

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, 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, Jason Huston, Jeremy Lane, Roy Conway

Rory Conway arrived just after roll call.

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

Public Present- Chad McCleary, Gordon Nichols

ION REPORT/CHAD MCCLEARY

Water System

I received a billing report from Gwen, and after review, we do not show significant water loss. Flows have been higher, but this is because water is being billed at a higher rate. Gwen and I are going to review some additional data, but I'm less suspicious of a leak since water billed/consumed is higher than it has been historically.

The drive on the VFD for well two needs to be replaced. Britton is putting a quote together for that plus the transducer I previously reported on.

Wastewater System

All samples were in compliance for May. With the heavy rain this last week, our flows have been high again.

Chad McCleary

Ion Environmental Solutions

Discussion-VFD will cost Village of Joy anywhere from 8-12 thousand dollars. The transducer will be fixed at the same time as VFD. Discussed turning VFD into Village of Joy insurance. It would be hard to prove that it was caused by the weather, because there is no record of when the problem started. It may have happened in May of 2026 but not sure.

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VILLAGE OF JOY POLICE CHIEF GORDON NICHOLS/POLICE REPORT

June 24th, 2026

Month of April 2026

Traffic Stops: 5

Citations: 1

Contacts/Complaints: 3

Month of May 2026

Traffic Stops: 9

Citations: 2

Contacts/Complaints: 3

Other items:

Court Fee Disbursement: In June we have so far received \$1,076 dollars from Mercer County from activity related to arrests and payment of fines from citations.

Cameras for the Joy park

Wildlife in town

City enforced cleanup of 3 residences in Joy

Also discussed contacting Nova Net, Frontier and T-Mobile for the cost of internet service in the Joy park so cameras can be installed for security. Will discuss at the next regular meeting.
The police radio works well.

NOTICE OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT UPDATE

Reviewed Two men and a Dump Truck invoice and the invoices that were to sent to three property owners where the clean-up took place. The property owners will be given until July pay the invoices or liens will be placed on the properties.

Village Of Joy Police Chief Gordon Nichols left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Village Trustee Rory Conway came to the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Village Trustee Kristy Lee made the motion to send each property owner there the cleanup took place, an addition notice stating if the invoice is no paid by July 8, 2026, a lien will be placed on their properties, Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-abstained. The motion was passed with a 1-abstain, 4-yes vote.

MFT PROJECT

Village President Larry Hunt announced the MFT project was approved by the State of Illinois. Judd Giffin will be contacted for a timeline. It was recommended to discuss the street project with Village of Joy employee Brad Weeks for his recommendations for which streets should be on this year's project.

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MAY 19, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes was reviewed and discussed. Visu-Sewer has not contacted the Village of Joy with a start date for the May Street sewer project. Constellation Power was discussed. No contract has been signed. Ameren will be contacted for rates. The subject will be discussed after gathering more rate information. Has Village employee Brad Weeks checked all the meters that are turned off to make sure they haven't been turned back on illegally? Will discuss with Brad. Will report the information after cub-stops are checked. Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the May 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Kristy Lee 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Paul Hampton-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Jeremy Lee-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

JUNE 2026 PAID EXPENDITURES

June 2026 paid expenditures were reviewed and discussed. Britton Electronic bill was discussed. After discussion, Village Trustee Paul Hampton made the motion to approve the June 2026 paid expenditures. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: 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 BALANCE SHEET AND P&L

May 2026 Balance Sheet and P&L was discussed and reviewed.

WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

Water and Sewer rate increase discussion" It was discussed to raise the sewer ½ of the mandatory increase no and the other ½ at a later date.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT RESIGNATION-INFORMAL

Village President Larry Hunt turned in his keys, with an informal resignation and left the meeting at 6:45 pm. Village Trustees, Jeremy Lane, Kristy Lee and Rory Conway also left the meeting. Village Trustees Paul Hampton and Jason Huston and Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett stayed. The meeting was not adjourned properly but was discontinued at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Pritchett
Joy Village Clerk