



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 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, Village Clerk Melody Wymore, Police Chief Matt Coonce, and Fire Chief Steve Shaumeyer

Chairman Bradich called to recess the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Trustee Barrera motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call, 4 yeas, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of July 10, 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 June 26, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call, 4 yeas, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for June 20, 2023-July 6, 2023, seconded by Trustee Barrera. Roll call, all yeas. Motioned carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce informed that K-9 Reimbursement Check came in for \$10,000.00.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer was absent.

Public Works had no old business.

No old business for Parks.

EDC had no old business.

Zoning Board had no old business.

Trustee Barrera asked about the bikes at Public Works. Chief Coonce let us know that Det. Cooley was working on that. He also asked how K-9 Axl was working out. Chief Coonce informed that he is working out very well, and that he has already made several drug arrests. Trustee Barrera asked Chief Coonce to explain to the audience why K-9 Tank had to be retired and replaced. Chief Coonce explained that K-9 Tank was trained on marijuana. With the new legalization of marijuana, he was too old to re-train and the State of Missouri paid for any replacement K-9 that needed to be employed in place of those retiring marijuana dogs.

Trustee Jett gave a reminder that there is a Neighborhood Watch Meeting coming up on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM. It will be held at the Community Building.

Trustees Benton thanked Chief Coonce and CPD for their help in a “racing in the street” incident that happened recently.

Trustee Hoppe and Chairman Bradich had no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Coonce had no new business.

Village Clerk Wymore had no new business.

Public Works has been working diligently to clean up Mildred Keeney Memorial Park, following the 4th of July fireworks debris as well as storm debris left from the recent strong winds and storms. He thanked Trustee Benton and Trustee Jett for assisting them with the clean-up.

EDC had no new business.

Dale, from the Zoning Board announced the upcoming Zoning Board meeting on Monday, July 17, at 7:00 PM. They will be discussing the public hearing of Wednesday (July 12).

Park board had no new business.

Trustee Barrera had no new business.

Trustee Jett introduced himself to our Road District and thanked them and their crew for a fast clean up after the storm we had over the weekend. Trustee Barrera added his thanks as well. Jim from the Road District let us know of new employees. Chairman Bradich thanked them as well.

Police Chief Coonce shared that his monthly report was available in the packet.

Chairman Bradich opened the floor to the audience. A resident asked about the “No Parking” signs on S. Poe. He wanted to know why they were there. Added that “there was no discussion

with the residents. They just showed up one day in full view of my (his) house.” Chairman Bradich responded that there were complaints about people attending the new church at 135 S Poe, parking and blocking that side of the street. Residents from that street came to a board meeting and requested “No Parking” signs. The resident asked why it wasn’t addressed with the church, first. Chairman Bradich, Trustee Barrera and Chief Coonce all informed him that they did that first. The resident explained that it puts the residents on his street at a disadvantage, because there are “No Parking” signs on one side of the street and fire hydrants and mailboxes on the other and parking is now very limited to the people on that street. Chief Coonce explained that we probably will not be asking residents when to put up signs. However, it was expressed to him that the church (and parking) would be increasing. The issue can be addressed again in the future to see if that is the case or not and possibly remove the signs. Another resident had basically the same complaint. She added that in her lease, she is only allowed to have 2 vehicles parked in her single driveway and that there is no place for any visitors to park. She added that she has a months’ worth of photos taken at various times through the day and there are no cars there for the church. Chairman Bradich asked the advice of Jim (on Claycomo Road District) as he lives on that street as well. Jim stated that “the church is not the issue”. Trustee Barrera added that the Chairman and Chief Coonce went to the location at the urging of other residents when the situation first started and spoke with a representative of the church. That was before they added parking at the back. Trustee Barrera also shared that he has also been checking in on that church and has seen NO recent activity at all. He explained that it was his understanding that it is no longer thought to be “a gathering place” but rather a place for individuals to go at any time they need to pray or need a moment of tranquility. It was agreed by all parties that the signs may have been needed initially, but since the circumstances have changed, they are no longer needed. Trustee Jett Motioned for the signs to be removed at least temporarily. Trustee Benton seconded. All yeas. Motioned carried.

Resident Dixie asked about the mowing of the median of 69 Highway. Chairman Bradich informed her that Public Works takes care of that. She then asked about care under the bridge. He informed that per our contract, MODOT is supposed to take care of that area. It was suggested that instead of waiting for MODOT to do what they are supposed to do, that we trim and spray for weeds to clean that area up ourselves. The subject of the walkover bridge coming down in October, surfaced. We revisited the bridge being taken down and crosswalk, lights, and sidewalks replacing it. The location of the new cross walk was discussed. Even though the trustees urged for the crosswalk to be placed closer to McDonald’s and the Fire Department, due to Missouri statute, it will be closer to City Hall instead. The subject changed to quad runners and golf carts. It is legal to drive a golf cart in the village. You may not drive on or along 69 Highway. It is allowed to CROSS 69 Highway, only. There was discussion of the speed limit trailer we were using a while back. It was used when we got it and has long since stopped working. Jim, from the Road District mentioned that the Road District may be interested in providing a new one or donating some funds towards a new one. Chief Coonce said that he would research it further.

There was nothing further from the audience.

Chairman Bradich opened the discussion for the budget. Currently, there is no “extra” money. Hoping we will get new businesses up and running that will bring in new revenue.

A gentleman asked, “When the last time funds strictly allotted to the maintenance of the parks? How did they get this bad? Is it the job of the Park Board or Public Works to monitor the appearance and safety of the parks?” Chairman Bradich informed that there is no current Park Board, so the slack has been picked up by Public Works and the Board of Trustees. Also reopened the issues from the last Board meeting about Claycomo City Park failing ADA guidelines in several areas. Chairman Bradich reminds the audience that we do not have the funds to maintain the park, much less repair and improve it. The gentleman wanted to know whose job it was to let the Board know about the park being in such bad shape. Trustee Jett addressed that the deterioration of the park has been going on for years (before this board was elected). There was a lot of talking over each other. Trustee Jett finalized by saying that the park is costing the Village more than it’s worth. Resident Dixie asked if the park was zoned “Commercial”. Chairman Bradich confirmed it is. There was further discussion about the zoning of the park. Trustee Jett confirmed that Clay County has the park zoned as “Commercial.”

There is no reason to go into an executive meeting.

Trustee Barrera motioned to recess the regular meeting of July 10, 2023, at 7:47 pm. Seconded by Trustee Jett. All yeas. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich