

**Village of Joy**  
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 19, 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, Patsy Peterson, Jason Huston, Jeremy Lane, Rory Conway.

Trustees Absent: N/A

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

Public Present-Chad McCleary with ION, Village Chief of Police Gordon Nichols, Kyle McEwen of Mercer County Better Together

Chad McCleary with ION Environmental addressed the Village President and Village Board of Trustees. It was recently discovered the Village of Joy had a water main break. The break was found today on E. Main Street. The break was repaired by Village Employee Brad Week and Zenk Excavating. There are also several homes with water leaks. 45 thousand gallons per day is the average usage for the Village of Joy. The leak average is 21 gallons per minute. The Main Street water main repairs are complete. The water plant has been running around the clock to keep up. The plant will shut off at 59 psi. This should happen as soon as tonight.

Well #2 pumps 60 gallons per minute. Well #1 pumps 42-43 gallons per minute.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked about the condition of well #1 due to the lower pumping volumes.

Chad McCleary with ION stated the difference may be due to the hp of the pumps. Possibly well #2 has bigger hp pump than well #1. Chad will discuss with Cahoy.

Kyle McEwen with Mercer County Better Together address the Village President and Village Board of Trustees.

Kyle provided an Impact Sheet for review and discussion. In September 2025, MCBT helped 7 people from the Village of Joy. MCBT request support from the Village of Joy and other towns. MCBT also raises funds through private donations and night in the car.

Mercer County Better together has a website with a list of area job openings, which is really growing.

Mercer County Better Together is requesting \$1.25 per resident in the Village of Joy. Village of Joy currently has 372 residents. \$465. Local funds will be matched. Kyle McEwen left the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Village Chief of Police Gordon Nichols address the Village President and Village Board of Trustees.

Gordon has been patrolling. He has made 7 traffic stops, 6 citations, 1 arrest, a search warrant and addressed animal complaints.

An animal complaint from a resident was reviewed and discussed. The person that was complained about was already addressing the complaint. The complaint was about cats. The cats are actually not her cats and she has been working with Joy Police Department, catching the cats so they can be taken to Mercer County Animal Control.

There are several houses with yard nuance. Village Police Chief Gordon Nichols has been working with Grace Simpson and Matt Lower to address the issues. Some of the violations may be considered EPA violations.

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There have been traffic complaints at the school, Oliver and Edwards intersection and West Liberty and Main Streets. Gordon has been patrolling those areas. It was also recommended to address the Hwy 17 traffic with a radar gun.

The Mutual Aid agreement for Public safety was reviewed and discussed. The fee is \$60 per year. There are several benefits such as Narcan grants, Mobile Starcom Radios, Tasers, and free training.

Reviewed and discussed the 2 proposals for radars. Village Police Chief Gordon Nichols recommended the Stalker II, which costs a little more but would be worth it. You get extra batteries, a case to keep the radar in when it is not in use, tuning forks and a 2-year warranty.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to pass and approve Resolution 2 of 2025 a Resolution for Mutual Aide. 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.

Radar Gun: Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the Stalker II Radar Gun for the Village of Joy Police Dept. 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.

The Mercer County proposed Nuisance Tax was discussed. If passed the tax will be used to hire additional Mercer County police officers. The subject will be discussed at the December Mercer County Board Meeting.

Village Of Joy Chief of Police Gordon Nichols will order the Stalker II Radar Gun.

Diamond Maps was discussed to enter information for curb stops and be able to locate curb stops. The program is interactive and mobile. The cost is \$14 per month. The curb stops on the old water system are not marked. That information will have to be entered. After discussion, Village Trustee Jason Huston made the motion to approve the membership with Diamond Maps for \$14.00 per month. Jeremy Huston 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. Village Trustee Rory Conway made the recommendation to try to get a discount by paying for 1 year at once, instead of monthly.

The Village of Joy's blue dump truck has a leak in the fuel line. New fuel lines will cost the Village of Joy around \$700 plus the cost of labor. Richard Downey can fix with a splice for a temporary fix for less money. The exact price to splice the lines is not known. After discussion, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to hire Richard Downey to splice the lines. 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. Then motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

A building permit will be issued for 205 E. May Street for ground mounted solar.

Living in a camper is prohibited in the Village of Joy. It is possible there are people living in campers and the issue will be looked into.

The backhoe is blowing black smoke. Altorfer came down and there is algae in the fuel tank, lines and filters. Altorfer gave two bids. \$3,132.36 if they drive to Joy and service here, and \$2,024.36 if we haul the backhoe to their shop. The haul will cost the Village of Joy \$1000. Logan Hudson gave a bid for \$700-\$1000 and he will fix at Village of Joy. Village Trustee Paul Hampton recommended having Logan also take a look at the JDeere. After Discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to hire Logan Hudson to fix the Kat and look at the JDeere. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

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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 employee Brad Weeks will make arrangement with Logan Hudson to do the work.

The October 15, 2025 regular board meeting minutes were reviewed and discussed. After discussion Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approved the October 15, 2025 regular board meeting minutes. 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 approved with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

After discussion Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the \$12,951.25 bank transfer for O/M to the water project loan account for the November 1, 2025 interest payment of the 2 low interest loans for water tower and mains. 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.

P&L and Balance Sheet- reviewed and discussed.

Tax Levy- The Tax Levy will be voted on at the December 17,2025 regular board meeting.

Delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed.

Building Codes-no updates to discuss.

The new computer for Village Hall was installed.

The spray patch for 2024 has been completed. Main Street is smoothed out and much better than before. Village President Larry Hunt suggested everyone get together and look over the roads to determine which roads should be addressed in 2026.

The 2025 Christmas Ornament information was discussed. The ornaments will not be in until after Thanksgiving.

The Christmas Lights contest was discussed. Everything will stay the same as in the past.

After discussion Patsy Peterson made the motion to pay employees a \$250 bonus for Christmas. 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.

Village of Joy Chief of Police has been working on cat complaints. The person who has the cats coming to her house has been working on problem. The cats do not belong to her. The casts will be taken to Mercer County Animal Shelter.

Additions to Agenda: Mercer County Better Together Donation discussed. Village Trustee Kristy Lee suggested donating \$500. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to donate \$500 to Mercer County Better Together. Rory Conway 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.

LRS has missed several houses this week.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton inquired about the \$1,200 deposit to the equipment fund. This deposit is each month. It is set aside to purchase new equipment.

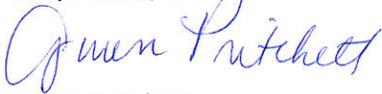
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Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Rory Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The following vote was taken. Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Gwen Pritchett  
Joy Village Clerk