

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 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

Patsy Peterson arrived just after roll call.

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

Public Present- Bob Moen-Visu Sewer, Jim Campbell, Royal Willits.

ION REPORT/CHAD MCCLEARY NOT PRESENT

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Water System

Flows have been lower, but I think there is still opportunity for improvement and I have reached out to coordinate with IL Rural Water for leak detection.

Britton came and looked at the transducer on the brine tank and they will be sending quotes for some options on how to fix it.

Wastewater System

All samples were in compliance for April. Flows are still trending high.

Chad McCleary

Ion Environmental Solutions

ION's report was reviewed and discussed.

VISU SEWER/BOB MOEN/MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Bob Moen with Visu Sewer addressed the Village Board of Trustees to discuss the issue with sewer backing up on East May Street. Visu Sewer can televise, clean and line or grout the line at the west end of East May Street. Bob discussed the issue with Chad McCleary (Village of Joy Certified W/S Operator). Last week a quote was sent to the Village of Joy so it could be included in the board packets for review prior to tonight's meeting. The section of May Street that has a problem can be done first. It could be a clay pipe that is failing. Visu Sewer can grout and line. Grout is 1/3 the price of lining. Chemical grout goes in like water and turned into a hard jello. Bob had a video that

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he shared with the trustees.

Village Trustee Patsy Peterson stated: she has a new PVC lateral with a valve. Patsy's house was built in 1975. Visu Sewer does no work above ground. Everything is done underground w/o digging up anything including streets. A maintenance service agreement was reviewed and discussed. The service agreement is a place to start. Allows to fix all sewer mains a little at a time.

Mobility is an hourly rate. If you schedule work with area towns you share the cost for mobility. Instead of paying for 4 hours of mobility you would pay for 2, for example.

Village Trustee Paul Hampton asked about liability. Visu Sewer is liable. Visu Sewer will be in the area in about 3 weeks to begin work.

After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to sign a 3-year agreement with Visu Sewer.

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. First year Oliver to Washington and May to Main.

ROYAL WILLITS-SETBACK VARIANCE

Royal Willits addressed the Village Board of Trustees.

Royal would like to build a house behind his current house at 309 West Street, then demo his current house after completion.

Bob with Visu-Sewer left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

A variance for setback was discussed for Royal.

Royal will build a 40X60 home on a concrete slab.

Motioned by Village Trustee Patsy Peterson to allow a variance for Royal Willits to build his home behind his current home and tear down the old house at 309 West Street, Joy.

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.

Royal Willits left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT UPDATE

Nuisance Abatement update: 2 Men and a Junk Truck price was reviewed and discussed.

There are three properties that will be cleaned up unless the homeowners have it finished by the clean-up date. It will be arranged to have police protection.

After the 3 properties are completed, the process will begin on several other locations in the Village of Joy.

After discussion Village Trustee Roy Conway made the motion to give the residents their last notice 3 days in advance, max. The date of abatement will be on the final notice. 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.

Notices will be given at the address and sent to landlords.

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CITY WIDE GARBAGE AND RECYCLE /LRS CONTRACT

Jim Campbell addressed the board concerning garbage pick-up and LRS.
The Village of Joy is wait for a response from the Village Attorney concerning LRS Contract

Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to cancel LRS Contract, contingent on what the Village Attorney recommends.

Village President stated Spences in New Windsor and B&K are an option.

Jim Campbell said he talked to LRS workers. LRS has trucked that need to be fixed but they do not have the money to repair them.

Will try to get quotes from Spencer's, B&K and Quicks, for garbage and recycle pick-up.

MAINTENANCE DEPT. ROLLER/BACKHOE

Roller-update-Cory Zenk is interested in the roller for a \$500 donation. Motioned by Village Trustee Paul Hampton to accept. 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.

Backhoe-update- Once again the backhoe is not running well. The fuel tank was taken off and cleaned. The sock was changed. CAT is supposed to put it on the computer to diagnose. The diagnosis scan is around \$500. It will be discussed with Brad and ask him to unplug the battery for an hour to reset and clear code.

VILLAGE OF JOY POLICE DEPT.

Police Chief Gordon Nichols was not at the meeting. Village Trustee Paul Hampton discussed fine money/ Mercer County getting money for violations. The Police Committee will discuss fines with Gordon.

Jim Campbell left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

APRIL 15, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve the April 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

MAY 2026 PAID EXPENDITURES

After discussion and review, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to approve the May 2026 paid expenditures. 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.

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MAY 2026 P&L AND BALANCE SHEET

May 2026 P&L and Balance Sheet- reviewed and discussed.
Village Trustee Rory Conway asked if the fuel barrels are on auto fill.
The Village of Joy calls and orders fuel when needed. The Village is not on an auto fill plan.

JOY PARK WATER HYDRANTS

The old water hydrant in the park is being used. It will be locked.
Will continue to monitor the curb stops that are off.

MERCER COUNTY BETTER TOGETHER WORK PROGRAM

The work program information for high school kids from Mercer County Better Together was discussed. All agreed, it is a good program, however the Village of Joy is not interested in participating.

JARRED DEXTER - GRANT INFORMATION EMAIL

CDBG-Jarred Dexter- email was reviewed and discussed. There are grants available, however, the Village of Joy is not eligible to apply because the sewer rates are not high enough. The Village of Joy will need to raise rates before applying.

ABANDONED VEHICLE ORDINANCE

The abandoned Vehicle was tabled – awaiting new ordinance from the Village of Joy attorney.

TREE-107 W. LIBERTY STREET

The tree in the boulevard at 107 W. Liberty was discussed. The resident is requesting the tree be cut down or at least trimmed away from the house. The tree will not be cut down unless it is necessary.

MERCER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST FOR DONATION

The request for donation from Mercer County School was not approved.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Delinquent Accounts were reviewed and discussed. There was discussion concerning the timeline to turn off delinquent account holders. The Water/Sewer ordinance was reviewed.

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VOIDED CHECKS

Voided Check list was reviewed and discussed.

CONSTELLATION RENEWAL

Constellation Renewal discussed. It was decided to check rates with Ameren Illinois before signing the contract with Constellation. Subject tabled

TALL GRASS NOTICE

A notice will be sent to 329 W. Center Street to mow grass.

ADJOURN

Village Trustee Jeremy Lane made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk