

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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

Trustee Paul Hampton arrived to meeting after roll call

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

Public Present- Chad McCleary-ION, Gordon Nichols-Village of Joy Police Chief

Joy Council Report – Chad McCleary ION

Water System

Village Employee Brad Weeks found a water leak on S. Oliver Street, water usage seems to be back to normal. Transducer will be fixed soon. We have been using mostly well #2.

Wastewater System

Flow at lift station is up possibly because of the rain and infiltration issues. Infiltration issue- The sewer can be smoke tested. Sewer can be lined and manholes can be repaired. You can also use dye to test.

2nd quarter samples will be in two weeks

Chad left the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Village of Joy Police Chief-Gordon Nichols

Police Dept. updates

Village of Joy Police Chief Gordon addressed Village President and Village Board of Trustees.

9 traffic stops, 5 citations, 12 contacts, 1 arrest. Tires on squad car was replaced. One of the old tires will be saved as a spare if it is in good enough shape. The new radio is being installed. Radio runs on repeater.

Village of Joy Police Chief left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton- Neighbors dog is running loose at night

Restaurant -Mamma Mia will open soon. May 13, 2026.

Nuisance Ordinance

There are several properties that are due to be cleaned up. It was discussed whether to have Village of Joy employee do the clean-up or hire a private company. Either way the properties will be cleaned up and a lien will be put on the

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property. There will be police present the day of clean-up. The Village of Joy will need to coordinate the clean-up with the company doing the clean-up and the police department. Each location to be cleaned up will need to receive the proper postings. Two Men in and a Dump Truck will be called. After discussion, Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to hire Two Men in a Dump Truck to do the clean-up of the properties. Paul Hampton 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.

VOIDED CHECKS

Reviewed and discussed

Park Water Hydrant

The water hydrant in the Joy Park has a new lock on it.

A Village of Joy Resident-Community Service Request.

A Village of Joy resident needs to serve 8 hours of community service and has asked if it would be possible to work off the hours at the Village of Joy. Everyone agreed to permit the resident to work up his community service at the Village of Joy. He can run the weed eater or do clean-up jobs and help put out cold patch. Work will be done at Brad Week's discursion.

March 18, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

LRS is driving too fast in town, tearing up trash cans, putting recycle and garbage in the truck at the same time and running stop signs.

Jeremy and Kristy will ask the Friedens if they want the roller that is in the maintenance building. After discussion, Village Trustee Christy Lee made the motion to approve the March 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. 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.

April 2026 Paid Expenditures

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the April 2026 Paid

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Expenditures. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Balance Sheet & P&L

Reviewed and discussed. No vote needed

Balance The Budget with Transfers

Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to make the following transfers to balance the budget. Kristy Lee 2nd the motion to make the following transfers.

\$3,500 from 0111620 Emergency Services to 0111523 Audit Admin

\$321.00 from 0111620 Emergency Services to 011160 Donations

\$1,799.00 from 0116111 Repairs-Town Hall to 0116107 Equipment Purchases Village Hall

\$486.15 from Misc. 0130807 to Police Supplies 0130802

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.

Appropriation Ordinance #3, 2026

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to pass and approve Appropriation Ordinance #3 Series 2026. 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.

Grocery Tax Ordinance Letter from State of Illinois

Discussed

Mercer County Better Together Launchpad Employer

Information will be taken home and reviewed, then discussed at the May 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Dirt

The amount that is charged for dirt will be adjusted. The cost per ton that the Village of Joy pays for it plus \$10.

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May Street Sewer Problem

May Street Sewer is backing into Patsy Peterston basement. Advanced Plumbing was called. They can televise, cut out roots and televise again and diagnose the problem. The cost is approximately \$3,600. This will not fix the problem, only diagnose. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to hire Advanced Plumbing to do the work on the May Street sewer. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Tree Removal Bid 303 N. Oliver Street, Joy

The bid is for 1 pine tree, located at 303 N. Oliver Street. The tree is ½ dead. Village Trustee Paul Hampton suggested the: Village of Joy pay ½ and Roy Conway pay ½. After discussion Village Trustee Jeremy Lane made the motion for the Village of Joy to pay to have the pine tree cut down.

Park Bathrooms

Are not open every day all day.

Meters

New Meters are being installed in several homes

Adjourn

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 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 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk