



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2023
28 S DRAKE AVE
CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI 64119**

Those in attendance is Chairman Terry Bradich, Trustee Mark Benton, Trustee Larry Barrera, Trustee Renee Hoppe, Trustee David Jett, Deputy Village Clerk Tammy Hamilton, Police Chief Matt Coonce, and Fire Chief Steve Shaumeyer

Chairman Bradich called to recess the Regular Meeting of February 27, at 7:00. Trustee Benton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Jett. All yeas, motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2023, to order at 7:00 PM.

Trustee Jett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Benton motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call, all yeas. Motion carried.

Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for February 24, 2023, through March 9, 2023, seconded by Trustee Benton. Roll call, all yeas. Motioned carried.

Brian and Elissa from MODOT gave update on taking down walk-over bridge and the new crosswalk. Date of project is unsure. Trustee Barrera expressed the board's concern for the current placement of the new crosswalk. They would like to see it moved closer to the center of Claycomo (McDonald's and Fire Department area) instead of closer to the current walk-over bridge. Trustee Benton asked that they reconsider relocating the crosswalk for safety reasons. Trustee Barrera encouraged the representatives from MODOT to drive through the village and take a look at the spot they would like to relocate the crosswalk and take that information back to MODOT with their safety concerns. Brian assured us that he would do that.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce advised that the K-9 grant was submitted before the deadline.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer stated that the 2 grants they had for bunker gear and power load cot were approved.

Deputy Village Clerk Hamilton had no old business.

Chairman Bradich advised that Public Works had no old business.

Chairman Bradich spoke on behalf of the Economic Development Council. They had no old business.

Dale Goeller, of the Zoning Board had no old business.

Chairman Bradich opened the floor to residents with any old business.

A resident asked about needles in our parks. Both Police Chief Coonce and Fire Chief Shaumeyer relayed that both departments can and would take care of those to make sure they were disposed of properly.

A resident inquired about the new used car lot on Munger and stated that there are more cars than the 8 allowed. Another resident commented that they seem to be doing repairs in their lot rather than inside their garage. Police Chief Coonce said that he would address that and remind them of the total amount of parking spaces they are allowed.

Trustee Barrera, Trustee Jett, Trustee Benton, Trustee Hoppe, and Chairman Bradich had no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Historical Society will meet on March 22, 2023, at 10:30 am in the Community Building.

Police Chief Coonce had no new business.

Fire Chief Steve Shaumeyer informed us of Pancake Day on Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 8:00 AM- 11:00 AM. As it is a fundraiser for the Fire Department, the suggested donation is \$10 per person. Criss Cakes will be catering.

Deputy Village Clerk Hamilton advised that she is working on the upcoming Village Newsletter.

Chairman Bradich advised that Public Works has done their seasonal maintenance to their mowers and are ready for mowing season. Light bulbs have been replaced.

Dale Goeller, of the Zoning Board stated that they would meet Monday March 20th, at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Bradich informed of upcoming Budget Meeting on Monday, Marth 20, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

Trustee Barrera had residents approach him about a light at 128 S Poe Street. The streetlight “flickers”. He is proposing adding an additional light for that area.

Trustee Jett wanted to revisit increasing the rental fees on the Community Building. Trustee Barrera agreed that there is a need to increase those fees. (\$200/Residents, \$300/Businesses, \$400/Non-Residents.) Chairman Bradich added that he had researched the average of renting a space similar to our community building and came up with \$800/8 hours. Trustee Barrera was concerned for the current renters deciding to go elsewhere due to the increase. Trustee Benton suggested and it was decided that current Claycomo Non-Profit Civic Organizations already using the facility on a regular basis would receive a 50% discount. Police Chief Coonce asked if there is an ordinance in place that needs to be considered in changing the cost of building rental. Chairman Bradich assigned the task of checking into the ordinances to City Hall staff. The board encouraged residents to price similar rentals to see what other prices are out there. Chairman Bradich also mentioned that the building needs repairs. It was explained that this increase would not make up for the repairs needed.

Trustee Benton advised of a group of teens wandering around his neighborhood and the village in general. He warned others to be aware. Trustee Jett recommended that residents double check their locks and lights, light bulbs, and possibly look into purchasing a “Ring” camera or some sort of surveillance to protect your property. With the weather getting warmer and the days getting longer, there will be more people outdoors. Be aware of your surroundings. If you see something, say something.

Trustee Hoppe brought to the attention of the board that Deputy Village Clerk Hamilton has been sworn in as a Notary.

Trustee Jett asked about new hires at City Hall. Deputy Village Clerk Hamilton informed of 2 new part-time court employees: Richelle Scarborough and Gypsy Spear.

Chairman Bradich initiated discussion about trash. Our trash service is short-handed. He added that last summer he asked the former Village Clerk to get bids for our trash contract and there were no other bids. Trustee Jett stated again for the record that Republic was the **ONLY** company to bid our contract. The decision came down to giving the contract to Republic and keep our village trash free, to residents; or letting Republic go and having residents pay for their own trash pickup. Trustee Barrera added that this board is determined to keep village trash free for our residents. He and Chairman Bradich also added that all cities/towns around us pay for their own trash (Liberty, Kansas City, Pleasant Valley, etc.). Republic will also furnish 2 big dumpsters, twice a year (spring & fall) for our village-wide clean up days. They will also provide trucks to pick up big items from residents twice a year. You can sit out **5 ITEMS ONLY**, for the bulk item pick up, each time. We are trying to get another bulk item pick up on the books. Republic will no longer offer Recycling pick up for the village. There are currently less than 25 households in Claycomo making use of the recycling services. They can no longer justify sending a truck out to those 25 homes once a week. There are places available to take your recycling (KCMO/4707 Deramus Ave., Pleasant Valley/5400 NE Pleasant Valley Rd., Gladstone/Metro North area). Additional trash bins are available for \$50.00 per year. Republic is enlisting hot line, specifically

for villages and towns and any issues/complaints they may have. A new number will be assigned. We will share that information as it becomes available. Missing the entire south side of 69 highway on 3/6/22 was explained that they had to use an “emergency driver” that had not driven our route in 5 years, the truck had been filled. They went to dump the load. The truck broke down coming back into town. A resident suggested to use Compost Connection for disposing of yard waste. He pays \$135/year. They pick at from your home. Another resident suggested that the village post options for recycling and compost pick up. Trustee Jett and Trustee Barrera assigned that task to Village Clerks, after verification. Chairman Bradich added that there are replacement bins available for damaged bins. Residents need to call and ask for replacements. Republic would like to swap out the old/new bins on trash day (Mondays).

Representatives from McMurry United Methodist Church (Elizabeth Ford and Bonnie Adwell) volunteered to partner with the Village for upcoming community events (Trunk-or-treat, Night out Against Crime, Stream Clean, etc.). Chairman Bradich accepted the offer to partner. He suggested that they get a village calendar, since all the dates are on the calendar and be in contact with the Village for any other updates that may not be on that calendar. They asked that our newsletter be sent to the church. Police Chief Coonce invited them to “Night out Against Crime”. Trustee Jett invited them to be involved with the Neighborhood Watch group. They asked about Stream Clean. Chairman Bradich encouraged them to help with that, since volunteers have decreased so much over the years.

There is no reason to go into an executive meeting.

Trustee Barrera motioned to recess the regular meeting of March 13, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. All yeas. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich