



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2023
28 S DRAKE AVE
CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI 64119**

Those in attendance is Chairman Terry Bradich, Trustee Mark Benton, Trustee Barrera, Trustee Renee Hoppe, Trustee David Jett, Village Clerk Melody Wymore, Police Chief Coonce and Fire Chief Shaumeyer

Chairman Bradich called to recess the Regular Meeting of December 27, 2022, at 7:00. Trustee Jett motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. All yeas, motion carried.

Chairman Bradich Called the Regular Meeting of December 27, 2022, to order at 7:01.

Abby Wymore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Hoppe motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 27, 2022, seconded by Trustee Benton. All yeas. Motion carried.

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the payment of bills from December 24, 2022, to January 6, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. All yeas. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called on the representative from Ervin Cable for discussion. Chairman Bradich advised that Google Fiber has not fulfilled their commitment to the Board by failing to give updates on the progress of the job. Chairman Bradich advised the representative that he was not happy with their service. Numerous water lines have been damaged and caused residents to go without water for days at time. There have been numerous gas lines that have been stuck, causing hazards and unsafe conditions for the residents. The representative advised their procedure in those incidents is for the supervisor to maintain on scene, to contact the utility company responsible immediately and to keep the residents informed. They advised that they take ownership of the issue and do everything they can to repair the problem. A resident present at the meeting advised her water was out for 3 days and confirmed that they kept her updated and was pleased with their communication.

Trustee Barrera urged the representative to keep in contact with not only the resident involved but also City Hall. The representative advised he has the correct numbers and e-mails for City Hall and will keep in contact.

Chairman Bradich stated that he contacted the Road District. He wanted to make sure that any digging or damage to the streets will be filled and sealed properly to avoid major damage in the future. The representative requested the phone number to the road district manager to make sure they are sealed properly and checked prior to the end of the job. Chairman Bradich requested to be present at the time of the final inspection.

A resident inquired if it was safe to drive over the equipment over the driveway. The answer was yes. The same resident inquired about tracks left in his yard from the trucks driving through and wanted to know if that was going to be repaired. The answer was yes. Trustee Jett advised there was a resident that had water damage due to sewer line being cut and leaking into his house. He wanted to make sure that the bill was received and giving to the correct person. Village Clerk Wymore advised she had not received the Bill yet from the resident, but when she does she will forward it on the Ervin Cable. A resident inquired when the Village was notified about the Google Fiber construction. Chairman Bradich advised it was approved by the Board in a meeting sometime during the summer. The resident complained that she or her neighbors had no notification as to what the digging was for. The Ervin Cable representative advised they have a lot of distance to cover and although they do their best to hang a notice on every door, sometimes they do blow away, get thrown out or possibly missed altogether.

The representative advised they only have about another week or so left of digging and the only thing left after that would be the install of cable for the residents who request the service. He left extra door hangers and service cards for anyone that wanted them.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce advised the new radios are in and programmed. He needs to be pick them up and after one more step will be ready to go into service on February 7th. The calendars are almost all passed out. There are extra calendars at City Hall.

Chief Shaumeyer advised the Fire Department still working on the last few Calendars to pass out. He has one Paramedic/ Fire Fighter that has gone part time.

Village Clerk Wymore got the final expenses for the Clerk Training in March and gave them to the Board.

The EDC will announce the Christmas Decorating contest winners at the next meeting.

Zoning Board next meeting will be next Wednesday at 7pm.

A resident followed up on the last meeting about the lack of fence height ordinance and suggested the Village make one. There has been a fence in question that has been put up and she feels looks bad.

A residence inquired about the Court income and wanted to know if the Village has considered having the County take over Claycomo Court. Police Chief Coonce advised they did look into the option and believes it would cost the Village more money. He advised Smithville as had Clay County take over their court and so far, they have lost about 40% of court revenue money.

Trustee Barrera wants to work with the Fire Chief and the Neighborhood watch to provide smoke detector to residents that need some.

Trustee Barrera wanted to address a commit that our Village is looking like a dump. He advised that he has worked and lived in the Village for a very long time. He stated that this Board has worked very hard to improve the Village despite dealing with internal issues in that last 6 months. He stated that there are some businesses that may not get along with their neighbors but a lot of them do. He and other businesses has put in a lot of time and money to make his business look good and appealing to the Village. He advised he will continue and always defend the businesses. He stated that there is a lot that needs to be done but no single Board will be able to do it all. He pleaded to give the Board some time to deal with the issues as they come up. Progress is being made, but it may take time for the residents to see the results. Focus on the positives right now. He is very proud of the Board and the employees of the Village.

Trustee Benton stated that he agrees that there are things that needs to be changed with the ordinances and zoning to address things such as the fence issue. The Board is working together with the sub-Boards and the Village to take control over the community.

Chairman Bradich wants to set up a meeting with the owner of the resident behind McDonalds about the items in his yard. Police Chief Coonce advised that the code Officer is working on it. Chairman Bradich advised he understands but need to have the meeting to address the ongoing complaints and issues with the resident. Police Chief Coonce advised that the resident has recently been to court over code violations. Chairman Bradich advised more tickets may be necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce advised he will not be at the next meeting due to a vacation.

Village Clerk Wymore advised they have hired a new Deputy Village Clerk Tammy Hamilton. She started on 1-3-23. She will be taking over the Deputy Clerk salary and will go through the standard 6 months' probation. She is doing well and will soon have a newsletters out.

Neighborhood watch meeting is coming up January 19 at 7:00 pm. Police Chief will make sure an Officer is there. Trustee Jett would like all of the dates for the Neighborhood watch meeting in the newsletter.

Chairman Bradich advised they have on going problems with dogs. There has been a dog found tied to a tree. He stated that residents are getting confused as to what are kennel is. It is not a shelter but a temporary holding facility. Our ordinance states that we are required to hold a dog for 5 days. The last 2 dogs that we had cost the Village \$200. They were both brought to Liberty Animal Hospital and adopted, but cost the Village fees for spay/ neutering and medical. We recently have a dog that was hit by a car. Chairman Bradich contacted Claycomo Animal Hospital and they said we could drop it off for diagnosis. They advised euthanasia was only an option if the injuries were life threatening. However, that would all be for a cost. He advised the problem will only get worse before it gets better. Police Chief Coonce advised we will step up citations for dogs running at large and dogs not licensed. He will contact the Court about increasing the fines. Chairman Bradich advised we will have to put an amount in the budget for animal control.

The floors scrubber should be in this week and they will get Public Works to scrub and maintain the floors.

Chairman Bradich talked to the Road District about the sink hole. It was covered in mud but since the last rain, it has gotten worse. Road District advised they are aware of it and will be patching it soon, weather permitting.

Chairman Bradich wants to get started with setting up meeting for the budget. He stated not to forget training and vehicle maintenance. He stated the budget and Village money is not looking good. There has been a struggle to get employee salary up and comparative.

Trustee Barrera stated that he wanted to go forward and put a priority on infrastructure and parks. Chairman Bradich advised he would be sure to put an increase in the budget. Trustee Jett advised he would also help with any tools or repairs needed.

There will be a wooden box installed with a lock at the Community Building to store court documents, so they don't have to carry items back and forth

Historical Society will be meeting on January 25th at 10:30 am. There is also an infrastructure meeting in Clay County of anyone is interested. There is also a meeting in Clay County about quality of life

Trustee Barrera motioned to recess the regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Jett. All yeas. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich