

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday February 21, 2024 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, Rory Conway

Gwen Pritchett-Village Clerk was present.

Public Present-Matthew Willits, Josh Hicks

Matthew Willits addressed the Village Board of Trustees: Matthew is moving forward with the demo of the house at 100 E. May Street. Matt is requesting the guidance from the Village President and Board. Village Trustee Noah Livermore suggested keeping all heavy equipment off of the right of way, 33 feet from center of the street on either side. Make sure there JULIE locates are done.

Matthew is concerned with natural gas, sewer and water. Natural gas will be located by Ameren.

Matthew plan is to dig a deep hole 1 mile from town for the house debris and burn it. Village of Joy will let Matthew know when the water and sewer has been located.

Rory Conway left the meeting at 5:37 a.m.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore suggested contacting Advanced Plumbing, Monmouth to help find the sewer. If Advanced Plumbing is used, Village of Joy may have to call their office and set up an account.

Village of Joy will locate the water curb stop.

Matthew wants to take all of the trees down at the same time as the house demo but is concerned about the roots.

Matthew discussed the sidewalk. The sidewalk is of no concern for the Village of Joy.

Matthew agreed to clean any mud that gets on the streets. The debris will be hauled out of town 1 truck load at a time.

Matthew will call the county when he begins the burn. Matthew left the meeting at 5:45 p.m. It will take a while for all of the debris to be hauled out of the Village of Joy, but the Village of Joy is aware and understands it is a work in process.

EPA letter was discussed. ION report was reviewed and discussed. Village Clerk had to send out notices for a missed sample from 2022. This was a nitrite sample that was missed prior to ION taking over. It should have been noted on the 2023 CCR and that should have counted as the public notice, but EPA missed it when they compiled the CCR. There are no concerns whatsoever about high levels of nitrites in the Village of Joy water. It is required to submit another nitrite sample along with the regular sample for the current quarter. A new lead/copper plan will be submitted to the EPA. Wastewater System-Nothing to report. Village Trustee Noah Livermore asked if there any lead lines left.

Bid opening -100 W. Main Street. 1 sealed bid received from Joshua Stead. The bid was opened, reviewed and discussed. Josh Stead bid \$1,200 and plans to build a new building for his current business Main Street Tire & Lube.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the sale of 100 W. Main Street to Joshua Stead for \$1,200

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and pass and approve Village of Joy, Illinois Ordinance No. 1 of 2024, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BID AND AUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL ESTATE at 100 W. Main Street to Joshua Stead. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote. Josh Stead will be notified.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed the new dump truck. The new truck was purchased at Essig Motors, Aledo. There are 3 sets of keys. The truck runs great. Village President Larry Hunt will apply for Municipal plates.

The Chevy Truck- ½ ton- front tires were bad. Two new tires were purchased from Main Street Tire & Lube.

Mercer County Senior Center request a donation. After discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore suggested not to donate until the Village gets squared away. All Trustees and Village President agreed.

The Village of Joy has \$17,212.17 Local Cure Money. Village President Larry Hunt suggested purchasing a snow plow and using part of the Local Cure money to do so. Village Trustee Paul Hampton has several ideas for more uses for the money as well. Village President Larry Hunt asked the Village Board members to think about uses for the money and will discuss at the March Regular Board Meeting.

Josh Stead, Main Street Tire and Lube will look at the old truck. Village Trustee Paul Hampton try to locate a used seat. The old truck is needed and can be used to spread salt. It can also be used as a back-up snow plow truck.

Will do some price shopping for plows and tools. Village Trustee Patsy Peterson may have a socket set that she may donate to the Village of Joy if her sons so not want. Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked Josh Hicks to make a list of tools and things he needs to do his job. Village President Larry Hunt will look at tools at Harbor Freight.

During the heavy snow storm Paul Hampton plowed several times. Todd Heath, Jeff Hill and Randy Morrison also all donated their time to plow and help the Village Of Joy through the crisis. Stan Nelson was paid for plowing driveways. After discussion Noah Livermore made the motion to purchase gift cards up to \$100 for each Todd Heath, Paul Hampton, Randy Morrison and Jeff Hill the Thank them for helping the Village of Joy. Village Trustee Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-abstain, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Noah Livermore-yes. The motion was passed with a 4-yes, 1-abstain vote.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to pass and approve the January 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Village Trustee Kristy Lee 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.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve the February Paid Expenditures. Village Trustee Jason Huston 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.

January 2024 Balance Sheet and P&L reviewed and discussed.

After discussion Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to take \$40,338.00 from the appropriated amount from 5201268-Contingent Fund and add to the appropriated amount for 0140904-Equipment Purchase Repair to cover the purchase of the dump truck from Essig Motors. Village Trustee Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was

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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.

Delinquent accounts reviewed and discussed.

There is \$27,481.92- in MFT account there is unobligated funds (Rebuild Illinois) that needs to be used before July 1, 2025. Village President Larry Hunt made the suggestion to use those funds for the 2024 street project. If funds are not used by the deadline they will have to be returned. The new budget needs to include the amount for street project.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the suggestion to have a plan in place by the March Meeting so it can be sent in to the state of Illinois to have it back by June so it can be put out for bid. Some of the Streets can be ground up while others will need another oil and chip. The heavy traffic street and school bus streets will need rock added which will cost a little more than some of the other streets. Streets that need work will need to be picked out and measured. Village Trustee Noah Livermore suggested having streets ground up early prior to oil and chipping so they can set a while. The State of Illinois will begin work on Hwy 17 this year. Some of the improvements will need to be maintained by the Village of Joy. The Village of Joy would like their street work done while it is warm outside.

Joshua Hicks is going to begin clean-up and haul some metal scrap to D & T Cores and Salvage, LLC. When Josh pulls the gooseneck trailer with his personal picks-up, the Village of Joy will reimburse his fuel.

Village of Joy President Larry Hunt would like to have Main Street be a part of the 2024 street project. Meller Excavating will be contacted to be put on their schedule.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore asked Josh Hicks to measure streets before the next meeting. Engineering was discussed. Noah will look into Engineering.

Having an on call retainer Engineer may be a possibility.

The plow truck was tabled until plow prices are gathered. Will need several bids. Discuss again at the March 20 meeting. Will look for a plow on clearance.

Village President Larry discussed the back room (garage at Village Hall). Much of the old electronics can be taken to D & T Cores and Salvage and get money from it or send to Aledo Electronic & Paint Collection Site and get no money from it. Village President Larry Hunt discussed letting people in town bring their old electronics to the Village of Joy for disposal. It was discussed to only open the service up a couple of days per month and only for a few hours. Village Trustee Noah Livermore suggested taking Village of Joy's first and see how the profit is. Just include friends and family at this time. Village of Joy does not want to be responsible for items that can't be disposed of or recycled.

Complaint- Village Trustee Paul Hampton notified the board that a Village resident complained to him that her neighbor has been driving through her yard with 4-wheelers and pick-up trucks instead of driving down the street. The resident was wondering what could be done about. After discussion it was decided it is a civil matter. Civil matters are handled by Mercer County Police Dept. Everyone agreed.

Joshua Hicks provided the list of illegal vehicles in the Village of Joy and letters have been sent out to residents. Village of Joy is working with several residents that need extensions or disposal. More letters will be sent out. It will be discussed with Jeff's Auto Body and Towing if he can tow some of the vehicles if necessary.

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There are no updates on a Police Officer for the Village of Joy at this time. There are people interested in the position. Topic will continue to be discussed until an officer is hired.

Insurance Company will be called to make sure the new pick-up is insured.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore discussed patching holes in the streets. Noah suggested looking at the streets to see how much is needed then go after a load. Cold Patch can be purchased from Galesburg Supply.

The Village Board gave the ok for Josh Hicks to go ahead a scrap junk. All necessary things will be kept. Village President Larry Hunt will go through everything out East with Josh and let him know what needs to be kept and what can be taken to D & T Cores and Salvage. It was discussed not to dispose of materials that may be used by Village of Joy. Bike Racks will be kept and installed.

Village of Joy's Roller – Village Trustee Noah Livermore suggested getting rid of it. At one time Craig Zenk wanted to buy it. It was discussed to contact Craig and ask for a donation. Have him look at it. The hydraulic pump is out of the roller.

There will be a dumpster delivered in front of the maintenance building. Joshua Hicks will keep the dumpster locked so it cannot be used by the public.

Josh Hicks requested to take the Village of Joy's truck home with him at night. His car has outdoor cameras. Village President Larry Hunt feels that it is a good idea if Josh takes the truck home with him. The fuel tank and tool box is locked. All agreed it is ok if Josh takes the truck home with him. No vote taken.

The sliding door on the old city shed needs to be repaired or replaced. There are signs on the door requesting people not to park in front of it.

Joshua Hicks said there may be a salt spreader in the old shed. Some of the trustees will take a look at the door and salt spreader. Joshua said there is also a power washer which he has been using.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk