



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2025
28 S DRAKE AVE
CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI 64119**

Those in attendance: Chairman Terry Bradich, Trustee Mark Benton, Trustee Larry Barrera, Trustee David Jett, Trustee Renee Hoppe-Keelin, Village Clerk Melody Wymore, Police Chief Matt Coonce, Fire Chief Steve Shaumeyer

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2025, to order at 7:00 PM and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chairman Pro-Tem Mark Benton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Benton motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 9, 2024; Trustee Barrera seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Hoppe-Keelin had a question about Bill Payment #38115, to McGuire Lock and Safe, for \$403. Village Clerk Wymore shared that she believed this bill was for a new doorknob for Court. Trustee Jett questioned that amount for a doorknob. Clerk Wymore shared that she didn't know why it was that high. She had not seen it. She was not made aware of the purchase. Chief Coonce added that it was not a key touch doorknob and that it was replacing one that was broken. Trustee Jett added that in the future the trustees would like to look at possibly repairing something like that in house. \$403 is a lot of money for a doorknob. All trustees agreed that that was expensive. Resident Tammy added that City Hall has a licensed locksmith who doesn't charge the Village for his labor and gets most parts donated by his employer. Trustee Jett will be checking the doorknob out this week.

Trustee Barrera asked if residents were renewing their dog licenses. Village Clerk Wymore said yes. He wants to ensure that if there are "animals at large" and they don't have a Claycomo Dog License, that they are being ticketed. Chief Coonce assured that is the case. Trustee Jett asked if the Village could hold the dog until the owner pays for their dog license. Chairman Bradich shared that we cannot currently facilitate any animals due to our kennels at Public Works needing repairs from the last dog we took in. In addition, the kennels are not indoors or heated. He doesn't want to keep an animal outside in winter weather.

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for December 6, 2024, through January 10, 2025, seconded by Trustee Hoppe-Keelin. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee

Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Police Chief Coonce introduced our new Police Officer. Officer Anthony Curiale graduated from the Police Academy on December 18, 2024. He is still in our training program. He is doing very well. (Photos were taken.)

Chairman Bradich brought for discussion: Building Permit for Ford North Building Addition. Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the Building Permit for Ford North Building Addition. Motion seconded by Trustee Benton. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich brought for discussion: Building Permit for Ford Rail Dock Addition. Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Building Permit for Ford Rail Dock Addition. Motion seconded by Trustee Hoppe-Keelin. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce shared that the 2025 Calendars have been passed out by the officers. He added that when the new sheriff was elected, Clinton County cancelled their contracts with all outside agencies for housing detainees. We are hoping to sign new contracts with Caldwell County. They will charge \$80/day. Trustee Benton asked what our annual budget is for inmates. Chief Coonce estimates about \$2,000. Village Clerk Wymore added that \$1,200 of the budget has been spent to date.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer had no old business.

Village Clerk Wymore updated on the Budget Meeting that was scheduled for last Thursday (Jan. 9) was moved to this Thursday (Jan. 16) at 5PM.

Public Works shared that our new employee has shoveled snow, cleared the walks, salted sidewalks and entrances. Road district plowed our parking lot. The Park had to be plowed. Residents are still using the park for walking their dogs. Kids are sledding there also. He thanked Trustee Jett and the volunteers who helped take down all the Christmas lights. The lights in the parking lot were upgraded at no charge to LED lights.

EDC/absent.

Dale, from Zoning, had no old business.

Trustee Barrera Brought up the lights in Claycomo Plaza. Trustee Jett added that he found out where the switches were and reset them all about 3 weeks ago. It didn't fix anything and that exhausts the extent of his attempts for liability reasons. Chief Coonce shared that he has been in contact with our attorney and there really isn't anything we can do with the current ordinances.

However, we could write a new ordinance that all businesses would have to follow. Trustee Barrera added that the renters in Claycomo Plaza are concerned that if they get involved, the owners may raise their rent even higher. It was decided to discuss this further at a work session. Trustee Barrera wanted to thank public works and Claycomo Road District for plowing our streets. He added that the Road District has declined to plow the streets for previous boards and it's good to have a partnership with them with the current board.

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

Resident Dennis thanked Board Members and Road District for the attention to his street and neighborhood.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Coonce shared an event where a citizen helped CPD during the ice/snowstorm. Carlos is a tow truck driver for Jackson County Tow, which is not a company that we use. He assisted for HOURS, careful not to infringe on fellow tow truck driver assignments. He helped countless people during the storm and didn't charge any of them. He will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, from Claycomo Police Department.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer shared that with the snowstorm, they discovered a leak in the Fire Station roof. Chairman has been made aware of it, and that is something that he will be dealing with. He added that he & Capt. Ap Johnson will be flying to Florida to do the final walkthrough on the new ambulance. It should be here sometime in March.

Village Clerk Wymore had no new business.

Public Works plans to remove snow around the fire hydrants in the Village, that are blocked. Trustee Barerra added that Kansas City has publicly asked their residents to remove snow from fire hydrants that may be blocked, themselves. Chairman Bradach shared that the pipes in the Public Works building had frozen but have since been repaired and the water is working now. He went on to thank the resident (who wished to remain anonymous) that rode all around the Village plowing various residents' driveways free of charge.

EDC/Absent.

Dale from Zoning announced the meeting next Monday at E & D Stamps. It starts at 7pm. All are welcome.

Trustee Barrera, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin, Trustee Benton, and Chairman Bradich had no new business.

Trustee Jett shared that the Christmas lights displayed in Mildred Keeney Memorial Park have all been taken down. ALL the lights are stored. ALL the lights belong to the Village of Claycomo. He thanked residents Shawn Hamilton & Dennis Schmidt, along with his son Trey

Jett for helping in that endeavor. He also informed that the current Facebook Page: [Claycomo Economic Development Committee](#) is not ran by any current member of the Claycomo Economic Development sub-board. They DO NOT represent the Village of Claycomo in ANY official capacity. There are several Claycomo “Group” pages. Only 1 official Page for the [Village of Claycomo](#), [Claycomo Police Department](#), and [Claycomo Fire Department](#).

Police Chief Coonce added that his Annual Stats. Report was also in the packet. Trustee Jett asked if Det. Cooley was still his contact for Neighborhood Watch, since Officer Rivers has taken over Nuisance Violations. Officer Rivers will now be the Police liaison for Neighborhood Watch and Trustee Jett will add him as an Admin to his Facebook Group.

Chairman Bradich spoke about the tragic fires that have hit California recently. He asks that we hold the 100,000+ people who have been displaced by the fires in our thoughts and prayers.

There was no further business with the Board.

The Board needed to go into Executive Session for Employee Matters, as called by Village Clerk Wymore. Trustee Jett made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session, as required by RSMo Section 610.021 for Employee Matters, and that all records be kept sealed and confidential. Trustee Benton seconded the motion.

Trustee Jett motioned to recess the regular meeting of January 13, 2025, seconded by Trustee Benton. All yeas. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich thanked everyone for coming.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich