

Village of Joy

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday October 15, 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, Jason Huston, Jeremy Lane, Rory Conway.

Trustees Absent: Patsy Peterson

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

Public Present-Chad McCleary/ION

Chad McCleary with Ion addressed the Village Board of Trustees and discussed the October ION Report.

Water System

We need to install a new quill for the chlorine injection system. We need a few backup replacement parts for the chlorine injection system pumps. I'll put a quote together.

We are in the process of cleaning out the salt tank. Over time it gets dirty. The city may notice for a day or two that the hardness levels will go up during this process, but it will go back to normal after this process is complete.

All required sampling for quarter 3 has been completed. We need to complete a second round of lead and coppers before the end of the year.

Wastewater System

All samples were in compliance for September and all is running smoothly.

Chad McCleary

Ion Environmental Solutions

There are still around 3 lead lines left in town on the old water main.

ION takes care of Seaton Water and it may be a few more years before they are on the Aledo water System.

Chad McCleary left the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Joy Police chief Gordon Nichols was not present for the meeting.

Gordon has made several traffic stops and written traffic citations.

Village President Larry Hunt: Gordon has been pricing radar guns. There is not a report to discuss.

The light on top of the water tower is out. The tower is not over 200 feet tall. If the trustees want to have the tower light looked at an electrician will need to be contacted. Will call and get estimates if possible.

A hand written list from Brad Weeks was reviewed and discussed. Some items on the list have already been addressed. Brad will get Rustoleum paint and a roller for the white one ton pick up before using it for salt spreading. Brad wants to keep it from rusting out more. The large snow blade, roller and zero turn mower were discussed.

When the zero turn is serviced by Hanks, they can give the Village of Joy a trade in estimate.

The backhoe cost \$75,000 new. The backhoe is blowing black smoke sometimes. Brad Weeks recommended trading the backhoe in for a 35hp farm tractor, and purchase attachments for it.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton recommended taking the roller apart and scraping it out and sell the motor.

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Village Trustee Paul Hampton recommended taking the roller apart and scraping it out and sell the motor.

The large snow blade is just too big for the Village of Joy.

The heaters in the pump houses need to be looked at before cold weather hits. Will call and make an appointment.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton will help Brad Weeks cut tree branches. Village Trustee Paul Hampton wants to make sure the Village of Joy has the right of way to trim what is growing on Village of Joy property. Will look at ordinances.

Village Trustee Rory Conway recommended purchasing Kaboda Tractor instead of JDeere and to buy an older used tractor with low hours. Rory recommended something bigger than a 35hp. The discussion was tabled until there is more information.

Village President Larry Hunt made the recommendation to give the Village Clerk a raise. The current clerk hourly rate is \$19.00 per hour. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to give the Village Clerk a \$2.00 raise, making the Clerk hourly pay rate \$21.00. Jason Huston 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote. The raise will be effective immediately.

There is no updates from Melane Cuevas, other than the dog that caused the problem has been tied up.

There are a few animal owners that will be receiving dogs running at large letters.

Tunnels to Towers will be in Aledo next week.

There is an electrical outlet in the food shack in the park that does not work and needs to be repaired.

After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the September 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-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 October 2025 paid expenditures. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion as passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Balance Sheet and P&L review and discussed.

Delinquent accounts reviewed and discussed.

Will discuss delinquent accounts with addresses in the trailer park with Don Wilken.

Building Code/Zoning Ordinance-no updates.

Village President Larry Hunt will discuss with Don Wilken.

Joy Fest Update/Village Trustee Kristy Lee- the Fest went well, over \$2,300 in profits.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton was happy the Fest went well even with the rain. Paul felt like the major band should start earlier instead of 7:00 p.m., which may have been a little late. He wants to try to keep the crowd in the park, but the turn out was good. Paul recommended to start the planning earlier, around Thanksgiving.

There is beer left over. Stein Beverage will take back most of the beer and give the Village of Joy a refund.

Next year, food will be served all day as long as there is more help. The Committee will provide lunch next wear. Over

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Rain hurt the car show. There were 25 cars in the car show.

The petting zoo went really good.

There was only one person who was refused service because of over drinking. The person did not cause a scene.

2 vendors canceled because of the rain.

QC Stunts may not be asked back for next year. There were issues with the group drinking and the stunts being too repetitive. Subject tabled until November meeting.

After discussing Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to transfer \$6,000 from the Community Events Checking to the General Fund Checking account. The \$6,000 was loaned to Community Events to help fund this years Joy Fest. Jason Huston 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

The computer for Village Hall was discussed, and will be installed this Friday.

RMA-Village Insurance was reviewed and discussed. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve Option #1, to be paid by 11/14/2025, \$27,016.62. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

2025 Street Project: Village President Larry Hunt apologized because the street project is not going to happen this year. The Engineer for Giffin Engineering that was in charge of our street project is has change jobs. It is now too late to complete the complete project this year. Giffin Engineering sent new paperwork for the project for 2026. The ball was dropped but the money RBI money was allocated.

Ace in The Hole/Spray Patch bid was reviewed and discussed. Ace in the Hole's bid includes a 1-year guarantee. 2 days of spray will cost \$12,805.00. Village Trustee Paul Hampton recommended to not spray patch any roads that will be tilled up in the spring. Village President Larry Hunt does not want to grind Main Street.

Village Trustee Rory Conway recommended spray patching Oliver and Main Street. Discuss with Brad Weeks and have him mark bad spots on a map.

Brad Weeks would like to purchase cold patch in smaller amounts from Galesburg Supplies vs what we have now, which is not in good shape.

Will discuss with Brad Weeks to use cold patch to patch streets before spray patch.

Plan to still used millings as sub-base on the 2026 street project.

After discussion Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the bid from Ace in The Hole for 2 days of spray patch for \$12,805.00, on Main Street and Oliver Streets. Village Trustee Jason Huston 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes. Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote. Brad will fill in some areas with cold patch first.

29 hours of compensation was given to Village Trustee Paul Hampton in the form of credit to his water bill for mowing for the Village of Joy.

Addition to the Agenda: Stan Nelson is leasing the Village of Joy's farm ground. The Village of Joy will need to decide what they will used the land for if Stan Nelson retires and no long wants to lease the ground. There are 7.2 acres that is being leased.

Will call and check on the fuel barrels that were ordered from Halcomb.

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The old generator behind the maintenance building will be evaluated and started if possible. Will discuss with Brad Weeks to see if he can take a look at the generator.

The burnt wood that was left over in the park from Joy Fest was cleaned-up by Brad Weeks.

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Jeremy Lane 2nd the meeting. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk