

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

Wednesday October 18, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday October 18, 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.

Public Present: Brian Glasgow-ION, Alex Finley-Jackson Disposal/LRS

Gwen Pritchett-Village Clerk

Brian Glasgow/ION address the Joy Board of Trustees. The control panel at treatment plant needs a new part for well #2 alarm problem. ION would like permission to purchase some spare parts for the treatment plant. The cost is around \$200. It is best to keep extra parts in stock. Rollers in pumps were changed recently. Salt usage was up a little. Brian dialed that back a little. Brian Left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Steve Ramos from LRS-Jackson Disposal was not able to attend tonight meeting.

Village President Larry Hunt opened the bid packet from LRS-Jackson Disposal. The 5 year proposal from LRS-Jackson Disposal was reviewed and discussed by all. The only bid submitted was from LRS/Jackson Disposal.

After review and discussion Village Trustee Noah Livermore made to motion to accept the 5 year garbage and recycle proposal from LRS-Jackson Disposal. 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 dirt pile out east of town is being hauled and used for fill. Donations to the Village of Joy will be made after the job is complete.

100 E May Street - Was not able to find water/sewer connections for this property on the as built report. May need to visit the courthouse for more information on this property. Not clear if the property is attached to city sanitary sewer or still has a septic. The sewer is in the middle of the street. The Village of Joy will not pay for any disconnects or to have the street fixed if that is needed. The homeowner will be responsible for all expense. That area of sewer was televised in the past. If located those reports will be reviewed in hopes of determining if the property is on city sewer. Otherwise, the City of Aledo or New Boston will be considered to look inside the main to help determine if the property has a sewer lateral.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed Village Wide Christmas Decorating Contest. The contest will be open to all. Entry is not required. Judging will be December 18 and 19. Will discuss at December 20, 2023 regular board meeting. Winners will be announced to the public after that.

The 2023 Village of Joy Christmas Ornament was discussed. It was decided to order 300 ornaments from the start. This year's Joy Holiday Cancellation Stamp contest winner will be used for front side of this year's ornament. The very first contest winner will be used for back side of ornament. The ornament will be a past and present ornament if permission is granted from the past winner. After discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the purchase of 300 Christmas ornaments. Paul Hampton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul

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Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Alex Finley with LRS-Jackson Disposal arrived at the meeting to answer any questions on the garbage and recycle proposal. Village President Larry Hunt asked if Alex has an actual list of what is acceptable item for recycling. Alex will provide the list to Village of Joy. Village of Joy has a 1 toter limit. In the future everything will be automated. Residents can call LRS-Jackson disposal for an extra toter for an addition fee of \$5 per month. Alex Finley left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Police Protection update: The Village of Joy will receive a Mercer County squad car for \$200. Mercer County Sheriff decals have to be removed. Will try to get the car early and have decals removed by Jeff Hill and Josh Stead from Jeff's Autobody, Joy. The squad car has been well taken care of and is in very good condition.

The Village of joy will also need a radar gun. Will contact Mercer County and ask if they have an old radar gun for sale. If not, one will need to be purchased and certified. The garage behind Village Hall will need to be cleaned out to make room for the squad car.

Village President Larry Hunt will check into hiring an officer.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve September 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. 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.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the October 2023 expenditures. 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.

Balance Sheet and P&L were reviewed and discussed.

Permits for golf carts and neighborhood vehicles were reviewed and discussed. Will put a reminder for permits on water bill bulletin and facebook.

Empty Main Street lot, across from bank building. Josh Stead is still interested in purchasing the property for a business. It was previously approved to sell but no price set. Will review tax bill for the size of lot. Will call and discuss with the Village Attorney. Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to sell the property for \$2,000 if both parties agree on the price and if there are no stipulations with selling the property. Paul Hampton 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 Village attorney will be contacted for legal counsel for selling Village Property.

Joy business district was discussed. There has been several business/commercial building in the Village of Joy that have been turned into personal storage and or living quarters. This is a problem for economic development in Joy, but moving forward the business area and buildings that are commercial should be used for commercial business use. It was suggested this be in place for the whole Village of Joy instead of just the main business area. The village attorney will be contacted to change the zoning ordinance to protect commercial buildings and business area from being used for other

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uses, so to promote economic growth. The school building in Joy will also be included. Hopefully the village attorney will have a new zoning ordinance ready for review at the November regular board meeting.

Boone Docks is planning to reopen in the near future. The plan is to open as a buffet. They are planning to reopen the bar too.

Delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed.

Additions to agenda: There was a water leak 102 N. Federal. Craig Zenk Excavating fixed the leak. The Village of Joy will bill the customer.

Joy Park bathroom project was discussed. There is no concrete driveway at the bathrooms and it is not planned for the current concrete job. There will be a handicap stamp. A concrete dive will hopefully be planned in the future.

Illinois Municipal League RMA Risk Management Association Invoice for Village of Joy insurance. After review and discussion Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to pay the RMA invoice, Option 1 for \$26,090.97. 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, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

After discussion Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to give Joy First Baptist Church permission to have Sunday church services from 10 am – 11 am at Village Hall 200 W. Main Street, Joy. There will be 8-1- people present at the services. Patsy Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-Abstain, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore, Rory Conway. The motion was passed with a 1-"ABSTAIN", 5-"YES" votes. The Baptist Church will donate to the Village of Joy for the use of the city hall building,

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. 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.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett  
Joy Village Clerk