

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday December 20, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday December 20, 2023 by Village President Larry Hunt. The meeting was held at Village Hall, 200 West 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
Village Trustee Rory Conway was absent. Village Trustee Noah Livermore arrived at 5:40 p.m.
Gwen Pritchett-Village Clerk was present.

ION was not present for the meeting.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed the ION Report-Lead and Copper tests are done for the year. The well has been running good. Britton made some adjustments at the site and there are no longer issues with faults and failures. They will still install a small line filter, which is on order and will be installed when it arrives. There is an issue with the transducer that reads the level in the brine tank. It will be fixed. A part will be purchased for around \$20 or so. It is thought that the line is full of sediment from the tank and is causing the transducer to read incorrectly sometimes. Seems to be more of an intermittent issue.

Wastewater System- Nothing to report.

City Wide Christmas decorating contest: Village President Larry Hunt stated that he did not participate in the judging process. Three sealed envelopes were opened by Village Trustee Patsy Peterson. The contest winners are as follows:

1st Place - Jeff and Sherry Hill

2nd Place – Kristy Lee

3rd Place – Wanda Whitmire

Eric Coulter donated \$120.00 for dirt that he hauled from the Village of Joy's dump site out east of town. After discussion, Village Trustee Patsy Peterson made the motion to use the donation for Christmas Lighting for Ameren power poles. Village Trustee Kristy Lee 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Tax Levy report was reviewed and discussed.

Noah Livermore arrived at meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to pass and approve Tax Levy Ordinance No. 3, Series 2003. Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes"

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the November 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. 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. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

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After review and discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the paid expenditures. 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. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Balance Sheet and P&L was reviewed and discussed. No vote needed.

Delinquent accounts reviewed and discussed.

The list of Board Meeting dates for 2024 was reviewed and discussed.

IRWA Rate Study for the Village of Joy's water and sewer rates were reviewed and discussed. IRWA's suggestion was to raise the water rate and repair all non-operating meters and undertake a leak detection survey to help locate any unknown leaks. It was discussed not to raise rates but work on the problems with meters and leaks then do another Rate Study next year. There are some meters in pits that do not work and there are some that do not have meters at all. Village Trustee Noah Livermore discussed the meters in pits, and the cost of a new pre-cast pit will be around \$8,000 each. There may be other pit options that will cost less. Will discuss at a later date. Village of Joy has extra meters in stock. Village Trustee Noah Livermore asked if the water is metered when it comes out of the treatment plant. Village President Larry Hunt recommended installing working meters at all homes and businesses. When sold to residents, meters are sold at cost.

Addition to the Agenda: Village Trustee Noah Livermore discussed purchasing a used jetter from the City of Aledo. The City of Aledo will surplus their 350 ft. pull-behind jetter when they purchase a new one.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to purchase the City of Aledo's surplus jetter not to exceed \$800.00. 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. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Motioned by Village Trustee Noah Livermore to go into executive session at 6:09 p.m., to discuss real estate and police personnel. Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Motioned by Village Trustee Noah Livermore to leave executive session at 6:25 p.m. Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to purchase a radar gun for the Police Department not to exceed \$3,500. Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

After discussion, Noah Livermore made the motion to approve Ordinance No 4, 2023, An Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Real Estate. Legal: E1/2 Lot 2 & Lot 1 BLK 22 Original Town of Joy. 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. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

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Village Trustee Noah Livermore discussed: the following streets need cold patch in the potholes: Oliver, Edwards, Liberty and May. Rain is moving in. Cold patch should be done before the rain. Village President Larry Hunt will discuss with Nick Retherford.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Pat Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Gwen Pritchett

Joy Village Clerk