

Village of Joy

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 21, 2022 by Village President Larry Hunt. The meeting was held in Village Hall, 200 W. Main Street, Joy IL.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called by Village President Larry Hunt.

Trustees present: Elaine Anderson, Paul Hampton, Don Wilken, Noah Livermore, Rory Conway.

Village Clerk, Gwen Pritchett was present.

Public Present: Chad McCleary-ION,

Chad McCleary addressed the Village Board of Trustees.

There was an issue with the softeners not regenerating a few weeks ago. There was no power at the softener panel. Britton Electronics was called in because they do all of the SCADA and automation work for Aledo and the other Illinois towns that ION works with. Britton came to the Village of Joy and tested everything and determined the power supply was bad. They rigged a temporary solution by directly wiring the softener panel to the main panel with an old extension cord that they clipped off the ends. A new power supply has been ordered.

There was a water main break on Sunday that was repaired on Monday. The tower got a little low but managed to stay above 20 psi. During the water main break the fire department was filling their trucks and dealing with a fire, so that did not help the situation. Chad spoke with Aledo and they allowed the fire department to use one of their hydrants so the Village wouldn't that continued demand.

Chad advised to proceed with the Cahoy bid for Well #2 in the park.

Currently there are no changes in the wastewater system.

Joy Fire Department has access to the Aledo water line incase if fire.

Village President Larry Hunt thanked Chad for the work he is doing for the Village of Joy.

Britton Electronics is a very good company. It is normal to send two techs on a service call, one person on computer and one person working on electronics.

The Village of Joy can make their system remote access if they want. By going remote, technicians can access the system remotely and the village can save a lot of money on service calls and mileage. There is a cost to go remote. Chad will check the price.

Chad McCleary left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Village Trustee Don Wilken/Tax Levy - discussed and reviewed the Computation Report. It was discussed during an earlier meeting to keep the increase to 103%. Last year the Village requested \$67,000, and received \$66,000. The property value in the Village of Joy dropped about \$20,000. The increase will be put towards the Audit Fund. 3% =

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\$2,156.00. The property tax request for the Village of Joy next year is \$69,089.

Don will check on the Road & Bridge and Street & Bridge categories.

After discussion, Don Wilken made the motion to pass and approve Ordinance No.5, Series 2022, Tax Levy Ordinance for the Village of Joy, Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024. Rory Conway 2nd 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.

Tiny house- No update. Do they pay property tax on the building?

Village President discussed road salt. The City of New Boston gave the Village of Joy a dump truck load of road salt. The Village of Joy will send a Thank You card to them, signed by the Village President and Board of Trustees.

The Village of Joy 2022 Christmas Ornament was discussed. The ornament was very successful. The project will be started earlier and will order 200 to start. A Thank You card will be sent to Audrey Bryant for all of her work on the project.

The Village of Joy received a \$300 gift card from constellation. It was discussed to use the card for office supplies or have Brad use for filters or supplies for the tractor.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve Britton Electronics invoice 2229456 for \$1,848.70. The invoice was for the treatment plant. Elaine Anderson 2nd 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 Hunt discussed garbage pickup. The service has been bad lately. Will check on other companies. The new contract may go up as much as 20%.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed Village of Joy employee Brad Weeks joining the Joy Fire Department. Larry is in favor of Brad joining because he is in town almost every day. Brad just wants to help the department if he is needed. Everyone agreed as long as there is no abuse.

The IMEG invoice for \$50 was reviewed and discussed. According to Judd Giffin the Village of Joy should pay the invoice instead of adding to the loan. Village Trustee Noah Livermore- the bill should go to Valley instead of the Village of Joy. Village Clerk will call IMEG for details. The bill is for the concrete in front of the new treatment plant. Village Clerk will contact IMEG.

Michael Wallace with the USDA advised not to cash the \$2,500 check from Judd Giffin Engineering for now. The check will be held and taken care of at a later date.

Village Trustee Elaine Anderson stated there were change orders the Village President and Village Board were unaware of during the project. Village President Larry Hunt wants to close the project and pay what is only fair.

Village Trustee Elaine Anderson stated Judd Giffin has a criminal record and should have never been hired as the engineer for the project.

The Mercer County Health Departments request for a \$250 donation was discussed. There was no motion to approve the request.

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Village Trustee Don Wilken made the motion to approve the November 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Paul Hampton, 2nd 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 Don Wilken made the motion to approve the December 2022 paid and unpaid expenditures with the exception for \$50 to IMEG for invoice #22006355.00-1. Elaine Anderson 2nd 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.

Balance Sheet and P&L reviewed and need the following changes.

Village Trustee Don Wilken made the motion to take \$8000 from the appropriated amount for #5100556 and add to the appropriate amount of #5100538.

Loan Interest Repayment- take \$12,000 from the appropriated amount of #5201263 and add to the appropriated amount of #5201261. Noah Livermore 2nd 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.

City Wide Christmas Light Contest discussed. There were 4 people who signed up for the contest this year.

1st place winner – Kristy Lee -211 E. Monroe - \$100

2nd place winner- Jason Huston – 102 W. Liberty - \$75

3rd place winner – Sam Olson – 401 S. Liberty - \$50

Stop Sign Discussion: The Village of Joy does not meet the criteria for a stop sign to be installed in the discussed park area. There are several signs stating the speed limit on Village Streets is 20 miles per hour. Village Trustee Noah Livermore will check into school bus zone regulations, because there is a bus stop in the corner of the Park. Cameras were discussed.

Park Project – Will need more rubber mulch, sidewalk. Sidewalk will need to be torn out instead of patched. The sidewalk tear out can be part of the in kind for the project. Grass seed will be needed. Will need to find someone who wants concrete for fill. Need to get quotes or bids for the work that needs to be done, so the Village is ready when the time comes.

The drain tube that was installed at the last work day in the park has be covered with dirt now.

There are still electrical issues around the park that needs to be addressed.

Recently someone drove through the park and damaged a curb stop. The damage created a water leak. The vehicle that caused the damage was very heavy and possibly a full size truck.

There is no word yet from Mercer County Better Together as to when the Village will be able apply for the grant again. The Village Clerk will contact Kyle McEwen with Mercer County Better Together for information.

Pauley Construction has not cut down the trees yet. Brad Weeks will contact Pauley Construction and ask when the trees will be cut down.

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The dead tree on Center Street discussed. Village Trustee Don Wilken had someone from the State take a look at the tree. According to the IDOT, the tree belongs to the homeowner. Village Trustee Noah Livermore will contact the State of Illinois for more information. The State of Illinois will be cleaning up the roadsides from New Boston to McDonalds.

Delinquent accounts reviewed and discussed. Don Wilken will settle up with the discussed account and water will be shut off until tenant becomes current.

Addition: After Discussion, Village Trustee made the motion to approve Cahoy Pump Service \$38,993.00 proposal to repair Well #2 (Park Well). Proposal was discussed at November Regular Board Meeting. Paul Hampton, 2nd 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.

Addition: Jeff Hill/Jeff’s Autobody would like to purchase the two doors in the Maintenance Building. The doors are not the correct size for the Village of Joy. After discussion, Village Trustee Elaine Anderson made the motion to donate the two doors to Jeff Hill. Rory Conway 2nd 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 discussed a letter that was sent to 211 E. Monroe Street concerning the camper that sets by the street at that address. Village President Larry Hunt explained, he letter was sent to that address and asked the owner of the camper to move it for the winter because of snow plowing. The homeowner will try to keep the camper parked further from the road.

Village Trustee Don Wilken made the motion to go into executive session at 7:07 p.m., to discuss Personnel Policies. Noah Livermore 2nd 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.

At 7:12 p.m., Village Trustee Elaine Anderson made the motion to leave executive session. Paul Hampton 2nd 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.

At 7:13 p.m., Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Noah Livermore 2nd 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 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk