

Village of Joy

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday November 15, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday November 15, 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

Public Present: Brian Glasgow-ION, Nancy Earl, Lori Nelson, Josie Morrow, Megan Morrow

Gwen Pritchett-Village Clerk was present

Lori Nelson-Owner of Boone Docks addressed the Joy Village Board with her plan to reopen her restaurant. Lori and her husband Dean has been working on much needed repairs to the building. Their plan is to reopen the restaurant around the first of December as a buffet style restaurant. Their hours of operations have not been determined yet. Lori needs to get her liquor and gaming licenses lined up and requested the Village of Joy wave the fee for December, but will need the licenses to apply for her state licenses. The plan is to pay for liquor licenses beginning in January 2024. The buffet will have salads, soups and hot buffet foods. The plan is to open on Saturday and Sunday mornings for short order breakfasts. Lori left the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Nancy Earl addressed the Joy Village Board. She discussed the bill she received from the Village of Joy for repairs to the water line at her rental property at 102 N. Federal Street in Joy. Nancy requested to have the bill split between her and the Village of Joy. Village President told Nancy her request will be discussed and voted on by the Board of Trustees. The issue will be discussed later in the meeting and she will be notified on their decision. Nancy left the meeting at 5:40 p.m. The curb stop was ran over by a camper.

Brian Glasgow-ION addressed the Village Board of Trustees. The generator behind the treatment plant will not kick on. Brian has tried to contact 3E with no luck. The generator issue was not listed on the ION Monthly Council Report. Brian said he would continue trying to reach out to 3E. Brian left the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Josie Morrow addressed the Joy Village Board of Trustees. Josie wanted to let the board know that she wants to have a non-profit personal hygiene pantry called The Cottage Pantry located at 409 W. May Street in The Village of Joy. The Cottage Pantry is needed in this area and the work Josie is doing is very much appreciated. Everyone present agreed the project is a great idea. Josie left the meeting at 5:55 p.m. The pantry will be handicap accessible.

After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to not pay ½ of the water line repair bill for 102 N. Federal Street. The home owner will be responsible for the entire bill. This decision was based on the ordinance and the fact the curb-stop had been ran over and damaged while moving a camper to the yard. 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. The property is Nancy Earls rental property.

The Friday after Thanksgiving is the day that is planned to hang the Christmas decorations around town. There will be no power to the lights this year.

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Village Trustee Rory Conway discussed: people have been burning leaves on days other than Wednesday and Saturday. There will be a notice posted on Facebook and on the monthly bulletin to remind everyone of the burning days: Wednesday and Saturday only. Village of Joy will pick up leaves

Police Officer/Squad Car

The squad car that was purchased is currently parked behind Village Hall. Village President Larry Hunt is working of decals for the squad car.

Motioned by Village Trustee Rory to enter into executive session at 6:09 p.m. 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.

Motioned by Village Trustee Paul Hampton to leave executive session at 6:27 p.m. 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.

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to hire a police officer for a minimum of 25 hours and a maximum of 30 hours per week. 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.

Tax Levy Ordinance was discussed and it was decided to go with a 5% increase. Should raise the income amount to \$3,454.00. The new Tax Levy Ordinance will be approved at the December 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Residential Garbage Collection and Recycling ordinance was discussed. The new rate for Village of Joy Residents will be \$22.10 per year, which is the average over the 5 year term of the contract. After review and discussion, Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to accept and approve Ordinance No. 2, Series 2023, Residential Garbage Collection and Recycling Ordinance, \$22.10 per Resident for the next 5 years. 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.

The new Zoning Ordinance updates are not ready for review. Will be discussed at a later date.

After review, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve the October 23, 2023 Regular 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.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to pass and approve the November 2023 Expenditures. 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.

The October Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Reports were reviewed and discussed.

There are no delinquent accounts.

The Rate Study information from Illinois Rural Water in not ready yet.

Employee Bonuses were discussed. Last year the amount was \$200 per employee. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to increase the Employee Bonus amount to \$250.00. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The

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following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Rory Conway-yes-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Park bathrooms are winterized and locked. The lock on the women's bathroom door is broken and will need to be repaired in the spring..

Leaf burning was discussed-The days for burning will be listed on the monthly bulletin and face book. If necessary reminder letters can be sent to residents that are burning on days other than Wednesday and Saturdays. Residents can call Village Hall and request their leave be picked up by the Village of Joy.

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk