

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday June 21, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday June 21, 2023 by Village President Larry Hunt. The meeting was held at Village Hall, 200 W. Main Street, Joy, IL.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called by Village President Larry Hunt.

Trustees present: Kristy Lee, Patsy Peterson, Jason Huston, Noah Livermore, Rory Conway.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton was absent.

Village Clerk, Gwen Pritchett was present.

Public Present: Brian Glasgow/ION

Brian Glasgow addressed the board and discussed the ION monthly report. Well #2 is running good with just a few alarms but all was ok when check out. ION will teach Nick Retherford how to flush hydrants in the near future. The waste water operator permit will be resubmitted to the EPA. There was no questions from the Village Board. Brian left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Home Serve discussion: All Trustees were given information on Home Serve in there board packet. This is insurance for homeowners to protect against water leaks and water and sewer line problems. There is three different products: Water leaks in house, water line protect and sewer lateral protect. The Village of Joy does not have to make arrangements for repairs. There is no cost to the Village of Joy. The water leak protection will be an extra charge on the monthly water bill. The Village of Joy collects the money and pays Home Serve. Water Line and Sewer lateral is not billed through the Village of Joy. That is billed directly from insurance company to the homeowner. Residents of Joy will be given the option to participate or not. It is not mandatory. Home Serve will handle the contact with residents for participation. A lot people do not realize they are responsible for repairs until they have a problem. Everyone agreed it is a good idea and agreed to go through with the program. Kristy Lee asked if it would cover a leak coming into her basement.

The leak protection does not cover repairs.

Noah Livermore said a 60 ft. sewer lateral replacement can cost \$8,500. A lot regular home owner policies do not cover these issues. It's a good idea to give people options. It also shows the Village of Joy truly cares about the residents.

The plan is indorsed by Illinois Rural Water Association.

Trailer bid estimate discussed. The trailer will not be used for large branches and extra wear and tear. The dump truck should be used for larger heavy jobs. Can be used for mower transport for safety reasons. Trailer will be locked up in a shed.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore discussed the old backhoe. It is possible to sell it if it is not being used? No vote was taken on selling the old backhoe, but the discussion was in favor of selling. It still runs good. It might be a good idea to sell it instead of letting it set around. Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to buy the new trailer from Mississippi Truck and Trailer \$3,075.00. Kristy Lee 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-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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Village President Larry Hunt discussed hiring Nick Retherford for the maintenance position. He has been working out really good. The position is a 40 hour position. Larry asked the trustees to stop and talk to him if they see him out working. Nick has generator installation experience and small engine repair training. He has been repairing the village lawnmowers. Need to address not blowing grass out in the streets when mowing. Nick has been filling potholes.

The dirt out east is full of glass and asphalt. Eric Coulter would like to get some of the dirt out east to fill a hog pit. Eric estimated that he would need 10-16 ft. trailer loads. Eric is going to use his own equipment, and will not need assistance from the Village of Joy. Trustee agreed to permit Eric to have dirt in exchange for a donation. It was discussed to request to Eric that he does not track mud on the highway. There will still be enough dirt to fill in the ditch that was discussed by Rory Conway. The Village also needs the extra space out east. Eric will be called tomorrow.

The new Building Permit is not ready and not reviewed or discussed.

Have not received the concrete bid from Gene Puckett.

Will need to schedule a special meeting for the water project, possible for next week. The meeting will require closed session.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the May 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" Vote.

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

The May 2023 Balance Sheet and P&L Budget Performance reports were reviewed and discussed.

Flag Poles/Banners: The flag poles that Village is currently using are not actually flag poles. That is why they wrap around. It was discussed to purchase real flag poles that have swivels and flags so they function properly. Village Trustees would like to have flags along Hwy 17. Try to find out if special permission or permits are needed to fly flags along Hwy 17.

Village Trustee Rory Conway asked if Nick Retherford has a chore list. Rory requested Nick pull out the 16 penny nails or pound them in, on the power pole, next to the flag pole, corner of Main and Penn Street.

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to purchase 10 new flags and flag poles. Find out if the Village of Joy can get a discount on flags if the Village of Joy purchases from the American Legion. Price the flags at Amazon as well. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

The ditch at 300 W. Illinois Street was discussed. The ditch work is unfinished at that address. The home owner reported the culvert is bad and the concrete is dangerous. It's a possible trip hazard. Village Trustee Noah Livermore will take a look at the area.

Lawn mower safety: discussion tabled and will be discussed at the July Regular Meeting when Paul Hampton is present.

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The homeowner living at 202 S. Federal Street wants the top of the ditch by his house scraped down. Work may be done with a box blade. May have to seed in the fall.

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett left the meeting at 6:15 p.m. to attend the Mercer County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee Meeting at Mercer County Health Dept. in Aledo.

Noah Livermore asked if ION suggested putting restrictions on water usage in the Village of Joy due to the drought. Some towns are doing so. The Village wells are 385ft deep. So far there has been no discussion with ION about restrictions.

Street project discussion: Village Trustee Noah Livermore has all of the street measurement information that is needed for the street project. Noah prefers the shoulder and parking areas be addressed.

The State of Illinois has put restrictions on intergovernmental agreements. Village Trustee Noah Livermore is trying to get clarification on the restrictions. The county has been go out and getting bids themselves for materials. Warren County is looking into this for Noah. Village Trustee Rory Conway suggested putting it out for bid.

Meller's grinder is setting at Cokel's, so they are getting close to town. They do not grade or roll. The township may be willing to grade for the Village of Joy. The measurements for the project were provided by Brad Weeks. He measured everything last year, but the project did not happen.

Village Trustee Rory Conway asked about doing some spray patch. Village Trustee Noah Livermore said spray patch can also be considered. Ace in the Hole is a company that does spray patch and leveling. Noah feels the county will help us out if necessary. The process can take two months. Village President Larry Hunt is hoping to get at least some of the street work complete if not all of it.

The dead tree on Hwy 17 was discussed. Village President: the dead tree may be in violation of Ordinance No. 10, 2019, Section 1A., Any house, structure, building, or facility, or exterior area, yard, or adjoining facilities thereof which shall be in a foul, nauseous, filthy, or offensive condition or so as to create a breeding place for germs, bacteria, or other substances detrimental to health or nesting place for rodents, or because of age, faulty construction or lack of repair, endanger life or property. The problem with the tree is: it could fall on a vehicle driving down the highway. The State of Illinois IDOT claims they have measured and the tree is not on their property. The Village will continue looking into and trying to address this issue.

The tree in the corner of the park by the bus stop was discussed. The tree was damaged this year by a storm and part of the tree is now missing and tree is leaning. If the tree falls in the direction that is leaning it will fall on the bus stop. There is a limb that can be cut off that may help stable the tree. Another option is to cut down the tree and begin planting new trees in the park because there have been several cut down.

Delinquent Accounts reviewed and discussed. Account # 71-2 has a large amount due. There was some discussion as to where the property is located. Village President Larry Hunt will discuss with Village Clerk.

The Mercer County Animal Control Contract was reviewed and discussed. The new monthly amount will be \$122.76. The Village of joy is currently paying \$137.61 per month. If the contract is not approved, Mercer County Animal Control will not provide service to the Village of Joy. After review and discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to accept the Mercer County Animal Control Contract in the amount of \$122.76 per month. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-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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Solar discussion: All trustees have all solar information. The company will be asked to attend a Village Board meeting for further discussion.

Village Trustee Patsy Peterson asked if the Village of Joy could fog for gnats and bugs. The gnats have passed for this year, but will consider it for next year. There are other towns and villages that fog for bugs.

Village Trustee Patsy Peterson discussed having movies in the park/family night. Village President Larry Hunt said a projector is needed. The event could possibly draw people from New Boston and Keithsburg.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore said the Fire Department may have PA system. Noah will discuss with the fire department. He also said you can purchase screens from Amazon.

It would be good if you could show newer movies that people want to see.

Village President Larry Hunt knows someone who has a screen and projector.

Village Trustee Patsy Peterson would like to know if there is an interest in having the movie/family night. Maybe food can be served if the event is started. The Village Clerk has FervSafe Food Certification, so the Village of Joy can serve food.

Village President Larry Hunt suggested to discuss at next meeting, plan and prepare to have an event in the fall after the weather cools a little.

School will be starting in August.

Village President Larry Hunt would also like to do something special for Halloween this year. For example Trunk or Treat.

Village Trustee Patsy Peterson said there used to be a spook house in Joy. It would be nice to have some things just for the little children. Village President wants to try to make Trick or Treat fund so people want to return to Joy Halloween.

Village Trustee Patsy Peterson said it would be nice to have more businesses, like a craft shop for crafters and quilters. The restaurant may be opening back up in the near future.

The air conditioner is working at Village Hall. Jeff O'Leary looked at it and charged it with freon. This was done each year in the past. Jeff has not billed the Village.

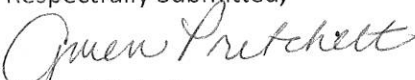
Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to go into executive session at 6:52 p.m. Kristy Lee 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to leave executive session at 7:00 p.m. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-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 7:02 p.m. Noah Livermore 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes: vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Pritchett

Village Clerk