

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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

Village Trustee Paul Hampton-absent

Trustees present: Kristy Lee, Patsy Peterson, Jason Huston, Jeremy Lane, Rory Conway.

Village Trustee Jason Huston arrived to the meeting just after roll call.

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

Public Present-Josh Hicks, Joseph Swan/LRS, Brad Retherford/Joy Fire, Dennis Scharer

Brian Glasgow with ION was not present for the meeting. Village President Larry Hunt discussed the report that Brian emailed. Viking inspected and cleaned the water tower and the holding tank, June 17, 2025. Everything went well. Both are in great shape. Viking will send full report and photos to the Village of Joy. The Village of Joy was on the Aledo Water System while Viking inspected and cleaned the tower and holding tank. Ragan Mechanical inspected the altitude valve. The reason was to make sure there was no problem when switching to Aledo's water system. Everything checked out great. Water pressure was adjusted while on the Aledo system because the pressure was a little low.

A recent storm a month or so ago took out the board on the VFD for Well#2, so the well hasn't run since then. Britton Electronic came and checked out the damage. They will be able to make repair, which should save money. Brian will keep the Village of Joy updated on the cost and timeframe of the repairs.

Brian requested permission to purchase two humidifier for the treatment plant. High humidify is not good for the equipment.

The humidifiers were preapprove during a prior meeting. No vote was taken.

Joseph Swan-LRS address the Village President and Village Board of Trustees concerning all of the complaints on service that LRS is providing for the Village of Joy. LRS provides trash and recycle pick-up for Village of Joy. Village President Larry Hunt said that until just recently, when calling the LRS phone numbers, there was never an answer and no return calls when leaving a message. The drivers do not always pick everyone's garbage and recycle containers. The residents call Village Hall and threaten that they will no longer pay their trash bill because sometimes it takes several weeks to have it picked up. Village President said he knows there are people in Aledo who are having problems too.

Joseph hears the point and said excuses do not matter and he is here at the meeting to find out all of the problems and fix them. Joseph wants the Village of Joy to call his phone number or send him an email when problems arise so he can address them. There will always be a miss here or there, but when a whole side of the street is missed, that will not be tolerated. Joseph said he understands the point. The call center for this area was closed. That is why Village of Joy is not getting call backs. There is no excuse for bad service. Village President Larry Hunt said he feel like LRS really doesn't really care. Joseph said there is a really big problem with the call center and he is going

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to really try to make things better. Joseph Swan said always call him if there is a complaint or a problem. Village Trustee Patsy Peterson-who wants to pay for a service they are not getting.

Dennis Scharer /200 E. Main Street was present and spoke. His recycle has only been picked up one time over the last 2 months and he is a big recycler. Freddy and Brenda Howard and Jon Barnhouse's has be missed for the last two weeks.

Village President Larry Hunt thanked Joseph Swan for attending the meeting and he will give him a change to fix the problem. Joseph gave permission to give his phone number and email to the residents who need to get in touch with him and discuss problems they are having with the service.

Joseph Swan left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Dennis Sharer left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Brad Retherford with Joy Fire Department addressed the Village Board of Trustees and Village President. The Fire Department is requesting permission to use a sea container for storage beside the Fire Building, in place of the shed they have now. If granted permission they will made the container and make it look nice.

It was discussed that anything over 400 square feet must be on concrete. The container will run east and west. The Fire Department is commercial not residential and that is allowed according to the Zoning Ordinance. After discussion, Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion for allow the Fire Department to have the sea container in place of their old shed. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Brad Retherford left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Village President discussed new committee appointments. There were several changes made. The committees do not meet too often generally, but the police and street and alley committies will need to meet in the near future due to the Joy Police Department and the upcoming street project.

Recently a resident sent an email addressing several issues in town that needed to be addressed. Items will be addressed. The condition of the house structure and overgrown yard at 201 S. Federal Street was discussed in the email. Cats are running at large all over town and needs to be addressed too.

May 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes reviewed and discussed. Village Trustee Jerermy Lane asked about Doherty Brothers quote for the roof after the new gutter size was changed from 6 inch to 5 inch. The price was lowered to reflect the new gutter size. After discussion, Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to approve the May 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

June 2025 Expenditures: Flag Pole expense was discussed. After review and discussion, Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to approve the June 2025 expenditures. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was

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passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.
(bills and replied payments) report

Delinquent accounts reviewed and discussed.

Building Codes and new Zoning Ordinance- no updates.

Joy Police Dep. Update-The IT Dept. will contact Village of Joy next week to give instructions for website access.

Joy Fest update- Village Trustee Kristy Lee said Snazzies will be at Fest this year serving Lemonade shakeups and corndogs. Next Committee meeting will be June 24th, 2025. Kaneta Keller is helping with the Fest this year. Jason Crawford will not be in charge of the Car Show this year. Village President Larry Hunt and Village Trustee Paul Hampton will be in charge of the Car Show. Gathering Church will serve lunch. So far there are 3 vendors that have committed. Boone Docks will not be able to participate this year. Also discussed having battle of the bands. Sarah Frieden will have bounce houses. It was discussed whether to charge or not to charge the vendors a fee. The Community Club used to have fundraisers in the past to make money to put the fest on. Village Trustee Jeremy Lane stated we need a big grill. Discussed inquiring about Steve Retherford's grill. Village Trustee Kristy Lee, suggests chili suppers and other suppers to raise money. Village President suggested having yard sales in the park.

Sara Frieden will make the flyers.

Village President Larry Hunt has not ordered fuel barrels yet. He feels the best the location for the barrels is behind Village Hall. The area will be measured to see if there is enough room. Village President will keep the Village Board updated.

Additions to Agenda. Joshua Hick-Kevin Shaw may be here next week to start tree work.

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., Kristy Lee 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "yes" vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk