

Village of Joy

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 5, 2026

RE: 110 W. Illinois Street

The Special Meeting of the Joy Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Monday January 5, 2026 by Village President Larry Hunt. The meeting was held at Village Hall, 200 W. 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.

No public present.

The Village Board of Trustees and Village President-discussing the property at 110 W. Illinois Street in Joy that caught fire and burned December 8, 2025. The home can no longer be lived in since the fire destroyed most of the structure.

The home owner's insurance contacted the Village of Joy by phone and email. The insurance company provided a form to the Village of Joy to be filled out and returned to them. The form is a request for demolition expense in the amount of Village of Joy's choosing to be held in escrow by the Village of Joy until the demolition is complete and satisfactory with the Village of Joy. The amount of money to be held in escrow is \$18,000. The insurance Company has already sent the check, but the Village of Joy has not received it yet.

Village President discussed requiring that the property be completely empty. It is required the house, fence and all of the items in the yard be completely removed from the Village of Joy and have a 100% empty lot at 110 W. Illinois Street at completion.

The Village of Joy Demolition Permit Application was reviewed and discussed. After discussion, Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to adopt and approve the Demolition Permit Application, and send to the property owner at 110 W. Illinois Street. 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 Board of Trustees discussed placing a lien on the property at 110 W. Main Street in Joy for outstanding bills for services. If a lien is filed it will include lien filing and release fees. After

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discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to file a lien for services and lien fees on the property at 110 W. Illinois Street. 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.

It is unknown what the property owner's intentions are for 110 W. Illinois Street. The Village of Joy will consider acquiring the property after the lot clean-up is complete.

The water is turned off at the curb stop. There must be proof that all utilities are properly disconnected and capped off.

After discussion Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to purchase 110 W. Illinois Street for an agreed price after the demolition and clean-up is complete and satisfactory. Patsy Peterson 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.

Ordinance No.1, Series 2026 An Ordinance Regulating Properties & Destruction by Fire in the Village of Joy, County of Mercer, State of Illinois. Was reviewed and discussed. Changes were made to the draft copy of the ordinance. After discussion Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 1 Series 2029 with changes. 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 President Larry Hunt appointed the Zoning Committee as the committee for 110 E. Illinois Street. The committee is Village Trustees Rory Conway, Jeremy Lane and Jason Huston.

Village Trustee Jeremy Lane made the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Hsuton-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Pritchett
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