

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 20, 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, Don Wilken and Roy Conway. Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett was present.

Paul Hampton and Noah Livermore and Josh McKinney were absent.

Due to his upcoming move to Iowa, Josh McKinney submitted his resignation from his position of Village of Joy Trustee.

Village President Mark Heater accepted Josh McKinney's resignation.

Village President Mark Heater appointed Larry Hunt to fill the position of Village Trustee.

Larry Hunt was sworn in and the oath was stated.

Village President appointed Village Trustee Don Wilken as Mayor Pro tem.

Elaine Anderson made the motion to accept and change the account signatures cards at the Farmers Merchants Bank by removing Elaine Anderson's name and adding Don Wilken in her place. Roy Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-abstain, Rory Conway-yes, Mark Heater votes yes if needed. The motion was passed with a 3-yes, 1-abstain vote.

Water deposits for rental properties were discussed. The trustees present did not feel there was a reason to change the ordinance, because the current ordinance has a provision in it for landlord responsibility, but would like to table the discussion until the November meeting to hear the views from the trustees that are absent.

Ordinance No. 2 Series 2014 – An ordinance to regulate and license the sale of alcoholic liquors in the Village of Joy, IL, states no alcohol can sold or consumed before 12 noon on Sundays. Boonedocks and Westmer 1 Stop are requesting the ordinance be changed to allow them to begin selling at Westmer One Stop and serve at Boonedocks at 7am on Sunday mornings.

After discussion, Elaine Anderson made to motion to change the ordinance to allow selling and serving alcohol at 7 a.m., on Sunday mornings. The motion was 2nd by Larry Hunt. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-no. The motion was passed with a 3-yes, 1-no vote.

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The Ordinance will be reviewed and voted on at the November 2021 regular board meeting. Boonedocks and Westmer 1 Stop may begin immediately.

The purchase of a 3 point blade was discussed for the old tractor. If purchased it would be used to plow snow.

Village Trustee Don Wilken has a box blade that might work and if so he will let the Village of Joy use it. Village President Mark Heater will check on other blades and will discuss at the November 2021 regular meeting. The old tractor has a hydraulic box blade, but not sure if it is in working condition.

Joy Fest was discussed and will remain the 2nd Saturday in June.

Removing 2 tree stumps from the park was discussed. C & C Stump Grinding submitted a bid for \$150. After discussion, Don Wilken made to motion to accept the \$150 bid from C & C to grind two tree stumps in the park. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Water system update: the system is not up and running yet, waiting on parts. It is expected to be in working condition this week.

The cost to replace all of the water mains on Main Street as discussed earlier will cost around \$136,000 and end at the bank. If the project is scaled down to go just past Boonedocks it will cost around \$60,000 and eliminate the patched main. The Village of Joy can only go as far with this project that money allows.

The old and new water tower will be online for a period of time. The pressure is lower with the old tower vs the new tower 38 psi, compared to 62 psi. Excess pressure on for residents was discussed. It was effect Main Street the most. It took 4 hours to fill the new tower.

Village President Mark Heater is hoping the well pumps are not too small to pump water to the new tower.

Park discussion: At an earlier meeting it was decided to remove some of the old sidewalks instead of replacing them. The sidewalks on the left end and by the bathrooms will be saved. Power in the pavilion was discussed. Village President Mark Heater and Brad Weeks will start on the pavilion power project. Elaine Anderson stated that she has some electrical materials that may be useful for the job.

The backhoe is now paid off. Each month \$600 is transferred from the operations checking and general checking to the equipment checking to cover the \$1200 backhoe payment. Now that the backhoe is paid for the trustees decided to continue putting the same amount (\$1,200) each month into the equipment checking to pay for new equipment when needed.

The American Rescue Plan Act Relief check for \$25,965.34 was discussed and it was decided to deposit the money onto the W/S Saving account.

Village President Mark Heater stated new water meters, currently cost \$375.00 and wants the ordinance to state the actual cost of meter replacement. Don Wilken will check the language of the current ordinance.

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The culvert ordinance discussion was tabled until the November regular board meeting.

Ditch discussion – John Retherford can dig ditches for the Village of Joy but some will require culverts. Some of the current culverts may be silted in.

Requisition for \$67.50 reimbursement to Amanda Weeks for ½ yard of concrete for the Joy Park was reviewed and discussed. Elaine Anderson made the motion to approve the \$67.50 reimbursement to Amanda Weeks for ½ yard of concrete. Don Wilken 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

There were three bids for tractor tires.

Bids for tractor were reviewed and discussed. After discussion, Elaine Anderson made the motion to accept the \$2,147.16 bid for 4 tractor tires installed from Moore Tires from Monmouth Illinois. Larry Hunt 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “Yes” vote.

Amanda Weeks requests the Village of Joy pay for half of the sidewalk in front of her house at 103 N Washington Street. Motioned by Elaine Anderson to pay for half of the new sidewalk at 103 N. Washington Street, up to \$300. Larry Hunt 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

Elaine Anderson made the motion to approve the September 18, 2021 board meeting minutes. Don Wilken 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

Motioned by Don Wilken to approve the October 2021 paid and unpaid expenditures. Elaine Anderson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

July – September 2021 Balance Sheets and P&L Budget reports were reviewed.

Motioned by Don Wilken to transfer \$14,056.25 from the water system project account to the water project loan account to cover the 11/1/2021 pre-authorized debit to the USDA for interest on the USDA loan for water project. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

Porter Brother Inv. For \$58,572.87 discussed. Motioned by Don Wilken to pay the Porter Brothers invoice from the MFT money market account. Elaine Anderson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

Trick or Treat hours are Sunday, October 31, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

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Paul Hampton was not present to discuss the church sign. This issue can be discussed at the November regular board meeting.

Delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed. No payment plans will be available.

Risk Management Invoice for the amount of \$28,478 discussed. Motioned by Don Wilken to pay the invoice in full on one installment. Elaine Anderson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Motioned by Elaine Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett
Village Clerk