

# Village of Joy

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday July 16, 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, Jeremy Lane, Rory Conway.

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

Public Present- Police Chief Gordon Nichols, Chad McCleary-ION, Brad Weeks

Chad McCleary-ION addressed the Village Board of Trustees: The generators have been serviced. The pressure transducer at water plant is not working will be replaced. There will be a few more samples required by the end of the summer. Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked if the antifreeze in the generators had been checked. Chad McCleary will check on antifreeze.

Chad McCleary left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Police Chief Gordon Nichols address the Village Board of Trustees. Gordon has finished 118 hour required courses and a 4 hour fire arm class of which was required. There is a high risk traffic stop class that he will also be taking in the near future. The body cam is holding Gordons ability to patrol. The law states he must have a body camera on to patrol legally. Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked if the body cam that Gordon is waiting on is the same as Mercer County. Gordon answered yes, it is same as county's cam. The body cam was scheduled to arrive by 8/15/25, but still has not arrived. Other option will need to be considered if the camera is not here soon. The radar equipment was also discussed. A car unit estimated price is around \$2,100. A hand held radar gun Falcon 1,000 can be stored inside which could be the best option. Galesburg Communication will do radar install if needed. Police Chief Gordon Nichols will continue looking for a radar gun.

Police Chief Gordon would like to rejoin ILEAS mutual aid. The cost is \$60 per year.

Police Chief Gordon Nichols would also like to rejoin the Police Mobil Training Unit. The reason is for all the required training that has to be done. If you are a member, the training is provided at no addition cost after you have paid for the yearly membership. The cost for the membership will be discuss at a later date.

The cat problem in the Village of Joy was discussed. Village of Joy has a contract with Mercer County Animal Control, so the Village of Gordon Nichols can take stay cats to Mercer County pound. Village Police Chief Gordon Nichols discussed the Village of Joy's animal ordinances. Gordon suggested having a policy in place for the use of animal live traps. The Village of Joy has a live trap.

Gordons hand held radio is in the shop being worked on.

Brad Weeks addressed the Village Board of Trustees. Village President Larry Hunt introduced Brad to the Village Trustees that do not know him. The maintenance position is open and Brad Weeks has applies for the position.

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Brad worked for the Village of Joy about 2 ½ years ago. Brad will help out the Village of Joy on a part-time bases for now. Brad would like to come back and work for the Village of Joy permanently in the future if it works out that way. Brad is checking on a few personal issues before making the final commitment. Village President Larry Hunt-Brad did a great job for the Village of Joy when he worked here before. If Brad Chooses to return to the Village of Joy, Village President Larry Hunt's plan is to hire him back. Brad will most likely not work 40 hours per week. He will work until he gets his work done and then will be able to leave for the day. If it is necessary to put more hours in to complete something he will be able to do so. The Village of Joy does not need someone to work 40 hours per week in the Maintenance Dept.

Brad Weeks still has reservations because of a previous Village President.

Brad can help keep up with the mowing until he has made his final decision to accepting the position or not.

Brad will know more after his Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Village President Larry Hunt stated there is not as much heavy work here as their used to be.

Brad said he will not return to the Village of Joy if there is anyone hanging onto left over feeling from the previous Village President and that situation, if so he is not interested in the position. Brad stated the current Board of Trustees seem to be better.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton said the Village President is the boss and everyone has to go through the Village President. Brad stated he would invite the help of the trustees. Water shut-offs (curb stops) were discussed. No one really knows where some of them they are located, or what shut-off belongs to what house. There are some curb stops that were for the old water main and should be removed to avoid confusion.

Village President Larry Hunt said he would like to see the shutoffs marked or tagged in some way.

Brad said he is 65 years old and wears down a little. He has no intentions of milking the clock. Brad prefers to come to work early in the mornings, drive around a check the street lights and the streets and look for potential problem areas. Brad said he will understand if the Village of Joy finds a younger person for the position.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton said he will be very happy if Brad Weeks is able to return to work for the Village of Joy.

Brad said he really enjoyed the job last time. Brad and Julie like to travel, so Brad would like for some of the trustees and or Joe be able to take over an emergency if necessary should Brad be out of town. Village Trustee Paul Hampton suggested some of the trustees shadow Brad to figure out where the shut-offs are in case of an emergency shut off. Brad suggested discussing water shut-offs with Laverdiere Construction to see if they can help locate the curb stops to the proper houses, since they are the one who put in the new water mains in Joy. Brad asked if May Street has been jetted out lately and if the chemicals have been poured in sewer main. There is a bad root problem in that area. Illinois Rural water will camera sewer mains at no fee because the Village of Joy are members.

Brad Weeks left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Gordon Nichols left the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Village President Larry Hunt- Would to pay Village Trustee Paul Hampton for mowing some of the Village of Joy properties since the previous Maintenance Person is gone. Paul mowed for 4 hours.

Village Trustee Rory Conway made a suggestion to compensate trustees \$15 per hour if they mow or help out with

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extra work around the village. Discussion tabled until September Regular Board Meeting.

The Village of Joy has several chain saws. Village Trustee recommended having both lawn mowers serviced.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton suggested 6-25\$ gift cards from Boone Docks, Joy, for the Tunnels and Towers staff instead of pay him to mow. All Trustees felt it was ok to buy the gift cards. Paul suggested Boone Docks gift certificates because that would help promote business in the Village of Joy.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the July 16, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion as 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristy Lee. 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.

August paid expenditures discussion-Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked the following questions- The weed killer purchase. The weed killer is only ordered when needed and is concentrated, and last for several months. The bug spray is not only for Village Hall, but for all other Village of Joy buildings. Discussed the tree removal. The tree being discussed in at 201 E. Illinois Street on the across from the east side of the park. The tree closest to the bus stop will be cut down before Joy Fest. The tree closest to the flag pole will be trimmed before Joy Fest.

After discussion, Village Trustee Roy Conway made the motion to approve the July 2025 paid expenditures. 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, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "YES" Vote.

July 2025 Balance Sheet and P&L were discussed and reviewed- no vote needed.

Delinquent account were reviewed and discussed. Final shut off notices were sent to 5 accounts left over from last month.

The property on the corner of W. Main and Federal needs to be mowed again. The house is empty. The property owner does not take care of the property or mow the lawn.

State Wide Building Codes-No change. Village President Larry Hunt will discuss with Don Wilken.

The white truck needs an alternator.

Kristy Lee-Joy Fest Updates- The Fireman breakfast is 7-10. Fireman Barrel Fight will be by the park near Jason Crawford's building. A petting zoo has been added. Bonfire at dusk has been added. A semi flat bed trailer has been donated for Tommy and the T-Bones.

There are volunteer sign-up sheets for Joy Fest tables for food service and T-Shirt sales etc. and beer tent for trustees only.

Village President Larry Hunt bought trophies for the car show.

Village Trustee wants gift baskets to be delivered to Village Hall by 9/12/25.

Fire Chief Jeff Hill will wet down the bonfire area before the bonfire and will also put out the fire at the end of the night. The bonfire area will also be roped off 5 ft out to keep people from getting too close.

Village Trustee Rory Conway will plow the sand in the sandpit to knock down the weeds and grass before the fest.

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Landmark Landscape Tree Proposal for the Joy Park was reviewed and discussed. The proposal was reviewed but the information on pricing was confusing. So the discussion was tabled until the Sept. Regular Board Meeting to give time to contact Landmark for clarification.

Trick or Treat hours were set in the Village of Joy- 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1 2025. The Joy Fire Department will have Hot Dogs, Hot Chocolate, Juice Pouches, Treat Bags and Water from 4-5 p.m.

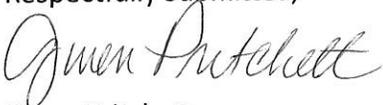
The Mercer County Animal Control Agreement was reviewed and discussed. Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve and renew the Mercer County Animal Control Agreement. Jeremy Lane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Addition to the Agenda-there have been a lot of Solar Salesmen in town without permits from the Village of Joy. They are canvasing on the weekends with permits too. The Village of Joy has no soliciting signs at one time and there are not any posted anymore. The Village Trustees will look for the signs and they will be put back up if there are any in storage. Will discuss at the September Regular Board Meeting.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. 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, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with unanimous "Yes" vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Pritchett  
Joy Village Clerk