

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

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 17, 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, Murrel Sloan,

Steve and Suzy Kelnhofer did not attend the meeting, but are unhappy with their ditch. The Village of Joy worked on their ditch because of drainage problems. Brad Weeks will begin working on their ditch again tomorrow. Village Trustee Don Wilken stated, if Brad needs a hand, he can call him. Village President Mark Heater stated the culvert goes straight in that area, not at an angle.

Murrel Sloan addressed the board concerning a letter sent to him from the Village of Joy concerning the composting toilet that is being used in the little blue house on his property. There was no discussion. Murrel stated his attorney is sending a letter to the Village of Joy concerning the way the little house situation has been handled. Murrel Sloan left the meeting at: 5:35 p.m.

Chad McCleary with ION addressed the board. Samples at well #2 have been passing. Chad wants to run a few more sets of samples on well #2 before putting it back on line, because it has been down for so long. Next week Tri City Electric will be in Joy to run tests on Well #2. It is not running at full capacity. The problems at well #2 needs to be confirmed. Chad feels it may be a pump problem. If the problem is determined to be the VFD, it will be under warranty.

Brine flow problems at the water treatment plant will be resolved with a new meter, which is being sent. Salt is being adjusted for softness and to dial in on salt usage. The process is trial and error.

Brad Weeks has been flushing hydrants. All has been going well. Nothing was too dirty.

Nitrate samples are due and have been sent.

Paperwork has been submitted to the EPA to change the water/sewer operator from Jake Frieden to Chad McCleary/ION.

The waste water department is working great.

Chad McCleary asked the board if they had any questions. Village Trustee Elaine Anderson stated that Brad Weeks told her he was only flushing every third hydrant. She asked why and should every hydrant be flushed to make sure they are all working properly. Chad McCleary did not know Brad was only flushing every third hydrant. Chad stated he told Brad if there is a hydrant that has been recently opened and he knows it working properly it doesn't hurt to

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skip that hydrant, but was not aware about every third hydrant. Elaine stated the hydrant by her house was not flushed. Chad stated it is best to flush all hydrants. Chad stated, flushing begins at the source (treatment plant) and work your way out into the system, and that is what Brad did. There are 4 hydrants left and will be flushed tomorrow (Thursday 8/17/2022.)

Paul Hampton asked the age of the pump at well #2. 2017-5 years old. There is no warranty. If the motor is ok it doesn't have to be replaced. If the pump is not ok, it will have to be replaced. Rebuilding the pump is not an option. The estimated cost is between 10-15 thousand dollars.

Chad McCleary left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Village Hall hours were discussed. Beginning August 25, 2022, Wednesday and Thursday hours will be: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. Monday, Tuesday and Friday will be 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. No vote was taken. New hours will be posted.

Josh Stead was not present for the meeting but, has inquired about purchasing the 2 vacant commercial properties owned by the Village of Joy on Main Street. One of the properties is across from the Farmers Merchants Bank (old hotel property) and the other is next to the old tavern on the west end of main (old Crawford property). Josh Stead did not make an offer on the properties. After discussion, Don Wilken, made the motion to check if property has to be advertised for public bid and possibly go into negotiations with Josh Stead. 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. Will ask Josh Stead to make an offer. Will not have property appraised.

Village President presented Pauley Construction INV0291 in the amount of \$450.00. The invoice is for tree removal at 302 S. Washington Street. The tree was on Village of Joy property. After discussion, Paul Hampton made the motion to approve payment for the \$450.00 invoice to Pauley Construction for removing the tree at 302 S. Washington Street. Roy 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".

Village President Mark Heater presented Valley Construction IN220262 in the amount of \$10,120.00. The invoice is for tear out and replacement of water main by well #2 pump house. The subcontractor was Pauley Construction. The original invoice from Pauley Construction was discussed at the July 20, 2022 board meeting and recorded on page 2, bottom paragraph in the minutes. The Village of Joy's share is (\$6,900.00) of the original invoice from Pauley Construction in the amount of \$9,200.00. Payment of the Valley Construction INV220252 in the amount of \$10, 120.00 is on hold. Village President Mark Heater will discuss the invoice with Gary Davis. The extra amount on the invoice is because the work was done by the subcontractor (Pauley Construction) and Valley Construction invoiced it. That is customary according the Village Trustee Noah Livermore.

Village President Mark Heater called Cahoy Pump concerning Invoice #26124 in the amount \$5,775.00, which was discussed during July 20, 2022 board meeting. The invoice was reduced to \$3,850.00, and paid in full.

Village President discussed Village of Joy funds that are not in the proper accounts. A repayment plan will be discussed to correct the error.

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The Economic Development Plan with (MCBT) Mercer County Better Together discussed. Village Trustee Rory Conway would like to see what (MCBT's) Economic Development Plan accomplishes for other towns before the Village of Joy agrees to the plan. During the discussion it was agreed everyone is interested. After discussion, Elaine Anderson made the motion not to approve the Economic Development Plan at this time, but revisit the discussion in 2023. 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-no, Rory Conway-yes. The motion passed with a 5-yes, 1-no vote.

July 20, 2022 Board Meeting minutes reviewed and discussed. Village Trustee Rory Conway noted: Blake Brink's name was misspelled in the minutes. A correction will be made. Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the July 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Noah Livermore 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Larry Hunt, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

The Zoning Ordinance: ARTICLE XI EXCEPTIONS AND VARIATIONS will be amended and on the agenda for the September 21, board meeting.

August 2022 paid and unpaid expenditures reviewed and discussed.

Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the August 2022 paid and unpaid expenditures. 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.

Balance Sheet and P&L reviewed and discussed.

P&L, Page 5, 5201260-LOAN PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT. Account is over the Annual Budgeted amount. Village Clerk will check for errors and contact Don Wilken on Thursday, August 18.

Delinquent accounts reviewed and discussed.

#53-2-will be shut off by the end of month if past due is not paid in full. Don Wilken discussed account 53-2 and will be responsible for his part if this account does not get paid by the tenant.

#221-will be shut off by the end of month if the payment plan is not agreed upon and followed. This account have a water leak.

Account 1 may have a water leak. Village President Mark Heater will discuss with homeowner.

Tax Levy will be added to September agenda.

The Park Project was discussed. Work should begin since the weather if finally cooling down.

Village President Mark Heater wants to see some water meters installed. Board agreed to have water meter installation on Brad Weeks work list.

Cold patch was discussed. It was agreed to have Brad Weeks go after a dump-truck load of cold patch the first part of next week. Village Trustee Elaine Anderson wants Brad Weeks to have a time frame to put the cold patch down. The Village does not need 15 tons this time. A small load of cold patch costs more than a large load.

Village Trustee Larry Hunt asked about the amount of brush that is being picked up. Is it small amounts or larger amounts that needs to be charged for? Village President Mark Heater said he was not sure.

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Motioned by Paul Hampton to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Gwen Pritchett  
Village Clerk