

Village of Joy

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

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

Public Present: Chad McCleary – ION, Brian Glasgow-ION, Darren Winsor-MCBT, Kyle McEwen-MCBT, Chet Sedam, Blake Brink

ION's Chad McCleary and Brian Glasgow, presented the July 2022 Water system update.

Water Tower-Updating the water tower was a wise move. Moving to a single-pedestal spheroid with a higher elevation will make things a lot easier to clean and maintain and will provide much better pressure throughout the community. The new tower is providing pressure readings in the mid-50's which is excellent pressure for a water system without being too high.

Wells-Currently, only well 1 is in use. Well 2 continues to fail to pass bacteria testing. The cast iron fittings have been replaced. After the line is pressurized, samples will continue to be taken. If the samples do not pass, a chemical treatment will have to be done on the well and raw water main. It is important that both wells are in service.

Well 2 is not running at full capacity. It should produce 45-50 gallons per minute (GPM), instead it is producing 33 GPM. Cahoy Well and Pump and an electrician will be called onsite at the same time so a series of test can be ran to determine the cause of the issue.

Treatment Plant-The treatment plant is heavily incorporated into a SCADA system that is can be a little complicated to operate.

After speaking with Kurita-(the company who makes the equipment), it was determined the meter needs to be replaced with an ultrasonic meter. Gasvoda was included into the discussion as this should be charged under warranty and not a cost to the village.

The plant is designed to run around 100 gallons per minute and it is only running at 50gpm because well 2 is out of service. Due to this problem, it makes some things harder to assess since the system is not operating how it was designed.

The chlorine pumps are very large and are only controlled by four-part SCADA equations. Fortunately, this should be able to be simplified. The chlorine pumps will be disconnected from the SCADA system and ran manually. Also, smaller pump tubes will be installed. Only 3-4 gallons of chlorine can be pumped in a day. The system has one pump that can pump 45 gallons per day and one that can pump 85 gallons per day. By changing the tubes in the pumps, we can make the pumps more efficient.

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If a dehumidifier is not installed in the treatment plant, anything metal in the rooms are going to corrode. All of the piping and vessels collect large amounts of condensation that drip all over.

The biggest issue of all it how the city would like to go about softening their water. The raw water is around 190mg/L, which isn't particularly hard for a municipal supply. The plant is designed to take hardness down to 100mg/L. It is suggested to keep the softness in the 100mg/L range. Generally that level provides less scale.

There are concerns with the cost of salt at that capacity. Once the plant is running at full capacity, the salt should be dialed in much better and get the salt use going more efficiently.

Wastewater System-Single lift station and a set of lagoons. The system does have an excellent monitoring system for flow, pump hours, and levels. It also has an onsite generator.

ION will be collecting and analyzing the samples in house.

Chad and Brian left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Kyle McEwen and Darren Winsor with (MCBT) Mercer County Better Together addressed the board with an Economic Plan. Kyle considers the plan to be flexible. A small town is considered 10,000 residents. A town the size of Joy considered nano. MCBT's economic plan for Joy covers a lot. Why Joy/Why now – redevelopment.

Nova Cablevision/Nova Net is in town already-very helpful.

Economic development looks different in each town. MCBT- Is a local organization and will work hand and hand with the Village of Joy. There has to be a vision. Daren and Kyle want to help with the process.

All 5 phases should be completed to be successful and should be completed within a year.

The plan is not a promise for success, but a chance for change. It was asked if the cost had to be paid in one installment. Kyle McEwen stated one payment is best but they are flexible. For example: 3 payments can be made.

Kyle and Darren left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Chet Sedam and Blake Brink addressed the board. They are wanting to have a 10X16 portable building for lawn mowers. Ordinance states a building that sized needs a concrete pad.

Chet and Blake left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

The trustees continued to discuss the economic development plan. No vote was taken.

Murrel Sloan was not present at the meeting.

The trustees discussed the composting toilet that is at the little blue house on Murrel Sloan's property. A letter will be sent to Murrel to discontinue the use of the composting toilet as soon as possible.

The ditch work at 300 W. Illinois Street has not been completed and needs to be addressed. The home owner would like to see it finished.

Paul Hampton, Village Trustee discussed the school building. The school board will be contacting the Village of Joy to discuss. The subject was tabled.

Well repair invoice-/Pauley Construction was discussed. The Village of Joy will pay a portion of the \$9,200.00. The Village of Joy's share will be \$6,900.00. The work is complete. The Village of Joy will request a reimbursement from Judd Giffin Engineering.

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3-E Contract was reviewed and discussed and renewed prior to the meeting.

Paul Hampton asked if the generators should be kicking on so fast. Someone will check with 3-E on the subject. Todd Heath's name will be taken off of the 3-E Contract and Mark Heaters name will replace it.

Don Wilken discussed Ordinance No.3, Series 2022 Water/ Sewer Ordinance. With the passage of this ordinance, Water deposits will be \$175. The reconnect fee will be \$175. After review and discussion, Don Wilken made the motion to pass and approve Ordinance NO. 3, SERIES 2022. Elaine Anderson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine-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.

Police Protection was discussed: Mike Defrieze from New Boston is also interested in providing police protection for the Village of Joy. Who is liable for personal injury and equipment damage? The subject was tabled.

A new jetter was discussed. A new jetter will cost around \$7,000. The length should be 300 feet. Sometimes a vac truck is required. Village President Mark Heater will ask the City of New Boston what they have and will keep everyone informed.

The Cahoy Pump Proposal to flow test Well 1 & 2 for \$5,775. 00 was discussed. The pumps were tested prior to meeting. After discussion, Elaine Anderson made to motion to approve payment for Cahoy invoice # 26124 in the amount of \$5,775.00. Don Wilken 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-no, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-no, Rory Conway-no. There was a tie vote. Village President voted-yes. The motion passed with a 4-yes, 3-no vote.

Invoice #1685 (\$220.80) from Knox Heating and Cooling was reviewed and discussed. Motioned by Don Wilken to pay invoice #1685 from Knox Heating and Cooling. Paul Hampton 2nd 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 4-yes, 2-no vote.

Audrey Bryant was not present for the meeting but supplied information on the Free Little Library. The subject was discussed and decided the best location for the library is by the free food pantry on Main Street. After discussion, Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the Free Little Library. Noah Livermore 2nd the motion as long as there is no cost the Village of 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.

Motioned by Rory Conway to approve the regular June 15, and special June 28, 2022 board meeting minutes. Larry Hunt 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 with a unanimous "yes" vote.

After review, Don Wilken made the motion to approve the July 2022 Expenditures. Paul Hampton 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 with a unanimous "yes" vote.

There was further discussion on the regulation for concrete slabs for certain sized sheds in the Village of Joy. Village Trustee Noah Livermore made some suggestions such as shed point of use such, such as lawn equipment, instead of size for the determination of the concrete slab regulation. The zoning ordinance may be changed to

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allow for sheds that are 400 feet or below to be installed without a concrete slab if it will be used for lawn equipment. Chet Sedam and or Blake Brick will be contacted to let them know the shed they want to install can be done without a concrete slab. Village Trustee Rory Conway will stop by Blake Bricks house after tonight's meeting.

Kathy Campbell resigned as Deputy Clerk.

After discussing vortex paint, and stainless pipes, Gary Davis's punch list for the water project was tabled. Village Clerk will look for change orders for the vortex paint.

June 2022 Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss was reviewed and discussed.

Delinquent List reviewed and discussed.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore discussed the park project timeline. The culvert should be scheduled first and the concrete work needs to be scheduled also. The mulch work may be in August. Some of the walls holding the mulch are too tall. The handicap ramp is only 6 inches tall. Village President Mark Heater will put the culvert in so it can settle.

Motioned by Don Wilken, 2nd by Rory Conway to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:23 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.

Village Clerk was asked to leave and did so prior to executive session at 7:23 p.m.

The following information was taken from the executive session minutes provided by Village Trustee Elaine Anderson.

Don Wilken made the motion to leave executive session at 8:13 p.m. 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 with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Motioned by Rory Conway to adjourn the meeting. Elaine Anderson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Gwen Pritchett
Village Clerk