

# Village of Joy

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

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

Public Present-Josh Hicks

Brian Glasgow/ION was not able to come the meeting tonight.

Quote 0010949 from Electric Pump for Lift Station repair work was reviewed and discussed. The quote total was \$3,703.62, does not include freight and installation.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to approve quote 0010949, \$3,703.62 from Electric Pump, add the same dollar amount (\$3,703.62) for the repair of the second pump. 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.

Village President Larry Hunt: The backhoe is still not working. The fuel tank was drained and needs to be cleaned. New filters were installed. Altorfer has looked at it twice. Waiting on Logan Hudson to take a look at it. If we don't have any luck with Logan, the Village will have to contact someone else. Village President is hoping it is just air in the lines or something simple. The fuel cell may be the problem as well. The age of the fuel cell is unknown. The fuel cell does not have a filter. A filter will be purchased for it. Purchasing stand-up fuel tanks for behind the Maintenance Building was discussed.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed the schools bus barn. Larry would like to look in to purchasing the bus barn if the school district decides to sell it in the future.

Security cameras for the Joy Park was discussed. Village President Larry Hunt like the Wise Cams. They have great night vision and are motion sensitive. Discussion tabled until the September Regular Board Meeting. The park has no WIFI.

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve the July 17, 2024 regular Board Meeting Minutes, after review and discussion. 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.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to pass and approve the August 2024 paid expenditures. Kristy Lee 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.

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July 2024 Balance Sheet and P&L reports were reviewed and discussed.

Delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed.

Account 90-1 was discussed. Property owner has been contacted. Water will not be turned back on until the bill is paid in full. Part of the bill is for mowing. Village Trustee Noah Livermore hopes the Village of Joy will be able to properly repair the streets

2024 Street Project- Ace in The hole has not started their spray patch yet. Brent with Ace in The Hole will be contacted to find out the estimated start date. Ace in The Hole will use pea gravel instead of white rock. Washington Street needs to have places filled in the middle. Will discuss with Brent.

Village Trustee Noah Livermore discussed millings. The millings need to be used up as soon as possible. It is a good idea to put them down when it is really warm. It will be very warm next week and Noah suggested putting milling down during those hot days. The Hwy 17 project should be finished in October 24.

Joy Park and Methodist Church- Millings will be put in front of the Methodist Church and on the West side of the park for parking. Driving on the milling will help pack them down. Village Trustee Noah Livermore said it is a good idea to roll it. Millings will also be put behind Village Hall and the Post Office and between the two buildings.

Joy Family Fest planning is going well. So far there are several vendors, Fireman's Breakfast, Entertainment, Food served by 2 of the churches, Parade, Bike Raffle, Vehicle Show, Bounce Houses, Bags Tournament, Volley Ball Tournament. Village of Joy will have an information booth. The Terrill Sisters and Barnhouse brothers will be singing under the pavilion.

Discussed having Village of Joy Trustees, Village President and Village Clerk walk the parade and throw out candy to the kids.

Discussed asking Madge Britton to be in the parade as Grand Marshal. Jason Crawford will discuss with Madge and will actually drive her in the parade himself.

WRMJ may do a live remote. Paul Hampton can go to WRMJ for an interview.

Food will be served in the food shack.

CBI Banking update- The Village of Joy is working with CBI Bank to change some of its accounts to earn higher interest rates. The process is not finished yet. So far the money market accounts have been changed to higher interest money market accounts. The bank is now working on changing some of the savings accounts to high interest money market accounts.

Resolution #2, 2024. A resolution of the Village of Joy-Authorizing the re-establishment of the Village of Joy Police Department.

After the resolution was reviewed and discussed, Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to pass and approve Resolution #2, 2024, a resolution authorizing the re-establishment of the Village of Joy Police Department. 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.

Hiring a part-time police officer was also discussed by Village president Larry Hunt. The officer that he wants to hire has worked for the Village of Joy in the past, lives in the Village of Joy. His name is Gordon Nichols. Gordon will have to complete some online training. It was agreed that Gordon will be a good match for the position. The Village Board of

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Trustees discussed hours and decided to put a 25 hour per week cap on the hours. Gordon lives in the Village of Joy. Village President will discuss with Gordon.

The Village of Joy will also need to order a radar gun and body cams. There is actually a body cam grant that can be applied for. Body cams are not mandatory yet, but will be in the future.

## Additions to Agenda:

The trustees discussed a complaint that was sent to the Village of Joy by Email. The complaint was about the property at 201 S. Federal Street, Joy. The house structure is in bad condition and the yard needs to be mowed, weeds need to be cut down and limbs need to be removed. A letter will be sent to the homeowner.

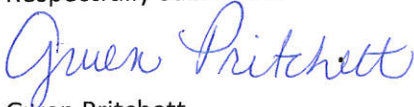
Village Trustee Paul Hampton discussed: advertising the fest with MERCO and asked if the trustees wanted to consider the old school house as an investment. Village President Larry Hunt would like to have the building, but not sure if Village of Joy can make it work. Investors for the building was discussed.

Discussed having a stop sign at the park bus stop. There has to be a study done in order to be approved for a stop sign. The State of Illinois would have to be contacted.

At 7:10 p.m., Village Trustee Noah Livermore made the motion to adjourn the meeting. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



Gwen Pritchett  
Joy Village Clerk