

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday Sept 17, 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-Melonie Cuevas, Janessa Jackson

Chad McCleary was not present for the meeting.

ION Report was reviewed and discussed:

Water System

All is operating as expected.

VFD repairs for Well 2 are complete.

Wastewater System

All samples were in compliance for August and all is running smoothly. Flows have normalized with less rain.

Chad McCleary

Ion Environmental Solutions

Melonie Cuevas address the Village Board of Trustees: She, her daughter and their dog was attacked by a dog while walking on Main Street in Joy on 9/14/25. This is the second time it has happened with the same dog. The dog chased them for 3 blocks. Melonie has contacted the Mercer County Police Dept., Mercer County Animal Control and the Chief of Police of Joy. Melonie would like to see something be done. The dog should be on a leash and not running loose. The owner has been spoke to concerning the dog. There are no medical bills.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton suggested to carry mace. It was suggest to send the owner an ordinance letter.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton, suggested going to the park bathroom for shelter if possible.

Melonie and Janessa left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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Gordon has his body cam and is working on getting it ready to use.

Training is complete.

Amazon Prime: Village of Joy usually purchase most supplies from Amazon and has been using the Village Clerks Prime benefits. Amazon Prime no longer allows people to share benefits. The Village Clerk signed the Village of Joy up for a trial version of Prime to save money for shipping. The trial is over and the Village has now paid Primes monthly fee. Does the Village of Joy want to continue to pay for prime or cancel it? After discussing the possibility to purchase prime as a Black Friday Deal, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to cancel Prime for now, and approve Amazon Prime if a Black Friday Deal is available. Jeremy Lane 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.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton discussed Tunnel to Towers update.

October 22-25. Will leave on October 26. A schedule of event was supplied by Village Trustee Paul Hampton.

The Village of Joy will not be able donate Boone Docks gift certificates for Tunnels to Towers like previously planned because Boone Docked is now closed.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked if the Village of Joy would donate money. After discussion, Village Trustee Jeremy Lane made the motion to donate \$500 to Tunnels to Towers. Jason Huston 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.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton discussed the Hustler lawn mower. The mower needs to be serviced at the end of the mowing season this year. Brad Weeks always had it serviced at Hank's in Aledo. The blades need to be looked at.

Village Trustee Rory Conway recommended having it serviced in March, but call Hank's now to have it on the schedule for March of 2026.

After discussion, Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to have the Hustler lawn mower serviced at Hanks' in March of 2026. Rory Conway 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.

The August 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes were reviewed and discussed. 6-25\$ gift certificates from Boone Docks to Tunnels to Towers were not purchased because of Boone Dock going out of Business. The funds to be used for the certificates was money originally owed to Paul Hampton for mowing Village of Joy Property. Paul asked if the money that is owed to him for mowing can be applied to his water bill instead of receiving money.

It was noted in the August 2025 Meeting Minutes - Gordon Nichols left the meeting twice. That will be corrected.

After discussion, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve the August 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes,

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Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

September 2025 expenditures reviewed and discussed. Village Trustee asked if the \$2000 for tree removal was for the tree in the park by the bus shed. It was for that tree. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to pass and approve the September 2025 expenditures. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lee-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

P&L and Balance Sheet was reviewed and discussed.

Delinquent Accounts reviewed and discussed. There are two services that need to be shut off
Village Trustee Kristy Lee said committees can start helping out.

Building Codes and Zoning Ordinance- no update.

Village Trustee Kristy Lee-Joy Fest Update- Everything is purchased and food shack is cleaned. Will begin taking items to the food shack on Friday. If would be appreciated if there are people that will help.

Raffle items will be set up outside of the food shack.

Raffle bikes are purchased and at Main Street Tire and Lube so the tires can be aired up. Raffle tickets will be 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

Raffle Winners will be announced by the bands.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton said there are coolers at the fire station and may be used if necessary.

One of the outlets at the food shack does not work.

The picnic tables will be left under the pavilion. Village President Larry Hunt said the picnic tables are very heavy.

Village President Larry Hunt said everyone is doing an awesome job working on Joy Fest.

Trustee Compensation discussion: Village Trustee Paul Hampton suggested credit on water bills or gift cards be given. After discussion Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to compensate Pau Hampton for mowing for the Village of Joy by-crediting his water bill. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-abstain, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a 5-yes, 1 abstain vote.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton will mow 201 S. Federal Street property on Thursday.

The property owner at 202 S. Federal Street will be sent a letter for weeds and vehicles.

Landmark Landscape Tree bid was discussed. If someone would like to purchase and donate one of the trees for a memorial tree in the Joy Park, can the Village of Joy can pay for planting and delivery and the donor can pay for the tree. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve: The memorial trees be paid for by the donor and Village of Joy will pay for planting and delivery and staking by Jason Kellett with Landmark Landscape. Kristy Lee 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy

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Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes. Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote. Memorial Tree plan for the park will be printed on water bills and posted on facebook.

The Rae Castle Memorial Flag Pole in the Joy Park needs to be finished so the flags can be hung up.

Addition to the agenda- Brad weeks last day at his current job is 2/26/25. He will begin working for the Village of Joy the following week.

Brad will be permitted to bank hours if needed, and use for paid time off.

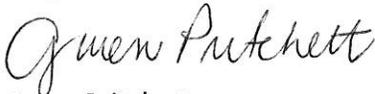
Village Trustee Paul Hampton will help Brad out if needed when he is available. Brad will not require training because he has worked for the Village of Joy in the past.

Dalton Icenogle said he can help out with mowing and weed eating if needed. If Dalton helps out his pay will be \$15.00.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Kristy Lee 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk