



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 24, 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

Chairman Bradich called to recess the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Trustee Barrera motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Jett. Roll call, All yeas. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2023, to order at 7:01 PM.

Police Chief Coonce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Village Clerk Wymore updated the agenda to add “Wedded Bliss” a new business to Claycomo, pending Board approval. Their information was available in the packets but accidentally omitted from the agenda. She also added that agenda item #9 would be tabled until the next meeting.

Trustee Benton motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call, All yeas. Motion carried.

Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for July 7, 2023-July 20, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Motioned carried.

Chairman Bradich brought up for discussion the approval of Wedded Bliss Ceremonies, LLC’s application for Business License. It will be an event planning service and venue, located in the upper level of 107 E 69 Hwy. A resident asked if it had been approved by the Fire Chief. Village Clerk Wymore said, “Yes.” Trustee Jett made a motioned to approve the Business License for Wedded Bliss Ceremonies, LLC, seconded by Trustee Benton. All yeas. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich informed the audience that evening’s meeting was being recorded.

## OLD BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce shared that he and Officer Cooley are still working on donating the bicycles that are currently being stored at Public Works. He is also still pricing mobile speed signs. He spoke on the incident last Tuesday (July 18) at the Ford plant. An individual called claiming he had bombs and weapons and was barricaded in a bathroom inside the plant. It was obvious to Chief Coonce that we would need assistance from other agencies. Clay County was first called and very quick to respond (appx. 10 minutes to scene). There were doubts on the validity of the call, but it was decided that it must be taken seriously until the threat could be ruled out. We, along with several other agencies, cleared all Ford plant buildings in about 6 hours. Those responding were: Claycomo Police Department, FBI and SWAT, Clay County Sheriff's Department and SWAT, Platte County SWAT, Jackson County assisted with a drone, 4-5 Kansas City Police Departments, Missouri Highway Patrol and their SWAT assisted on scene as well as taking our calls that came in during that time, Liberty SWAT, Gladstone SWAT, Pleasant Valley Police Department, Claycomo Fire Department, Pleasant Valley Fire Department, Kansas City Fire Department, and an organization called "Taking it to the Streets". (They provided water and food through the night.) Chief Coonce wanted to express his gratitude to ALL the agencies that responded to aid our efforts. Thanks to the FBI, we were able to trace and track down the suspect and within an hour from clearing the Ford plant, he was in custody. He has been charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Terrorist Threat and held on \$150,000.00 bond. Still working on possible other charges on other individuals.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer was absent.

Village Clerk Wymore had no old business.

Public Works had no old business.

EDC had no old business.

Dale, of the Zoning Board clarified that the Clay County Assessor's Office does not reflect the Zoning of the property of our Village, rather it reflects the use of the property under taxation. We record our own Zoning.

Trustee Barrera thanked Trustee Hoppe and her sister, Mickii for planting the beautiful flowers at the entrance of Mildred Keeney Memorial Park. He also wanted to thank the Claycomo Police Department as well as the Claycomo Fire Department, for their involvement in the events that took place at the Ford plant. He spoke to Chief Coonce, saying that he understood that he was up all night, that he got no rest, and that he was going on a 24 hour plus cycle. He stated that he was concerned for the Chief's well-being and wanted to thank him as well as all the people in the department that were involved. They put in those long/extra hours and then came right back in (some never went home) and took care of business the next day. He also thanked Chairman Bradich for being on the scene as well and then representing the Village with Chief Coonce during the press conference on Wednesday morning. Trustee Barrera also thanked Trustee Benton and Trustee Jett for all their extra work in the Village. They are taking on projects and completing other projects within the Village, themselves. He wanted people to know how much

they are doing to repair things to beautify the Village and save the Village money. They are both carpenter and both very skilled at what they do. Many things are being fixed, that otherwise would have had to wait, and he wanted them to be recognized for their efforts. He thanked Village Clerk Wymore for paperwork that he requested and on a speedy turnaround. Trustee Barrera expressed his gratitude for the Zoning Board for their donation of their time and efforts in making themselves available for a meeting. He understands that it may have put them in an uncomfortable position, and he appreciated that. He expressed his disappointment that there were no minutes taken at the Zoning Meeting (Open Hearing). He was appreciative to Public Works for the removal of the No Parking signs (on S. Poe). Understood that they were removed the following day. A resident addressed Trustee Barrera as to what the Zoning Meeting was about. He said that he couldn't really get into that, currently due to time restraints and the agenda on the meeting in progress. He reminded everyone that Board of Trustee Agendas and Meeting Minutes are available online, on our website (claycomo.org) as well as hard copies in the lobby of City Hall. Copies can be made for personal use, if requested. He added that all upcoming meetings are announced on the digital sign outside City Hall.

Trustee Jett also expressed his appreciation for Chief Coonce, Claycomo Fire Department and Claycomo Police Department for all their efforts in the call at the Ford plant, last week. Chief Coonce thanked him and Trustee Barrera for their kind words and added his thanks to Chairman Bradich and Trustee Jett for bringing food and water to them so late at night. It was hot and the teams were thirsty. It was very much appreciated. Chief Coonce also wanted to thank the people from Ford and the UAW. They were very helpful that night. Trustee Jett also thanked Trustee Hoppe and her sister for planting the flowers at Mildred Keeney Park. He mentioned that the Neighborhood Watch meeting was the previous Thursday. There were some new residents at the meeting. There were good discussions. Hopefully the meeting numbers will increase. The next meeting date and time are listed on our Village Calendar. (Oct. 19, 7:00 MKM Park)

Trustee Benton thanked Chief Coonce and our staff for their efforts. He also extended his thanks to Trustee Hoppe for the flowers at the park.

Trustee Hoppe also thanked Chief Coonce for his role in the Ford plant call. She also shared that the planting of the flowers was a shared effort with Sweat Equity and Public Works. There were also donations of dirt and mulch.

Chairman Bradich commended Chief Coonce on arriving first on scene for the Ford call and taking the lead right away. "Fantastic job!" He thanked Trustee Benton for donating the wood needed to replace the sign at Mildred Keeney Park. Trustee Benton also donated much for the flower project. Chairman Bradich thanked Jim and Claycomo Road District for patching holes and repairing curbs around the Village.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Coonce announced Aug. 10 is our Night Out Against Crime, at Mildred Keeney Park. There will be a bounce house and free snow cones for the kids. K-9 Axl will be there, along with other officers from our department. The event starts at 5:00 pm.

Village Clerk Wymore had no new business.

Public Works had no new business.

Jason, from EDC shared that he met with David Slater from Pleasant Valley to compare notes on possibilities for our EDC team. He stated that they will be meeting more frequently. He spoke about Pleasant Valley having a joint survey done (Pleasant Valley and Claycomo) for the beautification of 69 hwy. He also considered any codes or ordinances that we may be able to enforce on the owners of Claycomo Plaza. Jason added that he is still looking for grants/outside funds for the possible Pickle Ball Court. Chief Coonce suggested a few specific ordinances that they can look at for Claycomo Plaza. Chief added that he would get with our Nuisance Officer and see what they could come up with. Jason stated that he will be meeting with other leaders of EDC teams to see if there are other resources available to our team. Chairman Bradich added that Village Clerk Wymore would be reaching out to get a representative of the owners of Claycomo Plaza to the next board meeting. Trustee Barrera stated that there are many lights out in the parking lots. The bulbs go out and are not replaced in a timely fashion.

Zoning Board had no new business.

Trustees Barrera, Jett, Benton, and Hoppe had no new business.

Chairman Bradich shared that Title Max has closed.

Chairman Bradich opened the floor to the audience, for 2 minutes at a time. All statements and questions will be taken first. The board will respond after.

The following questions and statements were taken from the audience:

How and when did Claycomo City Park come to be zoned “commercial”?

If the Village owns commercial property, do they pay taxes on that property?

How did the property come to be in the Village’s possession?

What does the contract read?

Where can the ADA codes be found?

It’s a tragedy to sell the park to any commercial interest. Maybe the financial activities of the City need to be looked at.

The land was donated to the city to be a park only. Nothing else.

The park is still very much in use.

It seems that all volunteer work goes to Mildred Keeney Park. None goes to Claycomo City Park. If you asked for volunteers for Claycomo City Park, you would get them.

Younger people/families will not move here if we take away the “Green Space”.

Claycomo Plaza has always been an issue. It is an eye sore. Parking lot is in terrible shape. It is always trashy.

Offer the owners of Claycomo Plaza some tax breaks as incentive to keep up the property.

If there is a reason to sell the park, the residents need to know why.

A medical marijuana dispensary would bring in more revenue and taxes than selling the park.

Please do not approve the rezoning on Dickenson.

People were encouraged to stay involved, speak up, support the community, volunteer- not just when you're angry.

I would not allow my children to go to Mildred Keeny Park. It's too secluded, too many trees, and dangerous. Always eyes on Claycomo City Park.

Residents should bring their ideas and/or possible solutions to the board.

Residents felt blindsided by the abrupt sale of the park. Was there an appraisal done on Claycomo City Park? Is there tax on it? What were other options to keeping the park?

Fire Fighters and Police Officers need raises. That has been an ongoing issue for 20 years. How long will the money that the Village gets from the sale of the park last? What are the plans for those funds? Fight for the park. Fight for everything!

Would it be possible to "re-educate" the community and vote again on the option of becoming a city? If so, when? When will ordinances be available about recreational use of marijuana? Would EDC be able to bring that into our community?

Claycomo Road District is credited with the dirt on the field, the gravel below, and the planting to the large boulders.

Training is available for Trustee Members and Village Clerks. Public Works is in charge of the upkeep of the parks. Who oversees the park budget? Shelter posts were supposed to be replaced in 2018, and no one followed through.

Is there a way to raise the funds to keep the sale of the park from happening? Is there a way to take suggestions from community members? Is there a special assessment that could be voted on? Are there grants? Where do we find the resources to find these options or other options? Can we as a community find a way to fund it?

When you get a budget for the parks, spend it on the parks.

Replacing the park equipment, to make Claycomo City Park ADA compliant would cost roughly \$1,000,000.00. The current equipment cannot be repaired. It must be replaced. You cannot replace it, one piece at a time and still be ADA compliant. It must all be done at the same time.

There are not funds available to do so. Finances have been in rough shape for a long time. Attend meetings to find out what is going on in your community. We need younger volunteers.

The park property was donated by Tom Cain, for purposes of being a park. Sad to see it in such disrepair. It seems all resources are going to Mildred Keeney Park and Claycomo City Park gets nothing.

Please reconsider selling the park.

Take all the equipment out, just keep the Green Space.

Grant Funds are available. Would it be possible to create an Art Entertainment District?

Why are we putting Pickle Ball Courts at Mildred Keeney Park if we can't afford the upkeep at Claycomo City Park? Where do the figures come from for the repairs that need to be made to Claycomo City Park? Who decided that the shelters were unsafe? Did an engineer inspect them? Younger families will be moving into the Village and their kids will need a park.

Grants are available all over, for other cities. Never sell an asset!

Claycomo doesn't have a town square. The only meeting places are the parks. We need to turn the park into something that is attractive to the younger generation. If the park is sold, we will want to see the budget. Purchase the vacant house beside the park and create more parking for the park. A little more communication from the Board would be good.

*Trustee Benton replied with his thoughts that residents who attend Board Meetings know what's going on. They would also know that this is not the FIRST step, it is actually the LAST. The*

*Board cannot tell private business owners to do anything. This has been an ongoing issue dating back possibly 20-25 years, due to mismanagement, miscommunication, neglect, oversight, and people just not wanting to do the work that needed to be done.*

Questions and statements continued:

Where was the information posted that Claycomo City Park was being sold? What have you done to make it available to residents that don't have Facebook or internet?

We need a newsletter every month.

Selling the park is a Band-Aid solution. It is not a long-term solution.

Other cities have compelled business owners to "clean up their act". Change your mindset that nothing can be done. *(Trustee Benton replied that the board has tried. They don't care/listen.)*

The statement was made to "Make them!"

My family still uses the park.

Rather than repurposing the park, make a community garden and use it for the Farmer's Market. If the Farmer's Market were on Saturdays, more people could attend. If we were also to focus on the Arts, people could share their talents at the Farmer's Market. It would be more community oriented.

If you do the garden, it will take away baseball, walking trails, and picnics. Selling the park takes away everything that it is.

Are we talking about saving the money that is required for upkeep on the park? Are we talking about generating income to relieve some other form of deficit? If it's a matter of maintenance, there are volunteers nearby that would take care of the mowing and weed eating. If it's a financial shortfall, selling the park is a very short-term solution for a long-term problem.

Younger people use that park. The first time I was aware of the selling of the park is when I got a flyer on my door. I've been to previous meeting and fell asleep. They were so long and boring. Don't get rid of assets- ever.

We have 4 parks in Claycomo. I have served on previous boards. You are given a budget and must make do with what you're given. Many people have volunteered over the years. There are homeless people everywhere, not just Claycomo City Park. There are tents set up at Mildred Keeney Park.

Thank you to the board. One of the reasons I stopped coming to the board meetings was because nothing was ever accomplished. No changes were made. I appreciate the open forum here tonight. We need to fund raise for the park.

Randolph Road is a speedway. I never see officers sitting at the church or at the park to catch potential speeders anymore. Sometimes cars are going so fast, they leave the pavement. People who want to avoid 69 highway take Park all the through to Randolph and they don't stop. They just pull out onto Randolph Road. They don't look. They don't care. It's an accident waiting to happen. They do it because they know they can get away with it. We need a Police presence at the park and at the church to make this stop!

#### BOARD RESPONSES:

Trustee Barrera introduced himself and shared that the items that have been brought up, this evening are not on the agenda. However, this Board cares enough to address those issues. He used the example of having a "Sewer Fund" on a previous board he served on. When he returned to the board years later, that fund was gone. Something was supposed to get carried over and it got dropped. He loves Claycomo City Park! He spent almost 10 years coaching Lion's Club

baseball, alongside his father. He advised that he has been monitoring Claycomo City Park, literally every day at different times. He walks his dog there. He has not encountered anyone using the park during his visits. Nobody has made reservations to use the park. There have been rentals and Mildred Keeney, but none for Claycomo City Park (since the beginning of the year). The damage to the tables and the shelters is plain and visible. The tables have been removed from the flooring and are rusted and torn apart. The asphalt for the walking trail is cracked and shifted. He went to speak to the last living Lion's Club member with an emotion plea about the park. His reply was a shrug. At a later time (after the park was put up for sale) he said that he didn't want the park to be sold. Trustee Barrera continued that he was looking for all the passion and emotion, presented at this meeting. Looking and waiting and talking to people, looking for a reason to turn down the sale of Claycomo City Park. And now, "it's a day late and a dollar short". The claims to fault the board with not getting enough information out: "the information has been out there". He shared that he was very much against social media because people can be so cruel with lies and comments, and disregard other people's feelings. Some of them were present at the meeting. He went on to address the issue of grants. We recently talked and voted about becoming a city. Many more grant options are available to cities, than are available to a village. The vote was close. However, residents voted against it. Village grants are available on a 50/50 basis. (If Claycomo wants a grant for \$50,000, the Village must also provide \$50,000.) He expressed his appreciation for everyone coming, also that he wished it didn't take so long for people to attend meetings. He would like the residents who said they were left out to take some responsibility for that. If they were more involved in their own Village, they would know what was going on. He stated that he has always been accessible and easily approachable. He has made his information available to anyone who wished to contact him to voice any concerns. He wants to listen. He wants your views and concerns to be heard. He wants to represent you. He informed that newly elected Boards, are not obligated to follow through with the previous Boards' plans for specific funds. He encourages the people present to run for the Board. Especially younger members with fresh ideas. He referenced the possibility of a marijuana dispensary in Claycomo. He shared that this Board is welcoming to a dispensary and the taxes that could come with that it. Trustee Barrera discussed the possibility of a pickleball court and why that could be a good thing for the Village. He shared that pickleball is a #1 sport right now. It would also share as a tennis court and possible a basketball court as well. In closing, he thanked everyone for coming.

Police Chief Coonce addressed the subject of speeding on Randolph Road. He agreed that speeding is bad on Randolph Road and shared that officers have been focusing on that area for a couple of months now. He went on to say that several tickets have been written. Officers have been running radar at the church and in Claycomo Plaza. He used the example that Sargeant Kirk issued 10 speeding tickets in a 6-hour time frame. Chief Coonce also addressed the topic of Police salaries. He shared that there is a national crisis on the law enforcement side. Being a small town, we can not compete with big city department salaries. We have tried to maintain our competitiveness with towns our size but lost many officers for higher salaries in other areas. The department has gone down to 1 officer during the day. With that change, there was money to offer raises and maintain staff. If this crisis continues, we may have to go to a part-time Police Department. He shared his genuine concern for the future of our Police Department.

Trustee Jett thanked everyone who came to the meeting. He would like to see as many people at EVERY meeting, good or bad. He shared the consequences of COVID over the past few years. COVID shut down a lot of things and took a lot of money. We had to downsize Police & Fire to part-time because funds were not available. Our ambulance calls could only transport. They could not treat because there was not a paramedic on duty. We are trying to maintain our current staff for both Fire and Police and hope reach 100% capacity. He went on to discuss the Boards' support of a possible marijuana dispensary. He was not available for the Board meeting where it was decided to sell Claycomo City Park. (He had a family emergency.) However, the Board and their decision has his complete support. We need to figure out how to generate more revenue for the Village. He asked the audience, "What are you all willing to give up to keep the park? If that were an option, what are you willing to give up?" A member of the audience reminded of the close vote to become a 4<sup>th</sup> class city, 1 time. Trustee Jett replied that they are a brand-new Board of Trustees. There will be a vote coming up at the end of the year. There must be time allowed to make the decision of what will go on the ballot. Trustee Jett shared that he wanted to name Claycomo City Park for his late Grandfather in law (Don Parrett), who was on the Board of Trustees as well as a member of the Claycomo Lion's Club for several years. He wanted to share his love for the park, especially in wanting to name it after a man that he so admired. Trustee Barrera confirmed. The decision to sell the park is not an easy decision or a quick decision. There has been many discussions and debates about it. He feels that as a community, there is a need to step up and do more. He encouraged others to run for the Board in the future. He reinforced that the Board has the best interest of the residents and the Village in mind. He went back to the question of "What are you willing to give up?" He used the example of trash. The Board could decide to use that tax toward something else and residents would be left to pay for their own trash services. In closing, he stated that a vote to become a city will be revisited. He thanked everybody again for coming. A member of the audience asked, "If the sale of the park goes through, how long will that hold us over?" Trustee Jett replied with the plan for the money that will be gained by selling the park: Funds would be divided up between maintaining Mildred Keeney Memorial Park, Claycomo's General Fund and maintenance needed in our village.

Trustee Hoppe asked for help from the audience member familiar with grants. She is taking a class on grants. Trustee Jett thanked her again for stepping up and volunteering to take that class. Trustee Hoppe wanted the audience to understand that the classes they are taking don't cost the Village a dime. They are paying for it out of their own pockets. The flowers that got planted were paid for by her, personally. In closing, she expressed that the Board is doing the best they can. There is only so much of their own money they can afford to use. Help is needed. An audience member interrupted, asking why one park is falling apart so bad and the other one is being maintained and beautified. Trustee Barrera stated that the Chairman would address that.

Trustee Benton shared that he grew up in Claycomo and that every Board member loves Claycomo. His sons live in the Village, and he runs his business out of Claycomo. He understands how things need to work and pays attention to things that look undone or unmaintained. He then tries to decipher how long it has been unattended. He shared that our citizens need to be involved. He feels that it is unrealistic to think that 5 individuals can take care of all of it. He reiterated that they need help. We need people, without an agenda to come together, look at the problems and help provide possible solutions. He addressed the topic of people not knowing what is going on in the Village and suggested that those people get involved.



He stated that the village is in a “tailspin”, and it’s headed for a crash. “If we as a village don’t put our personal interests aside and start actively working to save this village, it’s going to go away.” He suggested that there be more meetings like this with more residents and more ideas to help and save the village. In closing, he thanked everyone that came and recognized that for some it was a struggle.

Chairman Bradich shared that he has lived in the village for 16 years. He was a contractor for Ford. He stated that Mr. Hook invited him to run for the Board of Trustees. Chairman Bradich informed that when he came on this Board, they had to totally reorganize City Hall and correct operational procedures. He also stated that the board met at Claycomo City Park, in executive session, and walked through it. He shared that Trustee Benton and Trustee Jett are who he depends on when it comes to construction issues, since that is their line of employment and expertise. He expressed that making the decision to sell the park was “the worst thing he’s ever had to do”. He stated that the Budget Meetings were all open to the public, but nobody attended. An audience member interrupted, stating that she called City Hall, and they did not have a date for her. Chairman Bradich replied that all dates were posted as they were scheduled. He stated that there is nothing to hide. The Budget is public record. He informed of the constant cashflow (what comes in goes right back out). When there’s more going out then coming in, that’s a problem. He added that with the sale of the park, certain funds will be “ear-marked” for Village improvements. He shared that we have no funds available to match for grants. Currently, we are not in a position where we have to borrow money. We want to keep it that way. He said he doesn’t want taxes to go up. Chairman Bradich informed that the Village has a fire truck that can not be used because it needs repairs that the Village cannot afford. The idea of selling the park is to put retail shops in that space to bring in revenue for the Village. He stressed the point that not one member of the Board wanted to sell the park. Chairman Bradich informed that all funds from the sale of the park will be marked with purpose and the public will be aware of where those funds are going, every step of the way.

A member of the audience was recognized with a statement. He suggested that with Fire and Police, perhaps we could offer to share buildings with other agencies. Chairman Bradich replied that there was a suggestion of a “Fire District” to merge our Fire Department with other local agencies. There was a meeting with the Union. They wanted to investigate it further. The Union would pay for it. There was a mention of cost of \$100,000.00 for that process. The Union will pay that to find out if it would be worth it to merge Claycomo, Pleasant Valley, and Liberty. If that is a possibility, it would still be years down the road.

In closing, Chairman Bradich thanked everyone for coming. He encouraged anyone who did not get their question answered during the meeting to contact Village Clerk Wymore and a member of the Board will get back to you.

In response to the resident asking about the Budget, Village Clerk Wymore stated that the Budget is posted on our website. [Claycomo.org](http://Claycomo.org) She also offered to help anyone who had troubles accessing it.

Trustee Jett wanted to clarify that the Village does have an official Facebook Page, not a Facebook Group. The Facebook Groups are managed by other people. The best way to contact

any Board member or Village Clerk Wymore is to call City Hall or send email to their official Village emails. All information can be found at [Claycomo.org](http://Claycomo.org). Do not send any questions or comments via Facebook, to Board Members or the Village Clerk. They will absolutely not be replied to.

Jason, from EDC invited everyone to the meeting at 6:30pm on the last Wednesday of every month.

A resident wanted to confirm the date and time of the next board meeting: August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Chairman Bradich explained what “maintaining Claycomo City Park” meant: Public Works will continue to mow the park. A resident asked if residents neighboring the park could mow it at times. Chairman Bradich replied that there is a schedule for mowing the park and they haven’t had any issues maintaining the schedule so far.

Trustee Barrera revisited raising the tax levy to increase revenue. He stated that it was on the ballot before, and it didn’t pass.

A resident stated that there are more kids at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park than Claycomo City Park, because there are twice as many people/families/kids on that side of the highway. He shared that he didn’t know why the maintenance was let go on the parks, especially Claycomo City Park. He added that some people may think that was intentional. Chairman Bradach stated that he couldn’t speak to that. Trustee Benton asked, “Intentional, by who? That’s the good question.” The resident continued by stating that for as long as he has been a Claycomo resident, he has ALWAYS heard that the village doesn’t have any money. Year after year, for 18+ years, a person begins to think that the Village is “Crying Wolf”. Chairman Bradach agreed. The resident asked if putting the park up for sale was a ploy to “wake up” the Village. Trustee Benton commented that, “if so, it worked.” He had never held a meeting with that many residents in attendance. Another resident commented that it was nice to see so many people there, instead of the just the regular 5 people that attend every meeting.

Chairman Bradich opened the floor to any other business with the board. There was nothing further.

There is no reason to go into an executive meeting.

Trustee Jett motioned to recess the regular meeting of July 24, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Benton. All yeas. Motion carried.

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Village Clerk Melody Wymore

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Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich