

Village of Joy

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday July 19, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday July 19, 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, Paul Hampton, Patsy Peterson, Jason Huston, Rory Conway.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore was absent.

Village Clerk, Gwen Pritchett was present.

Public Present: Brian Glasgow/ION, Gary Davis/Farnsworth Group

ION did not submit a written monthly report.

Brian Glasgow addressed the board and discussed flushing hydrants. The water tower level was increased for flushing hydrants. Village of Joy and ION received an EPA violation letter for lead and copper. The testing mentioned in the letter had already been sent in and invoice paid in full. ION will check with EPA concerning the letter. Lead and copper pipers were addressed while installing the new water mains.

Well #2 is doing well but continues sending out alarms each time it turn on and shut off. The alarms may be a problem with the software.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed the Rate Study information from IRWA. Larry wants to have the rate study done. It is a free service and provides valuable information for the Village of Joy. It will determine if the Village of Joy is charging enough for its water and sewer services.

Gary Davis/Farnsworth Group addressed the board to discuss the water project closeout.

Last month the final payouts were approved but now the numbers are different. There are 3 categories for engineering. Additional Engineering – \$29,908.65, RPR- \$106,433.97, Valley Construction-\$46,070.50, Massie and Quick-\$29,912.50Valley, Giffin and Farnsworth are all anxious to get their money. Gary Davis has worked very hard on this project. There is a Giffin invoice to be discussed. Farnsworth will be paid by Giffin Engineering.

MCBT's request for \$465.00 was discussed. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the \$465.00 request from Mercer County Better Together. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

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The updated building permit was reviewed and discussed. The changes were ok with everyone present. No vote was needed.

Gary Davis left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

The June 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed and discussed. Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked about selling the old John Deere Tractor. Paul is not in favor of selling the Loader/tractor if it cannot be sold for what it is actually worth.

Nick has not used the loader since he started working for Village of Joy. Village Trustee Rory Conway suggested contacting Dale Jones for ideas and possible selling through them. An auctioneer takes a percentage of the sale. It was also discussed to possibly sell on Facebook Market Place.

Rory Conway made to motion to approve looking into selling the tractor. Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Will discuss at August 16, 2023 meeting.

The Village of Joy does not need to put restrictions on water usage due to drought.

After review, Village Trustee Roy Conway made the motion to approve the June 27, 2023 Special 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, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

The July 2023 paid and unpaid expenditures were reviewed. The money spent at Menards was for a new toilet for Village Hall. The toilet was partially paid for with rebates. The amount paid to Cokels was for the repair of tractor forks. Weed spray was purchased at Liqui Grow. After review, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the July 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, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote. It may be possible to purchase weed killer from Farm and Fleet or somewhere else for less.

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

Village Trustee Paul Hampton discussed lawn mower safety. When operating the Hustler mower the roll bar needs to be up and the operator must wear the seatbelt. Have employees do these things while operating the Hustler to stay safe.

Movie Night in the park discussion was continued. Village President Larry Hunt thinks the idea is a good one. He would like to see a Movie Night happen this fall if possible. If not at least start next year. Paul Hampton discussed having Snazzies Lemonade and other food Vendors serve food in the park when Village of Joy is having events such as Joy Fest instead of the Village of Joy cooking and serving food. The Methodist Church may want to get involved. They serve Root Beer Floats at the Mercer County Fair.

Village President Larry Hunt knows someone with projector and screen for showing movies.

It was discussed to have a designated area for food trucks and vendors. If needed, power will be ran underground to the east side of the park and designate that area for food trucks.

Fall Fest and Movie Night discussion will continue.

Village of Joy has no plan B for Fall Music Fest. Plan B-Inside Venue. IF Village of Joy participates MERCO will pay for ½ of the Band.

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Street Project-Village Trustee Noah Livermore was unable to attend the meeting. The street project was not discussed. Will discuss at August 16 meeting.

The new locator that was purchased will need a transmitter to function. Since the transmitter is needed to use the locator, Village Clerk will get a price for the transmitter and email Village President Larry Hunt and all trustees with the price.

The City Wide Garbage and Recycle Packet was reviewed and discussed. Packets will be sent out so companies can bid.

Delinquent accounts reviewed and discussed. There are several with high water bills, but all pay in the end.

Additions to Agenda: Village Trustee Rory Conway will take a look at the old John Deere tractor to determine if it is worth selling so there can be a discussion at the August 16, 2023 meeting. It will be discussed in August to sell or not.

Several residents have suggested the Village of Joy look into making a splash pad. The subject will be looked into. Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked if the water in a splash pad is recycled. It was discussed a good location is in the park where the volley ball court is. A splash pad would bring people into the Village.

The restaurant may be opening in the near future.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton discussed the 4 wheeler that has been running up and down Illinois Street. He asked if trustees can write citations. Village Trustees can. An Ordinance Violation can also be sent through the mail.

Gene Puckett has not submitted a new bid yet for park bathrooms concrete. Village Clerk will give Gene a call and ask if he can submit a new bid by August 16.

Park bathrooms are open all day.

Power pole numbers are needed to request permission to have flags and Christmas lights attached to the poles.

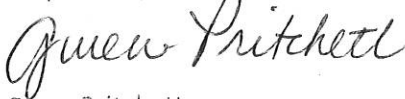
Some of the toys in the park have been destroyed.

Letters will go out to residents with tall grass and weeds.

The house at 106 Beeson needs attention. The neighbors have been mowing the front yard. The back yard is in terrible condition and so is the house. Will try to find the owner and send them a letter. Will give an update on August 16, 2023.

Motioned by Rory Conway, 2nd buy Paul Hampton to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Pritchett