

VILLAGE OF JOY IL. - REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 15, 2021, by Village President Mark Heater. The meeting was held in Village Hall. Masks were required.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called by Village President Mark Heater. Trustees present: Elaine Anderson, Paul Hampton, Josh Mckinney, Don Wilken, Noah Livermore and Roy Conway. Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett was present.

Public Present: Mary Ellen Peterson, Jodi Oleary, Jeff Oleary, Attorney John Holmes, Amy Dixon, Kenneth Dixon, Jason Sweat.

Don Wilken: Ordinance No. 5 Series 2021, And Ordinance Vacating A Portion of May Street Between Federal Street and Penn Street in the Village of Joy, Illinois

There is no good answer that will make everyone happy in regards to vacating the portion on May Street, between Federal and Penn Street. Don Wilken stated he is worried about liability and cost of repairing the street in its current condition. The Dixon's garage would have to be moved and trees would have to be removed, which would also make a lot of people unhappy. It is not a good option to leave the street in its current state.

Don Wilken made the motion to approve and pass Ordinance No. 5 Series 2021, An Ordinance Vacating A Portion of May Street Between Federal Street and Penn Street In the Village of Joy, Illinois. Elaine Anderson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Josh McKinney-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed by a unanimous (YES) vote.

Conditions for easements and taking care of duties at courthouse are stated on the ordinance. The ordinance does not take effect until all conditions stated in the ordinance are complete.

Jeff and Jodi Oleary left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Mary Peterson wanted to know how the residents will be effected by May Street being vacated. The land will be given to the landowners. The landowners do not have to accept and take responsibility for their section of the vacated street and take care of paperwork at courthouse. Village president said everyone including Mary will have papers to support the vacated street. Mary Peterson stated: Kenneth Dixon is now landlocked. How does Kenneth get out. An easement can be between Kenneth and Amy, or Kenneth can take Amy's portion of the vacated street. When the Village gets paperwork from the recorder it will be passed along to the Dixons. Mary Peterson left the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Water project has been dead in the water for 2-3 months and is expected to continue for another month and a half. Values will not arrive for 4-6 weeks.

Attorney Jason Holmes and Jason Sweat will be emailed a copy of Ordinance No. 5 Series 2021, An Ordinance Vacating A Portion of May Street Between Federal Street and Penn Street In The Village of Joy, Illinois.

John Holmes and Jason Sweat left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Mark Heater thanked all of the trustees who worked on this project.

Water tower and tank has to be drained and refilled.

Tony Meyers worked on the well in the park. The white plastic pipe was replaced with schedule 80. The fix is temporary.

The engineer, Judd Giffin will not answer his phone. Maguire Iron still needs to take down the old water tower.

There were two service line breaks after the curb box, because Valley shut off the water and turned it back on and did not open a hydrant. The locations are 401 S. Washington Street, Sam Olson's and 106 E. Jackson Street, Wanda Whitmire's. The breaks were repaired at the Village of Joy's expense.

Village President Mark Heater will have a meeting with Gary Davis in the following week to discuss a list of items that Judd Giffin needs to reimburse the Village of Joy for. Mark Heater passed around the list for all trustees to review.

Village President Mark Heater stated the Village of Joy has a Social Media Policy and reminded the trustees they will be removed from the board if they abuse the policy.

4-trees need to be removed at 300 W. Illinois Street, Steven Kelnhofer's. Giddings Tree Service submitted a bid for \$8000.

The Ash tree in the Joy Park that needs to be removed. Brian Dixon submitted a bid for \$400. Village President recommended removing this tree for public safety and plant a new tree in its place

Don Wilken looked at the trees at Kelnhofers. The bids are for removal and cleanup. Don Wilken asked Village President Mark Heater to find out how much it would cost if the trustees did the cleanup. Don also suggested finding someone to take care of the cleanup for taking the wood to burn in their furnace. The insurance company and attorney will be contacted for liability if the Village does the cleanup. The trees are on Village of Joy Property.

Two other bids were submitted for over 20 thousand dollars.

Don Motioned to remove the Ash tree in the park for \$400 by Brian Dixon. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Josh McKinney-

yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "YES" vote.

Trustee Josh McKinney addressed the board. He has accepted a new position at American Bank and Trust in Davenport. He will be moving and will no longer be a part of the Village Board. Village President wants suggestions for a new trustee to replace him.

Noah Livermore inspected the work that was done on the ditch and drainage tube at 401 S. Oliver Street. Noah stated the pipe is too large and will in time get silted in, but he is assuming the homeowner who did the work is aware of that. The work looks good and the homeowner actually did the Village of Joy a favor by preserving the roadway.

There is also a storage container at 401 S. Oliver Street. The trustees discussed the issue. Storage containers are prohibited in the Village of Joy. The storage container is thought to be temporary in this situation. A letter and a copy of the ordinance will be sent to the homeowner giving 30 days to remove.

There was a discussion on sending fines with letters to residents who are in violation of ordinances, and sending a copy of the fine to the Village of Joy attorney. At this point the Village of Joy attorney would take care of the fine and or court date. The resident will pay the fine plus court fees. All complaints will be directed to the Village of Joy attorney

The need for a Culvert Ordinance was discussed. The ordinance will regulate the ditches and the size of pipe to be used and other issues concerning the subject. Don Wilken will continue working on preparing the ordinance. Noah Livermore would like to see a blanket permit for work in the city right of way, and the Village of Joy approve work on a case by case basis. Don Wilken will discuss this ordinance Noah Livermore as it is being worked on.

Noah Livermore stated he would like to see a ditch maintenance program started. Noah will make a list of things that need to be address and discuss at the October board meeting.

Village President Mark Heater will get a price for cutting ditches from John Retherford.

The trustees discussed the need for a village website to display ordinance. Don Wilken will discuss with Kyle McEwen. The possibility of a college or high school student building a website for the Village of Joy was discussed.

Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the August 18, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Josh McKinney-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Motioned by Elaine Anderson to approve September paid and unpaid expenditures. Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Josh McKinney-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

The Treasurers reports will be printed on a later date.

The alley way that was blocked is no longer blocked. No discussion needed.

No delinquent accounts.

No executive session.

Elaine Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Josh McKinney-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett