

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

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 18, 2023 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. Newly appointed Patsy Peterson was present.

Public Present: Kristy Lee, Jeremy Lane

Village President Larry Hunt discussed his decision to appoint Patsy Peterson to the vacant seat on the Village Board. Patsy will fill the vacant seat until the Consolidated Election on April 4, 2023. Patsy Peterson read the Oath of Office.

Chad McCleary with ION was not at the meeting. Chads monthly report was reviewed and discussed.

Cahoy was informed to move ahead with the Well #2 project. Some of the parts will take 6-8 weeks to arrive.

Britton Electronics will be on site to replace the bad power supply from the PLC.

Wastewater System – nothing new to report in this department.

Village President Larry Hunt discuss the 19 Christmas Wreaths and Pole Brackets the Village of Joy was able to acquire from the City of Aledo. The decorations were surplus because the City of Aledo is going with something new in the future. The Village of Joy will pay the City of Aledo \$1. The City of Aledo will send the Village of Joy an invoice. The City of Aledo kept the new red bows that were on the wreaths for another project, so the Village of Joy will need to purchase or make new bows for the wreaths.

The City of New Boston gave a load of salt to the Village of Joy for the streets.

The culvert at 409 W. Center Street, in front of Westmer One Stop was plugged up. The City of New Boston used their jetter to unplug the culvert. Westmer One Stop will purchase a new culvert. The Village of Joy will provide labor for the project. It will have to be determined if the culvert is on the State Highway right of way.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed purchasing supplies for the Village of Joy from Amazon if the price is less. He would like to open a business account and apply for no tax exemption whenever possible to save on the tax. Village President Larry Hunt would also like to apply for a credit card for the Village of Joy. The credit card would be used to purchase supplies from Amazon or other purposes if need. It was discussed the credit card could save writing checks to multiple vendors. The credit card application from Farmers Merchants Bank was reviewed and discussed. It was discussed to get the best card but not pay a fee unless there was a good reward. The card from Farmers had a rewards card for \$49 per year.

Village Trustee Don Wilken made the motion to apply for the rewards credit card from Farmers Merchants Bank and open an Amazon Business account. Paul Hampton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed

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with a unanimous "yes" vote.

The credit card will be left a Village Hall in the cash box with other cards.

A resident recently brought up the subject of the drainage problem in front of the post office. In the winter ice forms because the water doesn't drain properly. Several people have fallen there. It was discussed keep this area in mind this summer when the road project is being planned. Village Trustee Noah Livermore suggested adding some cold path in the area on a warm day to help the problem until it can be properly fixed in the summer.

The water meter at 201 E. Main Street recently froze and busted. The homeowner will be billed for the price of the new meter.

The Village of Joy has been having problem with the recycling services. Jackson Disposal was contacted and it working on solving the issues. The January Bulletin on the water bills will let residents know to have the garbage set out the night before is possible or at least by 4 a.m. the day of pick-up. The recycle pink totes or the small blue recycling tubs should be in clear site so the driver can see them, and not hiding beside or behind the trash toter.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore needs a recycle toter. The Village Clerk will call Jackson Disposal to make arrangements.

Village President Larry Hunt asked if there was any input from the public that was present. There was no input.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the December 21, 2022 regular board meeting minutes. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The follow vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

January 2023 expenditures were reviewed and discussed. The Britton invoice was for a service call for the Treatment Plant. Pauley invoice was for the trees that were bid and recently cut down for the Village of Joy. Frieden Excavating invoice was for the water repair in the park. The new shut-offs are sticking up and may need to be adjusted to prevent damage.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Don Wilken made the motion to approve the January 2023 paid and unpaid expenditures. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Balance Sheet reviewed. Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked about the Backhoe loan. After the loan was paid in full, the payment amount (\$1,200) continued to put in the Equipment checking account. The money can be used to purchase new equipment. The Ford pick-up may need to be replaced in the near future. If so the money in Equipment Checking can be used for the purchase. The backhoe and tractor are in good shape.

No requisitions

Delinquent Accounts reviewed and discussed. One account was shut off in the Trailer Park until they past due amount is paid in full and a \$175.00 reconnect fee is also paid in full.

LP Tanks were discussed. Village Trustee Paul Hampton discussed the regulations for LP Tanks with Blick and Blick. Each Trustee received a sample ordinance to adopt NEPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code. Any LP tank over 100 gallons has to be a minimum of 10 feet away from a structure. The gas tank in the Village of Joy that is in question is more than 100

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gallons, and sits very close to the home. Whoever fills the tank can move it. The issue needs to be discussed with the homeowner. The Village Clerk will call or send a letter to the home owner with a diagram.

## Additions to the Agenda

There is a resident that is interested in making a tiny house out of their garage. The resident would have to follow all regulations in the zoning ordinance. The resident would be required to submit their building plans to the Village Board and apply for a building permit. It is required to have homes connected to the Village of Joy's sanitary sewer and water system and would require: first to obtain a written permit from the Village of Joy to do so. There is nothing in the Village of Joys Zoning Ordinance that prevents tiny houses from being built.

Dead tree on Center Street, Joy – no update. It was discussed: The Village of Joy may consider getting a bid from Pauley Construction to cut the dead tree down before it falls on the highway. The tree is not on Village Property. It is own the homeowners property.

The DOT letter was discussed. The DOT is requesting the Village of Joy locate their property along Center Street/ State Hwy 17, for the DOT's project that will be going through the Village. The Village of Joy does not need to locate the City of Aledo's water utilities, just anything to do with Village of Joy's utilities.

Village President Larry Hunt asked if he could give the Village of Joy a donation for the 1969 Centennial Plate. The Village of Joy has 2 plates that are alike. Village Trustee Don Wilken suggested finding out the value of the plate. Then Larry can make an offer to purchase the plate for that price. No vote was taken.

Village Trustee Elaine Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with unanimous "yes" vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Pritchett

Joy Village Clerk