

# Village of Joy

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## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 26, 2022

The special meeting of the Joy Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 26, 2022 by Village President Mark Heater. The meeting was held in Village Hall, 200 W. Main Street, Joy IL.

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. Gwen Pritchett, Village Clerk was present.

Village President asked if any board member heard from Brad Weeks today. It is noted that they did not hear from Brad.

Village President Mark Heater said he had a few things to discuss before he gives his resignation to the board of trustees. He turned in his keys and garage door opener. He thank the Village Board of Trustees for all of the help over the past several years.

Village President stated the following:

Things have been out of control at Village of Joy for a while.

The Village Clerk called the Village Attorney twice, appointed people for special projects and loaned the municipal hand book to one of the Village Board members.

Brad Weeks did not call in.

Brad Weeks always knows information discussed at board meeting. He does not call his supervisor when he needs time off.

On Sunday 9/25/2022 Village President and Village Trustee were in Village Hall to remove video cameras. Village Clerk left a request for a Vacation, it was denied by Village President Mark Heater, because she will resign if Village Trustee Elaine Anderson becomes Village President. Mark feels the two employees are blackmailing the Village of Joy.

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Village President said with this, Gwen Pritchett you are fired-turn in your keys and leave the meeting. Brad Weeks you are fired. A police officer has been called in case things get out of hand.

Gwen Pritchett turned her keys and recorder over the Village Trustee Don Wilken and left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Village President Mark Heater stated: Gwen Pritchett said if Elaine Anderson is Mayor Pro Tem she will quit, that is why she is fired. Gwen also told what was said in executive session to her son and he told Jeff Hill and Jeff carried it to the store. Gwen also told Brad Weeks. Village President stated If you hire her back there are people that will put an ad in the paper. She gives people special treatment on their water bills that I don't know about. We don't need it. There is my resignation, I'm done. What I did at the last meeting was wrong. It should have been discussed in open session. We have been doing it wrong. Gwen got on her high horse and tried to blackmail the Village Board. I'm not going to fight with Brad or Gwen anymore.

Elaine Anderson stated: she was willing to be the invisible mayor.

Village President Mark Heater state: Gwen did stuff behind my back.

Don Wilken is still Mayor Pro Tem because it was not handled correctly at the last meeting.

An acting mayor can keep his trustee seat if they do not want to resign from that position. An acting mayor votes like a trustee.

Village Trustee Don Wilken made the motion to accept Village President Mark Heater's resignation and thanked him for his service. Joe Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-abstain, Paul Hampton-yes, Joe Hunt-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a 1-abstain, 5 yes vote.

Don Wilken Mayor Pro Tem conducted the next part of the meeting.

Mark Heater left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Village Trustee Don Wilken asked for a nomination from the Board of Trustee for Village President. Don Wilken nominated Joe Hunt to fill the vacant Village President's seat. Paul Hampton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Joe Hunt accepted the position. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Joe Hunt-Abstain, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a 1-abstain, 5-yes vote.

Village President Joe Hunt read the Oath of office. He will be Mayor until the next Consolidated Election.

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Village President Joe Hunt may appoint his own Mayor Pro Tem.

Motioned by Village Trustee Noah Livermore, to remove Village President Mark Heaters name from the signature cards and all accounts at Farmers Merchants Bank. 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.

Motioned by Village Trustee Elaine Anderson, to add Village President Larry Hunts name on the signature cards and all accounts a Farmers Merchants Bank. 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.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to attach all Village of Joy account numbers at the Farmers Merchants Bank to the meeting minutes. 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.

Village President Larry (Joe) Hunt will contact Brad Weeks and Gwen Pritchett and offer them their temporary positions.

Elaine Anderson stated: Gwen Pritchett has to get a new bond and do another official oath.

Village President Larry(Joe) Hunt has 30 days to find a new clerk. Elaine Anderson suggested Brenda Howard is interested in the position. Elaine asked Village President Larry Hunt what name he wants to be called by. Village President Larry Hunt would like to be called Joe.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore stated he would like to have employees sign an employee acknowledgement form. If so the Village of Joy will have something documented. It is at will employment.

It is up to Village President Joe Hunt to hire Brad Weeks back if he wants as a temporary person until the next meeting and have it voted on.

Motioned by Don Wilken to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. 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.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Gwen Pritchett