



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
MAY 22, 2023
28 S DRAKE AVE
CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI 64119**

Those in attendance: 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 May 8, 2023, at 7:01 PM. Trustee Benton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Jett. All yeas, motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2023, to order at 7:02 PM.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2023, seconded by Trustee Jett. Roll call, all yeas. Motion carried.

Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for May 4, 2023, through May 18, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call, all yeas. Motioned carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce advised that he went to Mears and reminded them of the agreement for heavy equipment and large trucks to only use Drake to get to their facility. He has instructed officers to issue citations if they are seen using Park or any avenue other than Drake Street. He also informed the board that the "old" K-9 vehicle is online and taking bids. There are 10 more days left in the auction. He believes the current bid is at \$6,000. Hoping to get \$16,000+. Chief thinks that the vehicle is a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe, purchased "used" from Lenexa. He updated us on the K-9 situation. We had a black Lab. She was sweet but was not interested in training or finding drugs. We brought in the head K-9 trainer from KCPD. In his assessment, the dog was not going to work out. It was his recommendation that we send the dog back. We were then able to get another dog, a little over a year old. He is a Belgian Malinois dog (like K-9 Tank). He is very friendly, energetic, very thin (because he is so energetic). He is a very loving dog and has

picked up on the training right away. He is working out really well. He has been with Det. Lorensen for almost 2 weeks now. His name was Alex. He was renamed to Axl. The only issue there has been with the new dog is that he is an obvious outdoor dog. He does not like to be indoors. He tears things up, flipped his kennel and would ram into the walls and doors of the kennel. He needs to be an outdoor dog. A good outdoor kennel with a pad and everything runs around \$3,500. Just through talking to folks around town, people started donating and they have reached over the amount needed to cover the cost of building this kennel for Axl. The unofficial list of donors: AmeriGlass, Larry Buccero (Claycomo Prosecutor), Integrity Tow, Coopers Automotive, Lt. Bruner, former CPD Officer James Mitchell, Cater Time, MC Auto, A Citizen, Vance, Ma & Pa's Kettle, Tom & Joyce Carter, Retail Rebel, KC Night Train, GT Tow, Liberty Tow, Precision Collision, and more. The donors will be thanked by letter, a K-9 patch and possibly a K-9 T-Shirt. Trustee Barrera asked where the kennel will be located. It will be at Det. Lorensen's home, so Axl stays with his handler. Deputy Clerk Hamilton added that Det. Lorensen was also interested in having the donors take pictures with the new K-9, in appreciation as well.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer had no old business.

Deputy Village Clerk Hamilton had no old business.

Public Works had no old business.

No representative from EDC.

Dale, from the Zoning Board had no old business.

No representative from the Park Board.

Trustee Barrera thanked Police and Public Works for the quick installation of the "No Parking" signs on S Poe. He said that the property at 135 S Poe seems "almost ghosted". No activity. It's starting to "look dreary". Chief Coonce added that there was talk of posting 3 signs. Currently there are 2. We will wait a while and see if the third one is needed.

Trustee Jett thanked Trustee Benton and Chairman Bradich for their hard work on the new sign in front of City Hall. It looks great!

Trustees Benton and Hoppe had no old business.

There were no residents with old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce had no new business.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer informed of Fire Fighter/Paramedic Rush's resignation. His position will need to be filled. No prospects at this time.

Deputy Village Clerk Hamilton had no new business.

No representative from The Economic Development Council.

Zoning Board had no new business.

No representative from the Park Board.

Trustee Barrera mentioned an earlier suggestion, by Trustee Benton, about a Car Show in Claycomo. He said that he was approached over the weekend by gentlemen from a Car Show at the Legion Hall who expressed interest in being a part of a Claycomo Car Show.

Trustee Jett brought to discussion the instances in the village where residents have left their vehicles unlocked and people have gone through them and stealing things. Chief Coonce brought up the case on Lowell that happened overnight. Tools were stolen from a vehicle and another vehicle was gone through but only had snacks in it. They urged residents to lock their cars and keep any valuables out of plain sight. If you see ANYTHING, call an officer! Chief Coonce also shared that he has instructed his officers to pay more attention in the neighborhoods, which they have been doing and will continue to do.

Trustee Benton shared that the individuals that are trying to put on the Car Show for Claycomo, just had one in Avondale, MO. They picked a theme and were very successful there. They were hoping to get 15 cars, plus motorcycles. They had 35 cars registered, plus motorcycles and almost 50 showed up for the event. They are picking a theme for Claycomo. It's just a matter of coordinating everyone's schedules and not interfering with other Car Show conflicts. Trustee Barrera asked if the flood zone could be converted into a parking area if there is not enough room. It was agreed that would be accessible.

Trustee Hoppe had no new business.

Chairman Bradich announced that Trustee Hoppe has decided to take a Grant Writing class. All board members agreed that she went "above and beyond" and thanked her.

Chairman Bradich informed of the hand-made sign in Mildred Keeney Memorial Park needing urgent repair. He suggested that Mike (from Public Works) rebuild the sign before it completely falls apart. He estimates that the cost of the repair and replacement will be around \$200-\$300.

Chairman Bradich opened the floor to any further business with the board. Two gentlemen from American Contracting addressed the audience. They would like to be included in any future fundraising efforts or sponsorship in the village. They wanted to let us know who they were and what they are doing in our Village. They are a Storm Restoration Company. They do a lot of work following major storms (high winds, hail, etc.). They have an office in Parkville, MO and 5 more around the greater KC area. When they start a job, they contact the neighboring households just to make them aware of what is going on and if there is debris that gets blown into their yard, they will know who to contact to get it picked up. They are not soliciting for new business, rather

informing them. Chairman Bradich inquired about their Business License. He stated that they do have a Business License. Trustee Jett clarified by asking if they have a Claycomo Business License (through City Hall). He stated that he would have to check on that to be sure. Trustee Jett encouraged them to get in contact with Deputy Clerk Tammy this week to get it taken care of. Trustee Barrera mentioned that many of our residents have “No Soliciting” signs on their door and that the board strongly supports that. Chief Coonce added that there is an ordinance against door-to-door sales. He also stated that knocking on the doors for the sake of sharing information would be allowed. Trustee Barrera suggested that when they make those calls, they have their business cards handy and refer residents to call with any questions. He commended them for their professional courtesy and wanting to keep the village clean and do a good job. Trustee Jett informed that they would be in the area for quite a while, as they are replacing several roofs from a recent hailstorm, his home included. The representative from American Contracting asked if it is okay to knock on the doors that have “No Soliciting” signs to inform those residents. Chairman Bradich said, “If there’s a sign, don’t go to the door.” They agreed to that. The only stipulation being if there is debris in a gated yard. He then got contact information for City Hall from Deputy Village Clerk Hamilton.

Chairman Bradich mentioned a gentleman with a beard and long hair walking around the village, last night under the guise of selling aluminum siding. He didn’t have a car. He was just walking around. Trustee Hoppe asked if he was carrying a plastic bag. He was. She saw the same man.

Chairman Bradich brought up the Budget for discussion. He brought up the lost revenue from recent businesses closing. He added that we are going to have to watch our spending. He also wants Village Clerk Wymore to create a report for June on percentages spent 2022 vs 2023. Chief Coonce added that a positive point on the budget is that the Use Tax is already at \$72k, only 2 months into the fiscal year. Trustee Jett also stated that he believed that number would increase more and more due to residents not being able to purchase items locally and resorting to Amazon and other delivery services.

Chairman Bradich thanked residents for attending and dismissed them so that the board can go into an Executive Meeting.

Trustee Barrera motioned to recess the regular meeting of May 24, 2023, at 7:36 pm to go into Executive Session as required by section 610.021 for contracts and employee matters. Seconded by Trustee Jett. All yeas. Motioned carried.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich