

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 15, 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, Patsy Peterson, Don Wilken, Noah Livermore, Rory Conway.

Village Clerk, Gwen Pritchett was absent.

Public Present: N/A

Chad McCleary with ION was not present for the meeting. ION's February 2023 Council Report was reviewed and discussed.

3E Maintenance Agreement was reviewed and discussed. The agreement was changed to include the 3rd Village of Joy generator that sits behind the Treatment Plant. The cost for the updated agreement is \$2185.00 per year. After review, Village Trustee Elaine Anderson made the motion to add the 3rd generator to the Maintenance Agreement and approve. Patsy Peterson 2nd 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.

Village President Larry Hunt signed the updated 3E Maintenance Agreement.

One Employment Application was received for the Maintenance Position. Village President Larry Hunt will go through the interview process. The position is part-time and does not include Health Insurance. It was suggested to hire two part time people cover the position.

An application was filled out to plow snow if needed. The application was only to help out if needed basis. It was also discussed to sub contract the snow plowing out temporarily to Jeff's Auto Body if needed. There is still a lot of winter left. There is snow in the forecast tonight. Village Trustee Noah Livermore volunteered to plow snow tomorrow morning for a few hours if needed. Don Wilken will have the key to the Maintenance shed, If Noah needs to plow, he can get the key from Don.

Ameren recently changed a transformer at 111 E, May Street, Joy. Their truck made deep ruts in the homeowner's yard and damaged the street in front of the house. The homeowner submitted photos to the Village of Joy. It was discussed to contact Ameren and request they fix the street. Village Trustee Noah Livermore suggested requesting the put 6-8 inches of rock down.

The garbage truck has been making ruts in the Alley at 401 S. Oliver Street.

Winwater-Mueller Meters discussed. Not sure if the Village of Joy will receive a monetary refund or will receive new meters when the defective meters are sent back. Village Trustee said he could drop the meters off in Eldridge.

Craig Zenk Excavating invoice was reviewed and discussed. Zenk's prices were compared to Keith Frieden Excavating prices. Frieden prices are less than Zenk.

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January 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed and discussed. After discussion Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the minutes with the change noted that New Boston gave the Village of Joy a load of salt instead of a load of sand. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes. Don Wilken-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes: vote.

February 2023 Expenditures reviewed and discussed. Village Trustee Noah Livermore discussed water testing. The Village of Joy has always paid for water testing in the past. After discussion, Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the February 2023 paid and unpaid expenditures. Don Wilken 2nd 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.

January 2023 Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss reports were reviewed and discussed. No action needed.

The Village of Joy could benefit by having some part time police coverage. It is reported there are cars going way over the speed limit and blasting through the stop signs by the park. There is money in the budget for coverage. Village Trustee Rory Conway suggested a mobile stop sign camera and move it around to the trouble spots around the Village of Joy. Village President Larry Hunt will discuss with Mercer County Sheriff Dusty Terrill.

The Mercer County Better Together thank you letter was reviewed and discussed. Don Wilken stated, it is important for the Village of Joy to continue sending support the Mercer County Better Together. There has been no Grant Program announced for 2023 yet. The planning meeting was in December last time.

No delinquent report. It is the 15th. Late fees are not accessed until the 16th.

Village President Larry Hunt will interview Maintenance Position applicants.

Personnel agreement needs discussed and signed by new employee.

Village President will discuss applicants with the trustees.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton discussed grants. The Village of Joy could really use a grant for a city truck and street work. He knows a person who writes grants, Taylor Finch. Taylor has been working with the Historical Society. Paul will ask Taylor to attend a Village of Joy board meeting.

Village Trustee Don Wilken made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Elaine Anderson 2nd 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.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk