

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

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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

Village Clerk, Gwen Pritchett was present

Public Present: Brian Glasgrow-ION, Kristy Lee, Jeremy Lane

Brian Glasgrow with ION was present for the meeting. ION's March 2023 Council Report was reviewed and discussed.

Well #2 discussion- Cahoy has not installed the new well pump for well #2.

Ion wants to switch chlorine and salt supplier to Water Solutions Unlimited Inc. The switch will save the Village money.

ION will not shock well#2 with caustic soda as previously discussed. A peroxide shock was recommended instead.

Chlorine shock has not worked so far. ION will move on to plan C if the peroxide does not work. Plan C is yet to be determined.

If ION helps the Village of Joy with locates and water shut offs, a flat rate will be charged.

There is a JULIE locate that is due March 17, 2023. Discussed asking Brad Weeks to locate if possible. Trustee Don Wilken will check the JULIE locate location in the morning, Thursday 3/16/2023. Brian Glasgrow took a photo of the JULIE locate and will check it out. The Village of Joy needs the file from Gary Davis to add to the google earth so they can locate their utilities.

Village Trustee Don Wilken asked if Village President Larry Hunt was aware that ION was planning to shock with peroxide instead of caustic soda. Village President Larry Hunt was not aware of the change. The Village of Joy requested ION let the Village of Joy know when there are changes so they can be a part of the decision.

After discussion, Village Trustee Don Wilken made the motion to shock Well #2 with Peroxide. Elaine Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsey Peterson-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-no, Rory Conway-no. The motion was passed with a 4-yes, 2- no vote. The cost of shocking with peroxide should not be very much because it does not take very much.

According to Brian Gasgrow of ION, Peroxide is the next step after bleach. Peroxide is less toxic. Brian Glasgrow/ION, left the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Information on USDA Rural Development Community Facilities program were discussed. The grant is up to \$30,000, requiring a match. The matching grant can be used for such things such as storm sirens, police vehicles, snow plows, excavators, and upgrades to buildings among other things. This grant is available to municipalities with less than 20,000 population or non-profit organizations. Grant eligibility is based on population and median-household income of the benefit area. WIRC charges a \$500 fee for preparation of the grant application.

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The Village of Joy continues putting \$1,200 per month into the equipment fund to be used for the purchase of a truck or other equipment that is needed. As of the end of February the account balance was \$33,978.14.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton suggested contacting Jennifer Hamerlinck. She writes grants for Mercer County and does not charge a fee. It was suggested to give Jennifer a list of wants and needs for the Village of Joy and ask her to look for grants for the Village of Joy. It was decided that Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett contact Jennifer Hamerlinck.

Valley Construction Audit Sheet was reviewed and discussed. Village President Larry Hunt will not sign the form. Village Trustee Noah Livermore recommended listing all disputed items on the back side of the form, underlined in red. Bonding companies are who sends out the Audits. It is normal.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed Art Norris's employment application. Art will work 2- 3 days per week, 20-24 hours per week, no more than 24, \$17 per hour. Art has the experience for the job and is not interested in insurance. The Village of Joy will still need to hire a second part time person. Village President will call Art tomorrow to make employment arrangements, and try to find someone to mow. In the past, the Village of Joy hired teenagers in the summer. Some of the tasks for the position are mowing, plowing snow, filling potholes etc.

Village Trustee Rory Conway recommended subcontracting with New Boston to fill potholes. Village President will contact New Boston Mayor. The City of Aledo has a spray patch machine. Village President Larry Hunt will also contact Aledo Mayor and discuss spray patch.

Village Trustee Don Wilken recommended putting PVC collars with caps around the curb stops that are at ground level and below and mark them with orange paint so they are easier to find and for protection against damage. The curb stop for at 201 S. Federal Street has not been found yet. The water service will be shut off at that location after the curb stop has been located. The house at 201 S. Federal is empty and there is no usage.

Mueller Water Meter Return-Meters that are returned to Mueller have to be capped and boxed. If meters are returned properly, the Village of Joy will receive a refund or will be given replacement meters. Village President Larry Hunt suggested getting together on a Saturday to prepare the meters for shipment.

Mercer County Senior Center sent a thank-you letter to the Village of Joy, for the recent donation. The letter was shared with the Village Board of Trustees by Village President Larry Hunt.

Mercer County High School Post Prom Committee request for donation was reviewed and discussed. After discussion, Paul Hampton made the motion to approve a \$100 donation or \$100 worth of gift cards. Patsey Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-no, Rory Conway-no. The motion was passed with a "4-Yes, 2-No vote". Four, \$25 Visa Gift Cards will be donated.

It was suggested to ask for donations on the Water Bill bulletin.

After review, Rory Conway made the motion to approve the February 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Don Wilken 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsey Peterson-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

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March 2023 paid and unpaid expenditures were reviewed and discussed. Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the March 2023 paid and unpaid expenditure. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsey Peterson-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

No delinquent list. Late fees are not added until the 16 when the accounts become delinquent.

No requisitions this month.

Balance Sheet and P&L reviewed and discussed. No action needed.

Gwen Pritchett left the board meeting at 6:15 to attend the Mercer County Mitigation Committee Meeting at Mercer County Health Department, Aledo.

Village President Larry Hunt asked if there were any questions or concerns from the public that was present.

Jeremy Lane discussed where they should park their camper. Village Trustee Don Wilken suggested keeping the camper back away from the street a little more. The camper should be parked 2-3 feet more away from the street. Parking 2-3 feet back more will allow the slide out to be further away from the road. There is an apple tree that needs to be cut down there as well. The apple tree is on Village Property according to Village Trustee Rory Conway.

Village Trustee Don Wilken suggested there may be someone who would like the tree for the wood. Village Trustee Rory Conway may know someone who may be interested. The apple tree isn't very big and may be able to be cut down by the Village of Joy. Village Trustee Don Wilken asked about the stump. Jeremy Lane mentioned he would burn the stump.

Jeremy Lane also discussed the drainage on the east side of his house. The water backs up there and Jeremy wants to know what can be done. Village Trustee Don Wilken said if their driveway needs a culvert, the homeowner is responsible for the cost of the culvert and the Village of Joy would provide the labor. The situation will be looked into. If there is a culvert, it may be plugged and need to be jettied out.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore- Village of Joy is working on, having the City of New Boston come to Joy a few times a year to jett culverts.

Village Trustee Patsey Peterson inquired the damage that Ameren Illinois did on East May Street, while replacing a transformer. There was no information at this time.

Pat also asked if she needs to purchase a building permit to build a fence. There was also discussion on putting a fence on the boundary and what the ordinance says. The ordinance will be reviewed.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton suggested having it clearly stated on the Village of Joy's Building Permit: a concrete foundation is required on any structure over 400 feet. It was also discussed to require the purchaser's signature on the updated building permit. Village Trustee Don Wilken will make the changes. The updated Building Permit will be discussed during the April 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting before the April Regular Meeting to discuss the Appropriation Ordinance updates.

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Motioned by Don Wilken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rory Conway to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. The following vote was taken: Elaine Anderson-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsey Peterson-yes, Don Wilken-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett  
Joy Village Clerk

Corrected 4/20/23