been mowing the property through 2023. Assist Administrator Lamontagna confirmed that 4205 Jay St is in the foreclosure process with a national bank according to the public records agreed to provide further information to the Village Attorney to look further in the matter.

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

- Move to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023 and December 29, 2023 Special Meetings of the President and Board of Trustees.
- **Disbursements**

• General Fund	\$ 679,563.74
• Waterworks & Sewage Fund	\$ 98,262.19
• Golf Course Fund	\$ 69,321.50
• Land and Building	\$ 172,462.50
• Special Service Area Fund	\$ 395,525.33
• Total All Funds	\$ 1,415,135.26

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** - President Hettermann reported that the Committee of the Whole (C.O.W.) meeting for January 2024 would be pushed to February 6<sup>th</sup> following the regularly scheduled Village Board meeting due to conflicts in scheduling. The Board will then continue to meet in accordance with the regular schedule on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the coming months. The Board concurred.

**GRANDMA KITCHEN MEXICAN GRILL** – Christopher Agaton attended to request an A-1 Liquor License for Grandma Kitchen Mexican Grill at 3312 N. Chapel Hill Road. The board inquired about the location, menu options and overall business plan Mr. Agaton envisions. Mr. Agaton explained that he plans to be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner with later operating hours on weekends until about 11:00 p.m. He expressed interest in pursuing video gaming terminals in the future, but is looking to obtain a liquor license and open the restaurant as soon as possible. Village President Hettermann explained that fire and building inspections need to take place prior to opening. Trustee Fouke moved to increase the number of A-1 Liquor Licenses available to accommodate Grandma Kitchen Mexican Grill at 3312 N. Chapel Hill Road (Unit A). Trustee Morris seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye on the roll. Motion carried. Mr. Agaton was thanked by the Village Board for his time and explanation of the new business establishment.

**ORDINANCE 23-24-32 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.**

Trustee Morris moved to approve Ordinance 23-24-32 authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024 of the Village of Johnsburg, McHenry County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$5,500,000 for the purpose of financing various water and sewer projects, maintenance, road improvements and other associated costs and paying for costs related thereto, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds. Trustee Foreman seconded the motion. Trustee Letzter asked Mr. Vail from Bernardi Securities Inc. how long the Village has to proceed with the bonds. Mr. Vail expressed approximately six (6) months. Trustee Hagen inquired about the information shared with the Village Board regarding the interest findings and the process after Ordinance 23-24-32 is approved. Village President Hettermann stated that the bonds would not be pursued until closings take place on the properties. Mr. Vail explained that interest rates are going down according to trend and bond yield history. It was clarified that if bonds are not pursued in the six month time frame, the Board will need to revisit the bond parameters ordinance. All Trustees voted aye on the roll. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Trustee Fouke moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Morris seconded the motion. All Trustees voted aye. Motion to adjourn was carried at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Vinny Lamontagna*  
*Assistant Village Administrator*