

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, 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: Kristy Lee, Paul Hampton, Patsy Peterson, Jason Huston, Noah Livermore, Rory Conway.

Village Clerk, Gwen Pritchett was present

Public Present: Brian Glasgow ION

Brian Glasgow/ION addressed the board with his monthly report. Well # 2 is still unable to communicate automatically with the system. Britton Electronics has been working on the problem, and will visit the site one more time. Well #2 samples are passing. ION has been flushing regularly to keep it that way. Well #2 can be ran manually if needed.

*Hydrants need to be flushed in the near future. ION may flush hydrants in the month of June. They will give us notice so it can be posted in advance.

Village President Larry Hunt appointed Village Trustee Paul Hampton as May Pro tem.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to remove all names from all Village of Joy accounts and signature cards at Farmers Merchants Bank in Joy Illinois, except for Village President Larry Hunt and Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett and add Village Trustee Paul Hampton for a total of three names only. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Village President Larry Hunt will work on committee appointments to be discussed at the June 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

A Bid Estimate from Mississippi Truck & Trailer Repair, Inc. for a 7X14 utility trailer was reviewed and discussed. The subject was tabled and will be discussed at the June 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. The bid is for \$3,145.00. If the new trailer is purchased it will be paid for out of the equipment fund.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton will not be at the June 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Locator Discussion. The Village of Joy's locator will not read through asphalt. The Village of Joy needs to purchase a new locator. Village Trustee Noah Livermore explained: the cost of a new locator is less than paying for damages caused by not having a locator that will do the job. After discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to purchase a new locator. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy

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Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

City wide garbage bids: There were no bids to review. An addition recycle container was delivered to Village Hall, because the current one is always full and plows in the surrounding yards. There are 2 containers that can be used for recycling setting behind Village Hall at 200 W. Main Street, Joy.

Pauley Construction bids for tree removal was reviewed and discussed. One of the trees in the park was damaged by the latest wind storm. Village President Larry Hunt asked the Trustees to look at the damaged tree in the park and give their opinion at the June 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. The Village Board was not in favor of paying for removal of the dead tree on highway 17. It does not belong to the Village of Joy. The discussion was tabled until the June 21, 2023 regular board meeting.

The 2023 street project was discussed. ARPA funds can be used for the streets. The condition of Washington Street was discussed. The street needs to be re-profiled. Village Clerk will reach out to Meller Excavating and Henderson County Hwy. Dept. for current pricing per mile. Several culverts need to be replaced. The Village of Joy needs to get back to a yearly maintenance plan for the streets. It will cost a lot in the beginning, but will cost less to repair roads in the long run. Village President proposed to use ARPA funds for Washington Street. Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to use the ARPA funds in the amount of \$52,000 on North and South Washington Street. Noah Livermore 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore discussed making a plan to work on the streets. Every 5 years certain streets will need to be regraded. Bidding for MFT road should start in February each year. Village Trustees Noah Livermore, Paul Hampton and Rory Conway, will take a look at all of the roads and decide what to do and where to start the road maintenance program.

Ditches will also be addressed so there is better drainage. Ditches along Washington Street is good. Not sure about the culverts along Washington Street, but will be looked at.

Main Street has a bad drainage problem, especially in the block of the Farmers Merchants Bank and Jeff’s Auto body and towing.

Received an email from Mercer County Better Together concerning a Creative Arts Grant. The Village of Joy will apply if and when the time comes.

Gene Puckett took a look at the concrete work that needs to be completed for the park bathrooms. The new bid should be around \$4,000. The area needs more concrete than what was discussed earlier. There needs to be a handicap stamp that will cost \$165. After discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made to motion to approve up to \$4,200 for concrete at the park bathrooms. The new bid is for 51X7 feet of concrete. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

A copy of the new bid will be sent to Kyle McEwen.

After review Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve the April 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Kristy Lee 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

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After review, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the May 2023 paid and unpaid expenditures. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

April 2023 P&L & balance sheet was reviewed and discussed.

Delinquent accounts reviewed and discussed.

Solar discussion: A copy of the solar information will be emailed to all trustees and Village President. A discussion will follow at the June 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Building Permit changes will be discussed at the June 21, 2023 meeting.

Letters will go out to those properties with tall grass.

Village President will check with Shane Nelson concerning his interest in cutting grass for the Village of Joy. It was discussed to possibly find a person or company to do all of the mowing for the Village of Joy if necessary. The Village of Joy is in the process of hiring a new maintenance person.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to go into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss Personnel and letter from Village attorney concerning the water project. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to leave executive session at 7:10 p.m. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous “yes” vote.

Village trustee Rory Conway made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Noah Livermore 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with unanimous “yes” vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk