

**Village of Joy**  
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

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

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett gave Village President Mark Heater and each trustee a list of missing items from the Village Hall. Village President Mark Heater asked everyone to take the information home to read and there needs to be guidelines. The general public fills out a FOIA request for information, but trustees do not. Mark stated hopefully the information will be found and no files are to leave the office.

Well # 2 in the Joy Park may have a problem with the back flow valve. The well has been setting unused for several months. Before the well is back online there has to be good tests. Village President Mark Heater has been super chlorinating the well.

Michael Wallace with USDA- there is money in contingency. Michael is not happy with the way communication is going with the project. The old tower is torn down. A crew is still working on removing the foundation.

Village employee Brad Weeks has been working a lot of hours on the new treatment plant. Village President Mark Heater has stepped back from making adjustments and turned it over to Brad. Village President suggested a \$1 per hour raise for Brad Weeks. After discussion, Elaine Anderson made the motion to give Brad Weeks a \$1 per hour raise. Paul Hampton 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.

Jake Frieden submitted a new contract for water/sewer operator. The new contract was changed to \$35.00 hourly call out fee and \$1000.00 per month. Motioned by Don Wilken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rory Conway to approve Jake Friedens water/sewer operator contract. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-

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

Village President Mark Heater stated the January Board Meeting will last a little longer because he wants to review Judd Giffin Engineering information.

Noah Livermore volunteered to attend the MCTB meeting on Thursday Night, 12/16/21 to discuss the Park Project.

Village President does not know where the missing files are. At one time there were board members working on straightening out the file room, but work was not completed.

Elaine Anderson asked why the loss wasn't reported on the 10<sup>th</sup> when it was discovered. Gwen Pritchett was not present to answer the question.

Still no Cintas Contract to review.

News Channel 8 was in the Village of Joy to cover the old water tower demo story. The story was aired on the news. Village President Mark Heater was interviewed along with Sue Whitmire and several others.

After discussion, Don Wilken made the motion to pass and approve Ordinance #8 Series 2021, Tax Levy. 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-no, Rory Conway-no. The motion was passed with a 2-no, 4-yes vote.

No grant material to review. The contingency funds can be used for meters, garage doors, outdoor cement in from of treatment plant doors etc.

The newly installed Main Street water main went from the water tower to in front of Boone Docks.

According to WIRC, Jarred Dexter, more grants may be available in the near future to finish the rest of Main Street.

There was discussion on installing an agitator to the holding tank to keep it from freezing. This could possibly be paid for out of the contingency funds.

The overall water pressure throughout the Village of Joy is a lot better.

Liability Waver tabled until January 2022 meeting.

Ditch Maintenance discussion was tabled and will discuss again in the spring.

Main Street in front of Jeff's Auto Body, holds a lot of water. Drainage for this area needs to be reviewed and discussed. The road and curb needs to be reshaped.

November Board meeting minutes reviewed and discussed. It was noted the minutes did not state the time change from 12 noon to 7 a.m., was for just Sundays for the Liquor Ordinance. The correction will be made.

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After discussion, Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the November 2021 Board Minutes. Don Wilken 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.

Paid and unpaid expenditures reviewed and discussed. Rory Conway made the motion to approve the Paid and unpaid expenditures. 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.

November Balance Sheet and P&L reviewed and discussed.

Christmas light contest winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place- Kristy Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Jeff Hill, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Wanda Whitmire.

No Delinquent Accounts report to discuss.

No executive session.


Rory Conway wanted to discuss Christmas decorations still in yards in July. If there were a deadline to have decorations removed, the Village will look a lot nicer in the summer. Don Wilken will look into this matter.

Paul Hampton asked about the crack in the base of the new water tower's foundation. There was a crack, but has now been patched. There will be a final punch list at later date.

At 6:15 p.m., Elaine Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gwen Pritchett