

Village of Joy
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Joy Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 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 Mayor Pro-tem Paul Hampton.

Trustees Present: Kristy Lee, Patsy Peterson, Jeremy Lane, Roy Conway

Village Clerk Gwen Pritchett-present

Public Present- Stan Nelson, Gordon Nichols

ION REPORT/CHAD MCCLEARY

Joy Council Report – July 2026

Water System

We are waiting on Britton to get all the parts for the VFD. As soon as they have these in house they will make the repairs.

Wastewater System

Electric Pump came to do their annual maintenance at the lift station. They ended up taking pump #2 to their shop because of a seal failure.

All samples were in compliance for June. With the heavy rain throughout the month, we did have high flows several days.

Chad McCleary

Ion Environmental Solutions

ION-New monthly charge is \$2,1880 as of this month (July).

The plan is to file an insurance claim for the VFD damage from the park pump house.

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VILLAGE OF JOY POLICE CHIEF GORDON NICHOLS/POLICE REPORT

July 15th, 2026

Month of June 2026

Traffic Stops: 14

Citations: 3

Contacts/Complaints: 8

Civil Process's : 3

Other items:

Court Fee Disbursement: In July we have so far received \$15.00 dollars from Mercer County from activity related to arrests and payment of fines from citations.

Stop sign on N. West Street in curve heading out of Joy.

The stop sign on N. West Street was installed several years ago, but needs to be removed or replaced. There is also a stop sign on the corner of Federal/Liberty Streets that needs to be replaced.

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.

The Council requested that Police Chief Gordon Nichols request supplies in advance if possible and patrol at random times.

BACKHOE DISCUSSION

Stan Nelson addressed the Village of Board Trustees to discuss the backhoe.

Village Mayor Pro-tem Paul Hampton stated it would be \$3,000 to fix. Village Trustee Rory Conway wants to sell outright by silent bid vs trading it in at a dealership. If the backhoe is in running condition it could bring \$42,500 as a trade in.

Stan helped Brad Weeks clean the fuel system and replace the fuel sock. As of 7/15/2026 the backhoe started hammering again. Stan recommended not driving it at all until it is repaired. There are several codes that are showing up. The most recent code was for the EGR. Brad Weeks spoke with Brandon Zigenhorn. He feels like it is also an EGR problem.

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The backhoe is a 2015, has 1,900 hours. It estimated value is \$75,000.

Stan Nelson suggested the Village of Joy look at tractor.com to compare prices. The Village Board of Trustees reviewed information that was gathered. Stan supplied the information. Stan offered his big shed for working on the backhoe. John Deere Financial has a really good 5-year payment plan with low to no interest on new equipment. The Village of Joy is currently depositing \$14,500 each year in the Equipment Fund.

Stan Nelson left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Paul Hampton will talk to Logan about deleting the emissions. The subject will be discussed at the August Regular Meeting.

JUNE 24, 2026 REGULAR MINUTES & JULY 8, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Patsy Peterson made the motion to approve the June 24, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the July 8, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

JULY 2026 PAID EXPENDITURES

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Roy Conway made the motion to approve the July 2026 paid expenditures. Patsy Peterson 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

BALANCE SHEET & P&L

The balance sheet and p&l was reviewed and discussed.

WATER/SEWER ORDINANCE

No water/sewer ordinance was available to vote on. Tabled until the August meeting.

ORDINANCE NO 4, 2026-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2019 PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUISANCES AND PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES AND FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Jeremy Lane made the motion to pass and approve Ordinance No 4, Series 2026, Nuisance Ordinance., Kristy Lee 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

MERCER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

After review and discussion Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to pass and approve the Mercer County Animal Control Contract. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Cownay-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

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Illinois Rural Water Association - SOLAR STUDY

After review and discussion, Village Trustee Patsy Peterson made the motion to have IRWA do a solar study for the Village of Joy. Kristy Lee 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

There is no delinquent list for tonight's meeting.

D & T CORES

After discussion, Rory Conway made the motion to deposit the \$1,903.72 cash that was collected from hauling scrap to D & T Cores into the water meter account and use the money for meters and installation. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jason Huston-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

Start with locations that do not currently have water meters.

TREE REMOVAL

The branch that is hanging from the tree in the park will cost \$250. There is also a tree on the SE side of the park that should be cut down because it is hollow in the middle. The cost for removal and clean-up for the hollow tree is \$600.

There are also tree's that needs to be trimmed at 107 W Liberty and 300 W Liberty Street. Brad Weeks will get bids for the 2 additional trees.

After discussion, Village Trustee Rory Conway made the motion to have the tree in the park cut down for \$600 and The other tree in the park trimmed for \$250.00, and the trimming of the other two trees depending on the price. Kristy Lee 2nd the motion. The following vote was: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

VOIDED CHECKS:

Addressed

CARPET SHAMPOOER

After discussion, Village Trustee Patsy Peterson made the motion to purchase a carpet shampooer for Village Hall. Jeremy Lane 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Village Trustee Krisy Lee discussed having a joint training facility for the Fire Departments in Mercer County on the Village of Joy farm ground that is located east of town. The ground is currently leased to a farmer.

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Village Mayor Pro-tem Paul Hampton discussed the 3-month absentee rule for Village officials. The Village of Joy's attorney will draft an Ordinance for the Village Board of Trustees to pass at the August Regular Board meeting.

Village Mayor Pro-tem made the recommendation to purchase gift card from Mamma Mia's to give to the person who donated the 2 refrigerators to the Village of Joy for the Food Pantry and Joy Fest Food Shack, located in the Joy Park. After discussion Village Trustee Patsy Peterson suggested purchasing a \$50 gift card for Dean Columbia for the refrigerator donations. This will be voted on at the August 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

ADJOURN

Village Trustee Patsy Peterson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Rory Conway 2nd the motion. The following vote was taken: Kristy Lee-yes, Patsy Peterson-yes, Jeremy Lane-yes, Rory Conway-yes. The motion was passed with a unanimous "Yes" vote.

6:00 PM - Monday, July 20, 2026 will be the next Joy Fest Community Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gwen Prtichett
Joy Village Clerk