

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

Wednesday August 16, 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, Noah Livermore, Rory Conway.

Village Clerk, Gwen Pritchett was present.

Public Present: Brian Glasgow/ION,

Brian Glasgow addressed the Village Board of Trustees. Not a lot to report this month. Britton Electronics is looking into code (5) that is sent when well pump two turns off and on. All samples are coming back good.

The Village of Joy is pumping 40-50 thousand gallons of water daily. This is the normal daily usage. The tower is  $\frac{3}{4}$  full/60 psi, which is enough for 1 day.

The treatment plant may need a dehumidifier. The vents can be turned on to help the condensation. Water hydrant flushing we well.

Brian Glasgow left the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Audrey Bryant addressed the Village Board of Trustees. The Joy United Methodist Church recently had a church service in the park. Audrey discussed the condition of the sidewalks and asked if the Village has a plan to replace them. Park sidewalks have been an ongoing discussion. The Village is looking into sources to help with the expense. Audrey asked if the Christmas Ornament money could be used to help cover the cost of park sidewalks.

Audrey also discussed this year's ornament. Audrey asked if the board had any ideas for this year's ornament design. The Village Board of Trustees expressed their appreciation to Audrey for all of her work on the ornaments. Hopefully this year will go better. The Village of Joy should be able to start the ornament earlier this year. The Village Board will keep Audrey update on the park sidewalks.

Giffin Engineering's Final Invoice dated 8/9/2023 for \$16,589.21 was reviewed and discussed. The Walkthrough Report was discussed. All of the items that are a problem are out of warranty and the responsibility of the Village of Joy.

There is a chip in the concrete on top of the water storage tank-repair and apply sealant. A high pressure tank is also leaking a little. The splash pad is tilted towards the water tower base-lift up pad and add gravel to correct. The splash pad was installed by Valley, but has since settled.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve payment of Giffin Engineering Final Invoice for \$16,589.21. Kristy Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Water leak at 110 E. Beeson was repaired and capped off. The leak was at an old service line going to a trailer that is in the process of being torn down.

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A big limb fell across the street at 107 E. Edwards Street. The remainder of the tree looks weak and soft. Village President Larry Hunt will take a look at it sometime this weekend. The tree may be on city property. The tree may need to be cut down.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton discussed the need for part-time police protection in the Village. A motorcycle has been driving around town in the early morning hours. People have also been driving too fast on Illinois and Washington Streets. It was also reported that people were seen taking copper wire out of the house at 201 S. Federal Street in Joy. Paul wants to check into hiring part-time police protection. The issue will be discussed at the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Village Trustee Rory Conway requested to give the residents of Joy a Notice on the monthly bulletin that is printed on the water bills that all the Village of Joy ordinance will be enforced. Examples of tall grass and weeds, illegal vehicles and obeying traffic signs and speed limits will be used as examples.

Would it possible to have part time police protection during the hours the Village of Joy needs it?

The Police Funds were reviewed and discussed. There are funds budgeted for police protection. Village President Larry Hunt will discuss police protection with Mike Defrieze. Ticket income would help pay for police protection.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore arrived at the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve the July 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Patsy Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve the August 2023 paid and unpaid expenditures. Kristy Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Balance Sheet and P&L was reviewed and discussed. Account 5201262 Engineering Fees is over appropriated. Action taken: Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to move \$100,000.00 from 5201268 Contingent Fund to 5201262 Engineering Fees. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson, 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 transfer ARPA Funds (\$51,984.33) from W/S savings to General Fund to pay for Washington Street invoices. Patsy Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. The project may go over \$51,984.33. If so, the \$17,202.97 local cure funds can be used.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to transfer the Local Cure Funds (\$17,202.97) from General Fund Savings to General Fund if needed to pay for Washington Street invoices if necessary only. Patsy Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Village President Larry Hunt and Trustee Paul Hampton had a meeting with John and Eric Retherford. They will regrade and roll Washington Street on Monday 8/21/2023 if needed before Taylor Ridge oils and chips on Wednesday. The materials on Washington Street should set in real good because of the hot weather. Taylor Ridge will use a water tanker to water down Washington Street.

A third coat of oil and chip will be necessary sooner than later.

It was discussed the Village of Joy will begin a yearly street maintenance plan.

Will it be necessary to have traffic control for street work? The school may need to be notified for oil and chipping unless they start in Wednesday morning after the buses drop off children.

It was suggested that Nick begin measuring the streets of Joy in his down time to have ready for future projects.

Ace in the Hole will be contacted for spray patch prices.

City of Aledo Street Department may be able to spray patch also.

Rory Conway has not had a chance to look at the tractor.

The Village of Joy's Street and Alley Committee members need keys to the Village of Joy sheds.

It was discussed to sell the pull behind generator. It was discussed to have Nick Retherford look at the generator and see if he can make it run. It was also discussed to have Nick see if he can get the leaf sucker running. Village Trustee Paul Hampton suggested asking Ernie Dillie about the generator.

Movie Night was discussed. Village President Larry Hunt said it may not happen this year, but it could still be possible. Paul Hampton spoke with some people to serve food. The Village of Joy does not require a vendor license at this time. It was discussed to have vendors set up on the east side of the park. Discussion tabled.

City of Aledo's movie night and entertainment in the park is very successful.

Splash pad discussion-New Boston's splash pad is going really good. The cost was around \$80,000, with employees providing the labor. New Boston also has an ice cream shop near the splash pad and it is also doing well.

The new transmitter for the RIDGID locator was purchased and delivered. The cost was \$1,075.15. Nick has been using it.

The water shut-off for 207 E. May Street needs to be located. It may have been hit and destroyed with the snow plow. Discuss with Nick Retherford and request he locate and evaluate.

Village Trustee Patsy Peterson asked if there were any grants for a splash pad.

Delinquents Accounts reviewed and discussed.

Village Trustee Kristy Lee asked if she could burn her apple tree stump on a Sunday. She will not burn if it is a windy day. She will control burn the stump next month and will contact the Fire Dept. before she begins.

Village Trustee Patsy Peterson asked if there is an ordinance that permits a residents to have chickens in the Village of Joy, if so how many. Roosters are not permitted.

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Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett