

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday January, 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

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

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

Chad McCleary with ION addressed Village Board of Trustees and Village President- The major leak that was found was repaired. It was located on Main Street. There may still be an occasional leak somewhere. Chad recommended looking for leaks after the cold weather.

Water sampling is done for now.

There was a power glitch today Wednesday, January 21, 2026. The alarm went off at 10:25 a.m. Everything at the treatment plant had to be reset. Chad will continue monitoring flows. There were no questions from the Village Board of Trustees or Village President. Chad left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

110 W. Illinois Street: The power is off. The gas has not been retired yet. That could take an additional 2 weeks. All money owed to the Village of Joy has been paid in full. Just waiting on Ameren to retire the gas. Cory Zenk will be the person doing the demo work on the property. Cory inquired about using some of the old dirt for filling basement that is out east of town. Cory will be given a copy of the ordinance No. 1, Series 2026, which lays out specifics for filling the basement. State of Illinois regulations must be followed in the Village of Joy. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the Demolition Permit Application form Mary Pat Rush. Kristy Lee 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 backhoe is still acting up. A small fitting was broken and had to be ordered. Logan Hudson will look at it. Logan will put the backhoe on the scanner to diagnose the problem. It is possible a sensor problem or a fuel filter problem. If there an additional problem the trustees will receive a text to explain.

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The compressor in the Maintenance Shop does not work. Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the recommendation to fix or just replace it with a brand new small one. The problem is believed to be the motor. A new motor for that compressor would cost somewhere around \$200. Village President Larry Hunt will take a look at the compressor before the decision is made. Buying a smaller one may be the best way to go and might cost less.

There is a family living in the Cottage Pantry. The family is former residents of the Village of Joy. It was discussed to contact a plumber to inquire on the cost of installing a meter in the house. The owner of the property is currently being charged the minimum water amount. There are several locations that need new water meters. All locations will be considered and discussed with a plumber for cost estimate, starting with the Cottage Pantry.

The water services at 207 E. Main Street was turned off at the curb stop by the Village of Joy Water Sewer Department 1/12/1016. The meter is remotely check daily. The water has been turned back on 3 times since, but not by the Village of Joy. The Village of Joy's Attorney will be asked if the Village of Joy can dig up the curb stop and can Village of Joy's Police Chief issue fines. Due process has to be followed. The home owner will be notified. The issue has been turned over to the Village of Joy's Attorney. Village Police Chief Gordon Nichols will discuss the water situation and the yard condition at 207 E Main Street and several other locations with unlicensed vehicles with Village of Joy's Attorney. They will discuss moving forward with citations, and liens. Village Trustee Paul Hampton recommended to give offenders a letter giving 5 days to comply, but the Attorney will help with the process so everything is legal. Updates will be given.

Village Police Chief Gordon Nichols addressed the Village Board of Trustees and Village President. There was a fire at 110 W. Illinois Street in December, 3 incidents, 5 citations, 1 traffic stops, 2 animal complaints. Gordon is working on the Village of Joy's Police Department Rules of Conduct for the State of Illinois.

The radar is here now and will be running radar now that it is here. A digital camera was purchase for the Police Department so pictures of evidence can be taken.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton said the dog update seems to be under control for now.
Gordon Nichols left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to pass and approve the December 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. 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.

After review and discussion Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to pass and approve the January 5, 2026 Special 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.

After review and discussion Village Trustee Patsy Peterson made the motion to pass and approve the January 5th 110 W. Illinois Street Committee Meeting Minutes. 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.

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After review and discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to pass and approve the January 2026 expenditures. Kristy Lee 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 December 2025 P&L and Balance Sheet was reviewed and discussed.

Now that the Village of Joy has its own fuel barrels, the Village will only buy fuel from Westmer One Stop if necessary.

Delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed. Discussed how to handle accounts that are unpaid accounts of people who are deceased. The subject was tabled until the responsible parties are located.

Will always monitor accounts if water is turned off.

After review and discussion of the Mercer County Senior Center's request for donation, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to donate \$300. 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. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

2026 Regular Board Meeting date were reviewed and discussed. The February meeting date was changed to Tuesday February 17, 2026 due to Fire Department training.

Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to approve the 2026 Regular Board meeting date with change made to the February 2026 meeting date. 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.

Will discuss the State of Illinois Building Codes with Village Attorney.

Additions to the Agenda: Village Trustee Kristy Lee -Sara Frieden inquired about the possibility of participating in this year's Ride 17 and having a gospel group. The date is September 12th. At this point it is not clear if the band can be paid by Visit Merco. The subject is tabled until Kristy contacts Visit Merco.

At 6:50 p.m., Village Trustee Jeremy Land made the motion to adjourn the meeting, 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 meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk