

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday July 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-ION, Andy Fisher, Sharon Reason, Kathy Tweed, Jeremy Lutrell, Sarah Frieden, Audrey Bryant, Scott Weatherly, Kym Weatherly

Brian Glasgow/ION addressed the Joy Village Board. Treatment Plant has been having high flows for a while. Seals need to be fixed.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked if the generators have been service. Brian Glasgow/ION stated the generators were services with no issues. And they are services twice per year.

During the recent storm there was minimal loss of power.

Brian Glasgow left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Andrew Fisher w/Economic Growth Corp. addressed the Joy Village Board to discuss the old Joy school building and its possibilities for housing and or commercial space. Andrew was invited to attend the meeting to discuss to potential development of the school building.

Briefly discussed tax credits, and the process of turning the property into something is a very long process, state and federal funds are tight, the possibility of historic credits, and getting the school back on the tax roll.

Andrew would be willing to do a walk-through of the school. The school will be closing in a few years.

There were no additional questions from the Village Board of Trustees. It was discussed to reach out to the school for a walk-through. Andrew passed out his business cards and suggested everyone visit his website. There are a really nice gyms that are still being used. New state and federal programs are very tight, but can help to offset the cost. Discussed commercial and residential space for the building. The Village Board had no more questions for Andrew Fisher.

Andrew left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Joy Fest Discussion: Sarah Frieden with Faith Chapel Church discussed several ideas for Joy Fest: bounce house, Hawaiian Shaved Ice, kid's tractor pull, a movie, entertainment with the Terrill Sisters, car show, volleyball tournament, and a gaga ball pit. There were several people who wanted to attend tonight's meeting but were out of town.

Discussed to possibly have a lemonade and food stands, food trucks if needed.

The Methodist Church is no longer able to have a big meal, but may consider selling root beer floats according to Audrey Bryant.

The event is a great chance for churches and organizations to fund raise. It was discussed to contact the Fire Department to have a fireman's breakfast.

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Jeremy Luttrell with the Gathering Community Church of Joy discussed the possibility have having events or parking in the lot next to their church if needed. Jeremy stated this is a great opportunity for churches to come together and possibly have the pastor's begin a community service each year and alternate each year.

Village President suggested Horseshoe Tournaments and Volley Ball Tournaments. If there is an antique vehicle show, it was discussed to have it on the streets surrounding the park and have all other activities in the park. Joy Fest Date is set for Sept. 14, 2024. The fest could have a fall theme. The event will also include city wide yard sales.

Sarah Frieden suggested flyers and she is willing to design.

Will contact WRMJ to advertise.

Discussed a parade, would like to have the marching band, VFW, American Legion. Who is in charge of the parade?

At the City of Keithsburg's recent 4th of July event, vendors were charged a \$25 fee. Village of Joy will not charge a fee this year, but will take in donations if given.

Will Contact Bill Crawford for a Tractor Show.

Hopefully the Joy Fest will bring people to Joy, and will help with revitalization.

Sara Frieden offered the help clean up the vandalized park bathrooms.

Village President Larry Hunt said the bathrooms were cleaned after the vandalism happened.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed there should be plenty of electrical outlets in the park.

Audrey Bryant is so happy with the Park and the way is being taken care of, but feels it needs some new sidewalks. Village of Joy's Christmas ornament revenue has helped make park improvements.

Village of Joy has applied for a grant for sidewalks.

It was discussed to contact Steve Retherford about his pork chop grill and the possibilities of him cooking pork chips for Joy Fest.

Jeremy Luttrell with The Gathering Community Church of Joy discussed having a Community Out Reach Board for Village of Joy.

It was discussed to have a Community Church Service in the Park the Sunday after Joy Fest. This is done in the City of New Boston the weekend of Fish Fry.

Village of Joy will have a bike drawing for Joy Fest.

The Joy Fest Group left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Rory Conway discussed a tractor show. It was also discussed to discuss the tractor show with Bill Crawford.

Police Protection was discussed. Another person applied for the Police Officer position. The applicant (Gordon Nichols) just needs to update his certification. The applicant has a full time job, but is willing to work for the Village of Joy part-time. He was also a part-time police officer for the Village of Joy in the past. He has a lot of experience and seems to still be a good fit for the Village of Joy.

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Park security cameras: Village President Larry Hunt feels it would be a good idea to purchase security cameras for the Joy Park. The park swing may have been worn out vs vandalism. The bathroom was vandalism. Village President Larry Hunt really likes WizeCam. A power source, blue tooth is needed for the camera's. The cameras are day/night vision and weather proof. They blend well. Village President Larry Hunt will look into the cameras for the park and will discuss at the August 21, 2024 regular board meeting.

The storage shed door behind Boone Docks is damaged and in really bad shape. Village Trustee Rory Conway would like to price a roll up door. The door will be repaired temporarily, until a new door is purchased. Village President Larry Hunt asked Josh Hicks to purchase a couple of boards at Huffman's for repair.

The backhoe is broke down. Alterfor will repair on Thursday.

After review and discussion. Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve the June 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: 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 July 2024 paid expenditures. 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.

The June 2024 P&L and Budget Performance reports was reviewed and discussed.

Delinquent accounts reviewed and discussed. Water was turn off on one account, and they have admitted to using an old well that is located in their back yard. The Village of Joy's attorney will be contacted concerning the well. Currently their trash is being picked up by LRS. The residents are living in the house using garbage and sewer and will be charged for those services. Part of the past due bill if for the Village of Joy mowing their lawn for them. The original W/S ordinance will be reviewed to decide what action needs to be taken for the well.

2024 Street Project-Ace In The Hole looked at the streets on the south side of town. Brent with Ace In the Hole said the South side of town really needs 4 days to really do the best job, but needs at the least 2 days. The 2nd day will be \$500 less. COVID money will be used for the project not MFT funds. The streets do not need to be ground up just spray patched and, oiled and chipped at a later date.

Brent suggested using pea gravel instead of limestone chips for the spray patch.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked if HWY 17 millings can be used for spray patch. The millings are not cleaned, so they can't be used for spray patch.

After discussion, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve 2 days for Ace in the Hole to spray patch the South side of Joy, with a \$500 discount for the second day. 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. Will call Brent with Ace In The Hole to let him know the decision.

Equipment Fund money will be used to purchase a snow plow.

Will need to prepare MFT plan to be sent in to use MFT funds for 2025.

Village Board decided to not participate in Ride 17.

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Village President Larry Hunt recommended the CBI Bank and Trust proposal for the Village of Joy. After review and discussion, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve the recommended CBI Bank and Trust financial program proposal for Village of Joy for at least 90 days, then discuss. 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.

Scott and Kym Weatherly arrived at the board meeting at 7:25 p.m. Scott had a question concerning closing the alley way behind his house. Village President Larry Hunt said the alley has to remain open. There is a house on the other side of the ally that has a front door that faces the alley. If the alley were to be closed it would have to be totally closed not partially closed. Scott actually lives in the middle of the alley. It can't be closed in the middle. Scott said that people drive through the alley too fast. Someone has been riding on an orange 4 wheeler.

Scott and Kym left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Additions to the agenda- Village Trustee Paul Hampton noted the mobile home on Beeson is being cleaned up.

There is no update of the house on 106 E. Beeson Street. Still working on finding owner

Village Employee Josh Hicks got new chain saw blades and has been mowing the lawn at 106 E. Beeson.

It was discussed to charge out of town people \$14 per ton for labor to haul HWY 17 milling and \$7 for inside the Village of Joy.

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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 unanimous "Yes vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk