

Village of Joy

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday February 19, 2025 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

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

Public Present-Josh Hicks, Matt Willits

Water tower and holding tank proposals discussion:

Two proposals were received. Viking Industrial, Water Tower Cleaning and Coat, Inc. Total price for Water Tower Clean and Coat was \$5,600, Viking \$3,400. Giffin Engineering also provides the service of inspections and a report. Giffin was the Engineering firm that designed the Village of Joy's Treatment Plant and tower. Their cost for inspections and report would be \$4,500. Viking and Water Tower Clean and Coat proposals include cleaning and inspection along with a report. Viking is located in Nebraska, Water Tower Clean and Coat is located in Wisconsin.

Matt Willits arrived at the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Village Trustee Rory Conway suggested tabling the water tower and holding tank cleaning discussion until speaking with Brian Glasgow, water operator for the Village of Joy. It was decided to call Brian by phone during the meeting to discuss the issue. One question the trustees have is whether the tank has to be drained during the cleaning or not. Brian Glasgow said there are a couple of ways to handle the situation. A pressure valve can be added to a fire hydrant or hook onto Aledo's water. The tower will not have to be drained with either process.

Brian said both companies are good companies. ION has used both companies.

Aledo's PSI is 45, but would be a little less for Village of Joy.

Village Trustees Paul Hampton and Rory Conway recommended hooking onto Aledo water to save water, pump wear and tear and electric.

After Discussion, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to accept the Viking Industrials proposal for \$3,400.00 for inspecting, cleaning of the water tower at \$1,850 and holding tank at \$1,550.00. 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. Village Clerk will make arrangements.

Matt Willits addressed the Village Board of Trustees. Matt is requesting to farm his lot that is located at the corner of May and Washington inside the corporate limits of the Village of Joy. After discussion, Village of Joy Village President and Village Board of Trustees agreed to give the Willits family permission to farm the lots for as long as the Willits family owns the land. The reason this is necessary is because the land is zoned residential not farm and the Village Board wanted to see how it went the first year before making a final decision. The first went well. After discussion, Village Trustee Patsy Peterson made the motion

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to allow the Willits family to farm the lot for as long as they own the property. 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 unanimous "Yes" vote.

Matt Willits also addressed the issue of trash blowing all over his farm field from a resident living on the east end of May Street. The Village of Joy has already sent letters to the resident requesting they clean up their yard and trash that is blowing around. Village of Joy is in the process of reopening their Police Dept. The Police Department will help control these issues. Matt left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed some upcoming issues concerning finances. In 2023 there was a water rate study done by IRWA. Larry suggested having a new rate study. The water rates will need to be raised. The rate study from 2023 basically stated the Village of Joy was losing money at that time and needed to raise prices, but the raise was not approved by the board of trustees. With costs on the rise, the Village of Joy will possibly need to raise the water prices. Village of Joy has softened water which helps to save appliances. The issue will be discussed at a later meeting.

Water leak at vacant house on Beeson Street is fixed. The Beeson Street leak was adding to part of the water loss problem.

Village Trustee Patsy Peterson said we be able to locate and fix curb stops.

Discussed the possibility of cloud based programs to help with documenting and locating curb stops. Will discuss with the City of Aledo.

After discussion and review, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to pass and approve the February 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Pat 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.

After discussion and review, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to pass and approve the March 2025 paid expenditures. 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 February 2025 Balance Sheet and P&L was reviewed and discussed.

Delinquent accounts- reviewed and discussed.

New Zoning Ordinance and Building Code changes were tabled until new ordinance is ready.

Police Dept. update – Waiting on a signature page for the Police Ordinance from Attorney Jordan Newell.

2025 Street Project update - IDOT paperwork is complete and sent in to state.

1 bid for roof repair from Steven Beavers was reviewed and discussed. Labor-roof-\$3,500, Siding-\$250. The bid was not for 30 year shingles. Board would like to have a bid for 30 year shingles and also for a metal roof. Village Employee, Joshua Hicks will discuss 30 shingles and metal roof bids with Steven Beavers. Discussion tabled until bids are submitted. Joshua Hicks said there is plenty of white siding in the shed to repair Village Hall.

The Village of Joy's current auditor will no longer be doing Municipal Audits. Proposal requests were sent to several accounting firms. The Village Board of Trustees and Village President reviewed and discussed the proposals. The least expensive was from Bohnsack and Frommelt LLP. The base cost is \$13,000. After review and discussion Village Trustee Patsy Peterson made the motion to approve the Audit Proposal from Bohnsack and Frommelt for \$13,500 plus any extra charges that

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may occur. Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken. Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Rory Conway-no. The motion was passed with a 4-yes, 1-no vote.

The Mercer County Crisis Center request for donation was reviewed and discussed. After discussion Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to donate \$50 to be a blue kid sponsor. Pat Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Additions to the agenda- Discussed Village of Joy having fuel barrels again and having Halcomb Oil deliver our fuel. Call _____ Halcomb, find out Fuel barrel prices, prices of all fuel. Find out if they supply barrels or Village of Joy needs to purchase their own. Continue discussion at April Regular board meeting. Discussed E 85. Discussed, where to put the fuel barrels if the Village of Joy is able get them. Discussed having two barrels. Joshua Hicks said the wood shed is completely full. Location will be determined.

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 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.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk