

# Village of Joy

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2022, by Village President Mark Heater. The meeting was held in Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called by Village President Mark Heater. Trustees present: Elaine Anderson, Paul Hampton, Don Wilken, Noah Livermore, Rory Conway. Larry Hunt and Gwen Pritchett were absent.

Mary Ellen Peterson addressed the board concerning the animal complaint that was listed on the agenda.

Mary Ellen was under the impression the Village of Joy was trying to take away someone's animals. Village President Mark Heater gave Mary Ellen a copy of the animal ordinance. Mary Ellen has not witnessed the animals excessive barking when she is in the area. Others have been a witness to the barking and have submitted written and verbal complaint to the Village of Joy. After warnings are sent out, the Village of Joy can issue an ordinance violation (fine). The Village of Joy would rather neighbors discuss and work out problems on their own if possible. Some solutions to the problem is bark collars and obedient school. A complaint can also filed at the Mercer County Sheriff's office.

Cheryl Long arrived at the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The Family Crisis Center Request for donation was reviewed and discussed. Don Wilken made the motion to table the subject until the May 2022 board meeting. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Cheryl Long addressed the Board concerning the Little Food Pantry. Joy Fire Department as agreed to build it. Cheryl is requesting the Village of Joy permit the Little Pantry be placed on Village of Joy Property. The Little Food Pantries are ran on private donations. There is no cost to the Village of Joy. The suggested location is between the Joy post office and the city maintenance building. After discussion, Elaine Anderson made the motion to allow the Little Food Pantry to be placed between the post office and the city maintenance building. Rory Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Cheryl Long left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Brad Weeks has requested to put up a garage/shop for his daughter on his lot on Center Street behind his daughters house. The issue of a secondary building not being built before a house, according to the Village of Joy Zoning Ordinance was discussed. According to the ordinance a secondary building cannot be built first.

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The Village Board wants a building plan from Brad so they can review it. Don Wilken suggested a variance. No vote is needed at this time, but will be needed for the variance.

Zoning- Sea Containers for storage units for Jeff Hill. If Jeff Hill's property is zoned commercial there is no problem. If the property is zoned residential trustees agreed to give the go ahead with a variance. There may be a small fee, possibly \$25. No vote needed at this time, but will be necessary if there is a variance. Paul Hampton is the Chair of the Zoning committee.

The Joy Fire Department wants to replace their current storage building that sets beside the Fire Station. It is yet to be determined if the ally beside the Fire Station is vacated. Fire Departments do not pay taxes.

2022 street project: Village President Mark Heater wants a list of all streets that need work this year.

S. Washington to Hwy 17 (Center Street), the remainder of Liberty Street, Main Street

Brad Weeks and Noah Livermore has discussed the street project. Brad gave Noah a list of street measurements. Noah Livermore stated the cost can range from 7-9 thousand dollars per block, but there are routes the Village of Joy can take to save money. Henderson County does a lot work in our area and are less expensive. Noah will give a report at the May 18th board meeting.

Engineer, Gary Davis will retire April 29, 2022. Gary will continue to help the Village of Joy until the water project is complete.

The well pump in the park may have to be pulled and replaced.

Mary Ellen Peterson left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

WiFi zone tabled.

Ethics Office and Committee discussed. Mark can establish a committee. Motioned by Don, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine to approve Mark and Gwen to share the roll of Ethics Officer and co-chair the Ethics Committee. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote,

The ditching project was discussed: Noah Livermore has discussed the plan with Brad Weeks. The City of New Boston may be able to clean the culverts. Brad will work on a list of ditches that need it the most. It was also discussed to hire Danny Frieden to help Brad with the ditch work. Noah Livermore suggested a not to exceed about per month to be spend of the extra help.

Don Wilken made the motion to hire a helper up to 10 hours per week/40 hours per month with Village President Mark Heaters approval. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote. If more hours are needed, Brad must discuss with Village President Mark Heater. It must be approved through Mark each time Danny works.

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May Street sewer line was discussed. Noah Livermore suggested lining the pipe so the tree roots can't get in. City of New Boston will consider jetting May Street every 2 years to clear out roots.

Village President Mark Heater discussed getting rid of the two trucks the Village of Joy owns and purchase one truck to do everything. Both truck are in very bad condition. The Village of Joy also needs to purchase a new snow blade and salt spreader.

The Finance Committee had a meeting April 6, 2022 to discuss the Appropriation Ordinance. The changes for 2022-2023 were discussed. After discussion, Don Wilken made the motion to pass and approve Ordinance #2, Series 2022. Paul Hampton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Motioned by Rory Conway to pass and approve the March 2022, Board Meeting minutes, Paul Hampton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Elaine Anderson made the motion to approve the transfer of \$49,056.25 from water system project account to water project loan account for USDA loan payments 91-02 and 91-04. Noah Livermore 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Noah Livermore made the motion to approve a \$50,000.00 transfer from operation & maintenance account to water system project account for future USDA loan payments. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

The \$32,854.50 CD at Farmers Merchants Bank was discussed. The CD matures on April 25, 2022. Don Wilken suggested check rates at other banks. The CD is short term 1 year to 18 month CD and will continue as such. The CD will be rolled over at Farmers Merchants Bank unless there is a better rate. Motioned by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine. The following vote was taken: The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Jack Schrock's Proposal for installing a wall in the Treatment Plant was reviewed and discussed. Motioned by Elaine Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Noah Livermore to accept Jack Schrock's proposal for building the new wall in the treatment plant, not to exceed \$3,250.00. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

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

Delinquent account report was reviewed and discussed.

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Balance Sheet and Budget reports were reviewed and discussed.

Additions to the agenda: There are trees in the alley behind Cathy Campbell's house. Cathy request the Village cut the trees down because most of them are dead. Rory Conway made the motion to table the discussion until the May 18, 2022 board meeting, so more information can be gathered. Elaine Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Rory Conway requested to have the burn days posted on the bulletin for April, 2022.

There are a lot of cats running loose in the Village of Joy.

Motioned by Elaine Anderson to enter into executive session at 6:59 p.m. Don Wilken 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, R Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote. Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Don Wilken made the motion to leave executive session at 7:04 p.m., Paul Hampton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Motioned by Paul Hampton to increase Brad Week's pay to \$18 per hour. Don Wilken 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Rory Conway motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Paul Hampton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett