

Village of Joy

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 15, 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, Larry Hunt, Don Wilken, Rory Conway. Paul Hampton and Noah Livermore were absent. Village Clerk, Gwen Pritchett was present.

Public present: Chet Sedam, Murrel Sloan, Alina Kramer, Gary Davis

Chet Sedam addressed the board. Chet is requesting permission to put in a new culvert in the ditch at 220 West Center Street on the Federal Street side of the property. There is a retaining wall that is damaged by tree roots that he will address. He is also requesting permission to burn an old tree stump. Chet is not requesting the Village of Joy pay for the project. After discussion, Elaine Anderson made to motion to allow Chet Sedam to do the culvert work and burn the tree stump at 220 W, Center Street. 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. Chet Sedam left the meeting.

Gary Davis addressed the board. A power glitch caused the water treatment plant to shut down on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. The problem is being addressed but not solved. The Aledo water valve was shut off. Village of Joy was required to issue a boil order.

The water project has been going on for a very long time. Water main and tower is complete. Still working on treatment plant. The only contractor left to pay is Valley. Issues: stainless steel was not used, and paint on the exterior of the holding tank. Gary Davis is not in favor of painting the concrete tank. The tank has a 5 year warranty.

Well #2 is not on line. Valley is considering a subcontractor to work on well #2. There are control issues in the treatment plant. Mark Heater stated he has a contractor that can dig up the line from well #2 for \$175.00 per hour. Water samples have been sent in for that well. Valley will cover 25% of the cost of the problem. Gary

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Davis feels there needs to be more discussion on the subject as to who is financially responsible. The Village of Joy has 90 days to file against Judd Giffin after the project is finished.

No vote was taken for deducts at last meeting.

\$2,900 deduct for struts – galvanized was used instead of stainless, \$5,000 deduct for exterior paint on storage tank.

There is no requirement for painting the water storage tank. Gary said he is not in favor of paint on concrete.

No vote was taken on deducts. More discussion is needed. All trustee's need to be present to discuss.

The Village of Joy will not get actual money if they approve deducts. The deduct amounts can be used for other items, for example a section of water main.

There will be one final change order for the project.

Cahoy will flow test and check both pumps for \$5,775.00.

Mark Heater said before consulting with Attorney Mike Massey, there will be a special meeting.

PSI was raised from 57 to 60 PSI. The PSE was raised to make sure there is enough water in the tank for 1 day.

The fire department will not hook onto the Village of Joy's hydrants until this problem is resolved.

Gary Davis will provide information for Elaine Anderson to take to the museum.

The treatment plant is using too much salt. Mark Blythe is trying to adjust for that.

Gary and Alina left the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Murrel Sloan addressed the board about the little blue house that was built on his property in Joy. Village President Mark Heater said according to the Village of Joy ordinance something needs to be done, the house should be hooked up to water and sewer. It is considered to be a homestead. Village President is hoping this can be solved without legal action. Originally the structure was supposed to be moved from that location. Mr. Sloan stated the lots run north and south instead of east and west in that area. Village President Mark Heater suggested Mr. Sloan speak with his attorney and the Village President will speak with the Village attorney about the matter. Mr. Sloan will call and discuss with Village President after he has consulted with his attorney. The issue will be discussed at the July 20, 2022 regular board meeting if there is new information.

Copies of earlier versions of the ordinances will be made for Mr. Sloan to take to his attorney. Minutes will be gathered for that time so everyone can review.

Murrel Sloan left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

There was a discussion on campers being parked on the side of the road long term in the Village of Joy. Currently there are at least 2 campers. The campers are too close to the road. They are actually parked on Village of Joy property. The concern is, a camper might get hit by a car.

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A letter will be sent to the home owners requesting they park away from the road.

Amanda Weeks letter was reviewed and discussed. She is requesting to put up a 10 X16 shed at 111 Center Street in Joy. A shed that size requires a concrete slab. The zoning ordinance has to be followed and it is required to have a building permit. No variance is required. No vote is needed.

Mercer County Better Together is requesting a donation of \$465.00. After discussion, Don Wilken made to motion to donate \$465.00 to Mercer County Better Together. 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.

The Village of Joy can purchase diesel fuel for a lot less from Halcomb Oil Co, Monmouth. Halcomb will deliver to the Village of Joy whenever they need fuel. Purchasing from Halcomb does not affect the Village of Joy's MFT money. The Village of Joy no longer has a storage tank.

There has been several people asking about Joy Fest for this year. Joy Fest is not ran by the Village of Joy. It is up to a Joy Fest Committee or similar organization. There is no current organization to run Joy Fest.

Village President Mark Heater and Trustee Elaine Anderson had a meeting with Viola's Mayor, Mike Lester concerning police protection for the Village of Joy. The Viola Police Department is willing to patrol part time in the Village of Joy. The cost of this police protection has not been determined. Viola Police Department will use their own squad car. All fines will be \$75.00 and goes to the Village of Joy. Village President Mark Heater would like to use the budgeted police funds to pay for the service. He hopes to have all of the information ready for discussion at the July 20, 2022 board meeting.

Project Now is working with a resident with their water bill. The delinquent bill will be paid in full by Project Now. A date of payment was not given.

Village President Mark Heater wants to cut expenses.

After review and discussion, Rory Conway made the motion to approve the May 18, 2022 Board Meeting minutes. 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.

After review and discussion, Rory Conway made the motion to approve the paid and unpaid expenditures. 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.

No delinquent account report.

Weed spray was discussed. The spray was purchased from Liqui Grow. It was listed in the paid expenditures. Don Wilken has a source to get spray. He will pick some up for the Village.

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Village President Mark Heater asked if the trustees wanted the park to be sprayed for weeds or use the weed eater. It was decided that using a weed eater looks better than a brown ring from spray. The park will not be sprayed.

Residential Solar- ordinance, building permit discussion. Any change in a structure has to have a building permit. Don Wilken will look into ordinances. The discussion was tabled.

Additions to the agenda.

Don Wilken asked if the trailer park license can be added to his water bill. The cost is \$25.00

Motioned by Elaine Anderson to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 6:45 p.m. 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.

Don Wilken made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 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. The meeting adjourned at 6:55

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett
Joy village Clerk