

Village of Joy

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday April 17, 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, Rory Conway

Village Trustee Noah Livermore-absent

Gwen Pritchett-Village Clerk-present

Public Present-Josh Hicks, Brian Glasgow, Matt Willits

Brian Glasgow/ION addressed the Joy Village Board. Brian spoke with 3-E. They will service Village of Joy's generators in May. There was a power flicker last night. Brian reset everything in the treatment plant. All is ok. The flicker was due to a storm.

The treatment plant needs secondary containment for chlorine tanks. This will be an issue that will be noted by the EPA in the next inspection. Brian would like to have secondary containment in place before the EPA's next inspection so there are no issues at the Village of Joy Treatment Plant. Brian will measure and order the proper sized containment containers.

Brian Glasgow asked if the Village of Joy has a Lift Station Pump Agreement. Village Clerk will look up the last contract information.

Brian left the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Brian Malcomb did not attend the meeting.

Matt Willits addressed the Joy Village Board concerning his property at 100 E. May Street. The house burn down. Matt said the house was set on fire but doesn't know for sure who did it. He hauled several loads of debris out of town. The lot is cleaned up and ready to plant. Matt wants to farm 2/3 to ¾ of the lot, and plant wild flowers and grass on the rest. Village President Larry Hunt stated the Village of Joy has to agree to annex the lot not Mercer County. Matt would like to have permission from the Village of Joy to plant a crop on the lot.

Village President Larry Hunt was upset because people lives and houses were put at risk when the house burned.

Matt wants a variance so he can use the lot for a crop. The lot is zone residential. The Fire Marshall was not contacted. After discussion, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to give Matt Willits a variance for 1 year to farm part of part of the lot. 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.

Matt will have the tree stumps removed

Matt Willits left the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

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After discussion, Paul Hampton made the motion to reimburse Gwen Pritchett (\$80) which ½ of the cost of McAfee Virus Protection. 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.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed zoning in the Village of Joy. Larry made the suggestion to have Josh Hicks handle the building permits as a part of the maintenance position. Josh said he would be ok with doing it. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to have Josh Hicks be the Zoning Officer for the Village of Joy. 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.

Christmas decorations will be taken down of Thursday 4/18/24 if the weather permits.

Alley- Penn to Washington discussion:

The alley is not officially closed. Village President Larry Hunt suggested vacating the alley. The Village attorney will be contacted to vacate the alley.

Village Trustee Rory Conway suggested using millings from Highway 17 in the alleys that are not closed.

Village Trustee Rory Conway asked if there is a zoning map.

Village Trustee Jason Huston would like to have Penn to Washington alley closed because people were driving through it and the alley is grass. Josh Hicks apologized for driving through that alley.

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve the March 20, 2024 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 approve the April 2024 paid 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.

Balance Sheet and P&L was reviewed and discussed.

Ordinance #1, Series 2024 Appropriation Ordinance was reviewed and discussed.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to pass and approve Ordinance #1, Series 2024-Appropriation Ordinance. 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.

Special thanks to Don Wilken for preparing ordinances for the Village of Joy.

Delinquent Account report was reviewed and discussed.

2024 Street Project: Scotts Spray Patch and Ace In The Hole bids were reviewed and discussed. Village of Joy supplies the rock. Alexis Illinois was contacted and they were very satisfied with the work that Ace In The Hole did on their streets. Village President Larry Hunt wants to also discuss this issue with Noah Livermore. It was discussed in an earlier meeting to have streets spray patched this year. The cracked roads will need to be repaired.

Scott's spray patch -\$425 per hour. Their tank holds 250 gallons of oil.

Ace in the hole-\$651.25 per hour. Their tank holds 750 gallons of oil.

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Village Trustee Noah Livermore will be updated. If necessary the trustees will be able to vote by email. Village Trustee Rory Conway wants Noah's opinion. The worst streets will be addressed first.

An email will be sent to all Trustees and the Village President with the spray patch information so it can be discussed and voted on by email, then formally voted on during the May 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Village Trustee Kristy Lee discussed Joy Fest. Several people have asked about starting Joy Fest again. Village President stated: more people are needed to have Joy Fest. Village Trustee Patsy Peterson stated: the town's people donated a lot of items for the fest back in the day, the beans, catsup, etc. That helped the cost.

Village president Larry Hunt suggested putting a fest together, have a band food trucks and possibly classic cars. Help will be needed.

The Fireman's Breakfast and City Wide Yard Sales will be June 15.

After discussion the date for Joy Fest 2024 was set for Saturday, September 14, 2024. The date will be posted on water bills and Facebook. A committee of people are needed to put on the Joy Fest.

The Business Development Strategic Plan from Prosperity Consulting Alliance, LLC was reviewed and discussed. The cost for their service is \$1000. Village Trustee Rory Conway would like to see what they have done for other communities. There was no vote, the discussion was tabled and will be discussed at a later date.

IEMA-OHS, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program was reviewed and discussed. Village Clerk will call and inquire if ditching and culvert improvements for proper drainage can be an approved project. Village Trustee Paul Hampton suggested turning in the Pre-Application by the deadline. The Grant is a 75/25 match. If the Village of Joy has a project, estimates will be necessary.

Additions to the Agenda. A proposal from Advantage Electrical Services, Inc. for repairs to the Joy Park electricity and for Christmas decoration lighting was reviewed and discussed. The Village of Joy is waiting on proposals from two other contractors, and will discuss when the proposals are received.

Fines for ordinance violations were discussed. There is a ticket book that is for that purpose. Village attorney has been contacted for guidance. The ordinance states each day is a new offence/fine.

Village Trustee Rory Conway discussed possible changes needed for the vehicle ordinance.

Village Trustees would like to have the ordinance violation letter written in a different tone to not offend residents. Vehicle descriptions will be added to the letter at the request of the Village Trustees.

The Village of Joy sent vehicle ordinance letters to many locations in the Village of Joy with expired plates or inoperative vehicles and yards that needs to be addressed.

Several notices are given to residents before fines are issued. A copy of the ordinance is attached to each notice, and contact information for Village Hall so they can call and discuss their situation.

It was discussed that all Villages, Cities, and towns have ordinances to follow.

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Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Rory Conway. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk