

# Village of Joy

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 17, 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, Larry Hunt, Don Wilken, Noah Livermore. Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett was present.

Equipment maintenance was discussed. The snow plow had a wiring problem. Jeff's Auto Body repair the wiring for \$130.00. The steering needs to be repaired and will be taken to Aledo for those repairs.

There have been several complaints concerning barking dogs and dogs lunging at walkers where Invisible fences are installed. Village President Mark heater has discussed the complaints with the dog owners.

Village President suggest purchasing a new storm door for Village Hall, handicapped accessible with a right hand door swing. Paul Hampton made the motion to purchase a new storm door for Village Hall. Elaine Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

The bid for topping trees on the boulevard at Kelenhofer's was reviewed and discussed. Motioned by Don Wilken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rory Conway to accept and approve the \$6,500 bid from Pauley Construction to trim away from house and garage/top trees/haul away brush/logs for trees at 300 W. Illinois Street in Joy. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Village President suggested setting aside money each month for tree trimming and removal. Paul Hampton suggested \$1000 per month. No actual decision was made. Discuss at the December meeting.

There is a dead tree on HWY 17 that is in question. It is unsure who is responsible for taking the tree down.

There was a discussion on the need to have people sign a liability waiver if they are cutting down or trimming trees on Village Property for fire wood. Don Wilken will work on a liability waver. The issue will be discussed at the December meeting

Village President Mark Heater suggested forgiving Boone Dock's and Mercer One Stop fees for liquor licenses and Gaming terminals for 2022.

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Elaine Anderson made the motion to forgive gaming and liquor licenses fees for 2022. Larry Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

2015 IEPA Public Data Sheet was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the bottom section of the report was not accurate.

American Iron & Steel report reviewed and discussed. There were some foreign components used in the water project. The contract state all domestic steel is to be used. The issue will be addressed.

Village President Mark Heater: to date there is \$61,700 that can be used on the Main Street Water Main Project. The Village of Joy will have to pay around \$2,000 additional dollars to finish the project.

The old Joy water tower is empty and will be torn down within a couple of weeks.  
The new Joy water tower is ½ full and there is 53psi.

There are several campers on village property. Don Wilken will check into the issue.

COVID cases are increasing. Village President Mark Heater stated: only necessary people can be inside Village Hall such as employee, board members engineer and Cintas. Those people are required to wear a mask. A complaint form will be to be filled out for all residential complaint so the board of trustees can review and discuss during the meetings.

The former Joy Fest Committee gave an \$885.00 donation for the Joy Village Park. A thank you card will be sent to the committee.

Travis Matlick submitted his letter of resignation. His contract will expire at the end of the year. Jake Frieden submitted his contract for water sewer operator for the Village of Joy. It was reviewed and discussed.

There is another operator that is interested in the job, but so contract has be submitted. There was not vote on the subject. The issue will be discussed at the December meeting.

Wording of the October minutes were changed from having Josh McKinney's name removed and Don Wilken's name add to signature cards to, having Elaine Andersons name removed and Don Wilken's name added to the signature cards. With this change noted, Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the October 2021 Minutes. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

MVP-Mississippi Valley Pump maintenance contract for the lift station was reviewed and discussed. Elaine Anderson made the motion to approve the MVP contract. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

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Motioned by Don Wilken to approve the Cintas Contract when it arrives. Larry Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motioned passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Motioned by Don Wilken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Noah Livermore to approve Ordinance # 6 Series 2021, An Ordinance Regulating the interference with storm ditches. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote. This is a case by case issue and the final decisions will be made by Village President Mark Heater and Noah Livermore.

After discussion: Don Wilken made the motion to pass Ordinance #7 Series 2021, An Amended Ordinance to regulate and license the sale of alcoholic liquors. The amended ordinance now permits the sale of alcoholic liquor at 7 am instead of 12 pm noon on Sundays. Elaine Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-no, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-no. the motion passed with a 2-no, 4-yes vote.

After review and discussion, Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the November paid and unpaid expenditures. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

The utilities for the old fire station will be split between the operation account and general fund due the building is now the water treatment plant and the streets maintenance shed. No vote needed.

The Christmas decorating contest will continued as in past years. Prizes are: \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$75 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. To participate residents must be current on all village bills. Deadline to enter is Dec. 10, 2021.

Employee Christmas Bonuses will remain the same as last year.

Village President Mark Heater stated he appreciates Faith Chapel Church considering the Village of Joy when placing their sign by the highway. This is not a Village of Joy issue.

Delinquent account reviewed and discussed.

The Joy Community Fest gave a generous donation of \$885.00 and requested the donation be used for the Joy Park handicap ramp at bathrooms. After discussion, Noah Liver made the motion to deposit the funds into the Joy Park checking account. Don Wiken 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Rory Conway discussed dogs running at large and the invisible fence situation in the Village of Joy. Ordinances will be reviewed. It was discussed if homeowners have an invisible fence it be posted and use proper setbacks for the Village of Joy be obeyed.

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Paul Hampton asked if the American Rescue Plan Act relief dollars could be used on equipment.

Snow blade for the snow plow was discussed. Village President suggested the Village of Joy Maintenance Dept., plow the trailer park drive, if Don Wilkens loans his snow blade to the Village of Joy to use on the streets.

Motioned by Elaine Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett  
Village Clerk