

Village of Joy

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order a little before 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 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, Larry Hunt, Don Wilken, Rory Conway. Paul Hampton arrived just after roll call. Noah Livermore arrived at 6:00 p.m.

Jeff Hill's sea container discussion: Jeff Hill is considering placing sea containers on his commercial property on the East side of Joy for storage rental. Sea Containers are prohibited in the residential section of the Village of Joy. The trustees discussed the subject and tabled until the April 20, 2022 board meeting, so they can look over the zoning ordinance.

Mercer County Better Together thank you letter was reviewed and discussed.

After discussion, Don Wilken made the motion to donate \$100 to Mercer County High School Post Prom Committee. Larry Hunt 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes. Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed by unanimous "Yes" vote.

ILLDOT-Document #59 MFT Documents covering Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2021 reviewed and discussed.

USDA loan Payment and interest, due May 1st 2022.

91-02 – Interest \$12, 431.25 Principal - \$30,000.00 – Total-42,431.25

91-04 - Interest \$1,625.00 Principal - \$4,000.00 – Total \$5,625.00

Total Payment \$48,056.25

The water project is 99% complete. Well #2's raw water samples from transmission line is not passing. Several options being discussed to fix the problem. It is Lavadere's responsibility to cover this transmission line. The line is less than 1 year old.

There was several money transfers from general fund to the operation and maintenance fund from 2017 – 2019. The total combined amount for the transfers is \$55,707.42. The transfers were for taxes. This issue was discussed. Don Wilken suggested a repayment to the general fund from operations and maintenance each month until it is paid back. The discussion is tabled until the April 20, 2022 meeting. More information will be gathered. You can borrow from one fund to another but the loan has to be repaid.

The future of the Joy school was discussed. Each trustee was given information for upcoming Mercer County Board and committee meetings. Village President Mark Heater would appreciate it if the Trustees attend the

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upcoming meeting if possible. The April Mercer County School Board and Committee Meetings do not conflict with the Village of Joy Regular Board Meeting.

Noah Livermore came to the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The Village of Joy is looking into to cost to provide a free public wifi zone in the Village. Nova Net is the current provider for the Village of Joy. Nova Net will submit a proposal to the Village of Joy. The discussion is tabled waiting for more information.

Village of Joy is also looking into sidewalk replacement going to the school. The plan is to apply for a grant from Illinois Safe Routes to School Program in 2023. Village of Joy is also looking into road work for Main Street and North Washington Street in front of the school. Village President Mark Heater requested Noah Livermore help in the process. Plans for these projects need to begin as soon as possible.

Village President Mark Heater stated he would like for Committee's to begin meeting when there is a reason and bring their recommendations to the regular meetings for discussion. Committee meetings will be held at Village Hall and follow the open meetings act.

Christine Junis is interested in the old printer and its extra ink cartridges. If the printer works she has offered \$65.00 donation for the old printer along with the extra cartridges.

Don Wilken made to motion to allow someone to donate \$65.00 for the old printer and cartridges. Elaine Anderson 2nd 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 park project will begin the week of 3/28/2022 if the weather holds out. Ernie Dillie will be asked to assist on the project. It was discussed to use elevator belts under the swings. Noah Livermore will check on belts.

Uses for the American Rescue Plan Act money was discussed. The Village of Joy's awarded amount is \$51,930.69. The Village of Joy has ½ of that money now and will receive the other half this year (2022). Noah Livermore has a spreadsheet showing all of the uses for the funds. Noah Livermore help in the process.

After discussion and review, Rory Conway made the motion to approve the February 2022 board meeting minutes. Noah Livermore 2nd 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 by unanimous "Yes" vote.

It was noted on the requisition sheet and check detail – General Fund Check #21524 was written to Menards for \$269.00 to purchase a storm door for Village Hall.

No vote or pre approval was needed for the new storm door. The budget allows for those types of improvements to Village Hall.

Tractor repair was discussed. Tractor maintenance was for work done on the blade, a new battery and supplies.

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The Park Project Supplies are for Jelly Bean Mulch and Handicap Ramp. Electrical supplies and work will be done by Tom Hammond and his employees. Noah Livermore will do the grade for the tube.

After discussion, Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the paid and unpaid expenditures. Rory Conway 2nd 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 by a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Village President suggested purchasing new windows for Village Hall. Don Wilken stated it is the budget no vote is necessary. Jack Schrock will be asked to install the new windows.

Treasurer Pam Westfall's 30th year working with the Village of Joy will be May 1, 2022. Everyone agreed to buy her a \$50 gift card from Boone Docks to show appreciation for her hard work and dedication.

Delinquent Accounts reviewed and discussed.

The Finance Committee will hold a meeting to discuss the Appropriation Ordinance. The meeting set for 5:30 p.m., April 6, 2022, at Village Hall, 200 West Main Street, Joy, IL.

Village President Mark Heater discussed the MFT Road Maintenance.

The timeline to have the COVID money spent is 2024. There was a discussion on possibly waiting for prices to go down if there is road work to be done spending these funds.

Money has to be spent by the Village of Joy upfront for a project with Safe Routes to School Funds.

Phase 1- preliminary planning, Phase 2-Design, Phase 3- construction observation

This will depend upon the school being located in Joy.

The City of Aledo is spending their safe routes to schools on their bike path.

At 6:25 p.m., Don Wilken made to motion to adjourn the meeting. Rory Conway 2nd 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 by unanimous "Yes" vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett
Village Clerk