

Village of Joy
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Tuesday, March 18, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2026 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, Jeremy Lane, Roy Conway

Trustee Jason Huston-absent

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

Public Present- Kasi Henshaw, Nathan Willits, Village of Joy Police Officer Gordon Nichols, James Campbell

Chad McCleary with ION was not able to be at meeting tonight. Report was discussed.

Joy Council Report – March 2026

Water System

All of the major water loss has been corrected, but we're still running a bit high. We should bring in IL Rural Water to do a survey of the entire town for leak detection.

Annual water usage report (IWIP) for 2025 has been filed.

Nitrate samples were due in Q1. These were submitted to Pace earlier this month.

Joy's lead & copper testing has been adjusted from twice annually to once every three years. Additionally, the number of samples has been reduced from ten to five. We will sample between June-Sept this year, then we shouldn't have to sample again until 2029.

Wastewater System

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

Chad McCleary

Ion Environmental Solutions

Visit Merco – 2026 Ride 17

2026 Ride 17

Nate Willits and Kasi Henshaw addressed the Village Board of Trustees and Village President concerning 2026 Ride 17. Kasi introduced Nate to everyone. Visit Merco would like to know if the Village of Joy would like to participate with Ride 17 in 2026. Nate and Kasi have been discussing the possibility with Village Trustee Kristy Lee.

The point of contact for the Village of Joy is Kristy Lee and/or Village Hall. The Village of Joy does not have funds to hire a band for Ride 17, especially since Joy Fest is the following weekend. Visit Merco will pay for the band for the Village of Joy this year if they participate, since it is the first year. The Village of Joy has no inside venue except for the churches. Ride 17 will be September 12, 2026. Joy Fest will be September 19, 2026. If the Village of Joy participates in Ride 17, the theme will be about the kids. Visit Merco wants to support the children theme. Visit Merco will help Village of Joy with a band so it is a good time for the Village of Joy and Ride 17. If there is going to be a bus picking up people and taking them from town to town during the ride, Village Trustee Paul Hampton suggested having the pick up in the Village of Joy at the Bus stop at the Joy Park. Village Trustee Pat Peterson suggested having the band under the pavilion.

Kasi And Nate left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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Village of Joy Police Chief-Gordon Nichols

Police Dept. updates

Village of Joy Police Chief Gordon addressed Village President and Village Board of Trustees.
2 traffic stops, 10 calls and 1 arrest.

The new digital scanner for the squad car was ordered and will be installed on Monday. The Village of Joys current scanner is analogue. The new scanner will cost \$2,800. There are no other current Police Dept. equipment issues. New radar gun is working well. The Villag Board of Trustees has no other concerns.

3 Notice of Nuisance were delivered by Joy Police Dept., and sent in the mail.

Village of Joy Police Chief left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

110 W. Illinois Street

update

The home that burnt at 110 W. Illinois Street has been demolished, basement filled in, water and sewer was properly capped off. The lots are cleared and looks beautiful. The owner of the property was called during the meeting to discuss the property and to make an off to purchase the 2 lots.

Mercer County Crisis Center

Blue Kids

Mercer County Crisis Center is requesting a Blue Kids donation from the Village of Joy. After discussion, Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to donate \$100 to the Mercer County Crisis Center for Blue Kids. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Bohnsack & Frommelt

Audit Engagement Letter

Bohnsack & Frommelt Audit Engagement letter was discussed. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to have the audit done by Bohnsack & Frommelt. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Roller

Maint. Dept.

The roller in the maintenance shed was discussed. Village President asked if the Trustees would to donate or scrap it. After discussion Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to donate the piece of equipment to Cory Zenk or Frieden Excavating for a donation to the Steet Dept. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

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Microsoft Office

Police Dept.

Gordon Nichols needs Microsoft office on his computer for reports. The price at ABS (Office Specialists) is \$279.00. The price on Amazon is \$179.00. Will purchase the software from Amazon or where every it is cheapest.

Application for Maint. Dept.

Part-time employee

The Village President discussed an application that was received for the Street & Alley Dept. The applicant is retired, but would like to work a few hours a week. A time will be set up for Village President and Village Trustee Paul Hampton to interview the applicant.

Trees

There is a tree that needs to be cut down at 103 E. Monroe Street. ½ of the tree is on Village of Joy's property. The home owner has agreed to pay for ½ of the tree removal. The cost is \$1,400. The homeowner will pay \$700.

There is another tree at 202 N. Washington that needs to be cut down.

James Campbell came to meeting at 6:55 p.m. to discuss the tree at his house to be cut down and the cost be split between Himself and the Village of Joy. James Campbell left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Balance Sheet, P&L, Delinquent Accounts, Liens, Voided Checks

February 2026 Balance Sheet and P&L-reviewed and discussed.

Delinquent Accounts-reviewed and discussed. 207 E. Main Street is paid in full.

It was discussed to have attorney put liens of three properties for delinquent water/sewer/trash bills.

Voided Check were reviewed and discussed.

Grocery Tax Ordinance #2

Grocery Tax Ordinance #2, Series 2026 was reviewed and discussed. After discussion, Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to pass and Approve Ordinance No 2, Series 2026, AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A MUNICIPAL GROCERY RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND MUNICIPAL GROCERY SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX FOR THE VILLAGE OF JOY, ILLINOIS. Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Correction

Correction made to updated board meeting dates. Changed the incorrect date to Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

LRS

Garbage and Recycle

Village Trustee Rory Conway opened up the discussion concerning LRS. Service has not been going well. Village of Joy's attorney will be contacted to see if the Village of Joy can get out of the contract early.

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Mowers

Village Trustee Paul Hampton said mowing season is almost here. He looked at the new Farris and John Deere mowers. He recommended having the mowers we have serviced vs trading them in for a new one. The hydrostats and transmissions need to be serviced. Paul would like to see a full service on each mower. Paul will make arrangements to take both mowers to Hanks in Aledo.

110 W. Illinois

Offer on lots

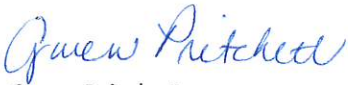
It was decided by Board of Trustees and Village President Larry Hunt to offer \$2000 for the two vacant lots at 110 W. Illinois Street.

Adjourn

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-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