

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 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- Yunion Flores-Mamma Mia

Yunion Flores address the Village Board of Trustees and Village President to discuss his plan for the former Boone Docks Restaurant building. The name of will be Mamma Mia and will serve Italian and American foods. The plan is to open the last part of March or First part of April 2026. There was a water leak in the building that caused damage. The leaks are now repaired. At Mamma Mia, the restaurant will be closed on Mondays but the bar will be open 7 days a week. Breakfast will be served from 7am-11am, Italian and American foods will be served from 11am – 8pm. Sunday hours will be from 7am – 2pm. Village President Larry Hunt and the Village Board of Trustees welcomed Yunion Flores and Mamma Mia to the Village of Joy. Everything inside the building will be left as is for now with the exception of painting walls.

There was a \$824.81 water leak at the building Boone Docks building at 127 W. Main Street after Boone Docks final reading and before Mamma Mia paid their deposit and took the building over. There is also a water bill for \$70.50 during that time. The water was left on.

Junior left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

ION report was reviewed and discussed.

Joy Council Report – February 2026 Water System Flows were up in January, but we found a few leaks in homes that may explain this. We've still had some fluctuations, so we'll continue to monitor closely. Wastewater System All samples were in compliance for January and all is running smoothly.

Chad McCleary Ion Environmental Solutions

The bid for 4 Master Craft all terrain tires for the squad care was discussed. The price is \$778.00. after discussion Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve purchasing 4 Master Craft all terrain tires from Main Street Tire and Lube, Joy Illinois. 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.

110 W. Illinois Street update- demolition is waiting for Ameren's word that all utilities are retired. Zenk will haul everything away in dumpsters. The residents have relocated to a different town.

Lawn Mower and Tractor information reviewed and discussed. It was discussed that Village of Joy does not need two big tractors, possibly purchasing used vs new.

Tractor bids that were discussed were John Deere tractors.

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Village Trustee Paul Hampton would like to have a grapple on the front of the tractor.

There are two bids so far for lawn mower on being a John Deere and one being a Ferris.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton will visit the John Deere dealer in Aledo to look at the John Deere lawn mower that was discussed.

Hanks Power & Equipment in Aledo, sells the Ferris mower and is willing to taken the old mower in on trade with a good trade-in price.

After discussion and review, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to pass and approve the January 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

The CAT backhoe is running really good.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the February 2026 paid expenditures. Kristy Lee 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.

Balance Sheet and P&L was reviewed and discussed.

Delinquent Accounts were reviewed and discussed.

Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to adjust/write off \$895.31, \$824.81 water leak charges and the \$70.50 bill that occurred between tenants at 127 W. Main Street. Paul Hampton 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Cownay-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote. The curb-stop for 127 W. Main is in the street and will be raised. The curb-stop will be covered up to protect it during the street projects.

Mercer County Better Together contacted the Village of Joy about providing payment for a parcel that has been turned off for non-payment.

Dog running loose on Main Street. A letter will be sent to remind the resident of the Village of Joy Animal Control Ordinance.

Video Gaming and Liquor Licenses applications for Mamma Mia were reviewed and discussed. Village President/ Joy Liquor Commissioner made the recommendation to give Mamma Mia their Liquor License and Gaming License at no charge for the rest of 2026. After discussion, Village Trustee Jeremy Lane made the motion to provide Mamma Mia Gaming and Liquor licenses at no charge for 2026. 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.

Voided Checks were reviewed by all the Trustees and Village President. Voided checks will be a part of the next audit.

Grocery Tax was reviewed and discussed. Village Attorney Jordan Newell did not have the ordinance prepared for tonight's meeting but should be ready to approve at the March 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

City Wide Clean-up set for May 12, 2026

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This week garbage and recycle was picked up by the small garbage truck.

Quad Cities WinWater's invitation to the River Bandits game was discussed. Everyone who is going to attend the event is required to RSVP.

The May 2026 Regular Board Meeting date has been changed from Wednesday, May 20, 2026 to Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

The June 2026 Regular Board meeting date changed from Wednesday June 17 to Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

Village Trustee Jeremy Lane made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk