

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

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

Trustees Absent: Rory Conway and Patsy Peterson

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

Public Present- Village Chief of Police Gordon Nichols addressed Village Board of Trustees and Village President. Since the last board meeting there have been 8 incidents, coin issues, 2 animal complaints, have picked up several cats-(5) in total, 8 traffic stops with 1 citation.

The new radar for the Police Dept. has been ordered, but it will take a while for delivery.

The property at 110 W. Illinois Street has burnt and the family has moved. Police Chief Nichols recommended placing a lien on the property to insure the house be torn down and lot cleaned up. The issue will be discussed with the Village of Joy's attorney.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked Village Police Chief Gordon Nichols if there were any issues with the squad car. The squad is in need of new tires and an oil change.

Police Chief Nichols has been patrolling random hours and trying to keep on paper work.

the black SUV is still around town parking in various places.

Police Chief Nichols left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Village President Larry Hunt discussed: backhoe was fixed by Logan Hudson. The backhoe also needs a new censor. The JDeere loader and white pickup truck both needs new seats. Village Trustee Paul Hampton feels it will cost \$150 - \$250 to replace the white pickup seat. Paul will inquire with JC's. The JDeere needs a new seat, estimated to cost \$500. After discussion Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to purchase used seat for white pickup for the cost of up to \$250.00 and a new seat for the JDeere up to the cost of \$500.00. Jeremy lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

The white pickup also needs coil packs. Both pickups needs oil changes.

The Village of Joy was contacted by the insurance company concerning 110 W Illinois Street. All information will be reviewed and discussed with Village attorney.

Boone Docks was sold. New owners will take over soon.

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A special meeting will be scheduled after the holidays to discuss 110 W. Illinois Street. After review and discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the November 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Kristy Lee 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

After discussion Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to pass and approve the December 2025 paid expenditures. Jason Huston 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

The squad car is melting snow in the garage and is causing a big mess. Village President Larry Hunt will check prices for a floor mat.

November 2025 P&L and Balance Sheet was reviewed and discussed.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to pass and approve Tax Levy Ordinance #3, Series 2025. Jason Huston 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed. Discussed creating a work program.

Building codes will be discussed.

Christmas Lighting Contest Judging information discussed.

1st place winner- Jeff and Sherry Hill \$100

2nd place winner-Jason Huston \$75

3rd place winner-Kristy Lee and Jeremy Lane \$50

Addition to the agenda: Village President Larry Hunt recommend joining amazon prime to save money on shipping. After discussion Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to join Amazon Prime. Jason Huston 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

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Addition: Village Trustee Paul Hampton discussed the need for wings on the new snow plow. Wings will allow the plow to get the snow off of the road and to cut down on plow time. The cost is approximately \$1,500.00. Currently there is \$34,639.92 in the equipment fund.

Paul also recommends purchasing a box of 2 turn buckles for the box blade for \$110.00 for the pair.

After discussion Kristy Lee made the motion to purchase wings for the snow plow and the turn buckles for the box blade. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lee-yes. The motion was passed unanimous "Yes" vote.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk