



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 28, 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, Fire Chief Steve Shaumeyer

Chairman Bradich called to recess the Regular Meeting of August 14, 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 August 28, 2023, to order at 7:01 PM.

Trustee Jett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Jett motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2023, seconded by Trustee Benton. Roll call, All yeas. Motion carried.

Trustee Benton motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for August 11, 2023-August 25, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call, All yeas. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce informed that we are looking for more patrol officers and nobody is responding. He also shared that with the spot left vacant by the resignation of the Deputy Chief, he has decided to reorganize, rather than to replace the position. He took the money from that position and made the following changes:

Lt. Bruner was promoted to Captain. Sergeant Kirk and Det. Lorensen were both promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Kirk is Patrol Lieutenant. Lt. Lorensen is Admin Lieutenant. They work together in the responsibilities that the Major Position had. Officer Taff was also promoted to Corp. Taff. These changes cost the Village nothing and are working out well. Trustee Jett thanked Chief Coonce for his hard work and recognized the hard decisions that had to be made.

Village Clerk Wymore had no old business.

Public Works had no old business.

EDC had no old business.

Zoning Board had no old business.

Trustee Barrera, Trustee Jett, Trustee Benton, and Trustee Hoppe had no old business.

Chairman Bradich updated about the storm debris that was left in the creeks after the recent storms. He was finally able to contact MODOT. They came and removed debris on Randolph as well as on Poe. They hauled it away and removed it from the site as well. Chairman Bradich now has a direct contact for MODOT for future issues.

He asked Chief Coonce about the Open House at Ford. Chief responded that it went well.

Trustee Jett informed of inquiring for bids to replace the concrete near the Community Building. 2 have been received. Waiting on 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Coonce shared that on Wednesday, he and Chairman Bradich will be meeting with Clay County, Liberty, Pleasant Valley and KCMO PD along with Ford to discuss the possible upcoming strike.

Village Clerk Wymore announced the upcoming Stream Team Clean Up on Saturday, September 23 at 10:00 AM. They will meet in the parking lot of Claycomo Plaza (near Randolph). She also shared that Big Trash Pick Up/Village Wide Clean Up is Saturday, September 16. 3 Dumpsters will be in the parking lot of City Hall. There will NOT be curbside pickup. All residents are allowed 2 Bulk Item Pickups per year. You just call Republic Services and schedule your pickup. Chairman Bradich shared that somebody dumped a whole truckload of construction debris on Bryant Street. He and Public Works had to make 2 loads to pick it up. There was no information in the debris to issue a ticket.

A resident asked what items are NOT allowed to put into the dumpsters. Answers: oil, batteries, tires, or yard debris.

Public Works had no new business.

EDC had no new business.

Zoning Board informed that they are starting to look into ordinances as they apply to short term rentals. He also shared that the meeting time for the Zoning Board has been changed to the 4th Tuesday of every month.

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

Trustee Jett inquired about Nuisance letter protocol. Chief Coonce advised that they try to deliver nuisance letters in person. If that is not an option, they will be mailed. They really strive to make that contact in person if possible.

Chairman Bradich opened the floor to new business from residents.

A resident advised that there is a “No Parking” sign on Longfellow that is covered by an overgrown tree. There are people parking there. Trustee Jett agreed that the tree needs to be trimmed. The resident also advised of a “Speed Limit” sign along there that is bent and needs to be repaired or replaced.

There was discussion about making the consequences for not taking care of the Nuisance notices higher for the offenders.

It was brought to notice that on trash pick up last week, there was a lot of trash debris along the route on Lowell.

A resident requested a streetlight on Park.

Chris Beshore was present to represent Cozy Apps, LLC at 108 E Park Ave. It is described as a short-term rental property. He acquired the property in March 2022 and totally restored the property. He would be managing the property, himself. He has a lawn service for the property as well. He lives in Liberty, MO. Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the Business License for Cozy Apps, LLC. Seconded by Trustee Jett. All yeas. Motion carried.

Kim Holmes addressed the Board about becoming a member of the Zoning Board. Roll call, All yeas. Motion carried.

Further discussion about nuisance violations between Chief Coonce and residents.

Building Permits for 1260 NE 69 Hwy, Lot 144 & Lot 159 were brought up for approval. Lot 144 Building Permit was motioned for approval by Trustee Benton. Seconded by Trustee Hoppe. All yeas. Motion carried.

Trustee Jett motioned for approval of Lot 159. Seconded by Trustee Barrera. All yeas. Motion carried.

Agenda item #12 (Bill No. 3053 MODOT agreement with the Village for Job #J4P3465) was held until the next meeting (09/11/2023).

Bill No 3054, adopting of Ordinance No 3020: Missouri Ethics Procedure and Conflicts of Interest. The ordinance title was read by Village Clerk Wymore. Trustee Benton motioned the adopting of Ordinance 3020. Seconded by Trustee Barrera. The ordinance title was read by Village Clerk Wymore, for a second and final time. Trustee Benton motioned to approve the adopting of Ordinance 3020. Seconded by Trustee Jett. Roll call, All yeas. Ordinance 3020 approved.

Chairman Bradich opened the floor to any further business with the Board.

A resident asked if there was an update on the possible purchase of Claycomo Plaza. Chairman Bradich shared that he was in touch with the man trying to purchase Claycomo Plaza, last week. He added that he put him in touch with Village Clerk Wymore for more details from MODOR. The purchase is still moving forward.

Chairman Bradich also shared that there has been a lot of activity at the old Walgreens location. The understanding is that this location will be a “combo location” Family Dollar and Dollar Tree. Trustee Jett shared concern that it may cut into Dollar General business. There were reassuring comments from Trustee Barrera.

Trunk-Or-Treat was brought up for discussion by a resident. She shared that there has been enough interest in moving the event back to Claycomo Plaza. She added that permission has been given by the current owner as well as the possible new owner. She says there is no room for the event at the park and added that there are businesses that would like to sponsor the event if it were to be held in Claycomo Plaza. Trustee Barrera shared his concern that the owners provide proof of liability insurance and that the consent to have the event and the insurance coverage be provided to the Board of Trustees in writing. Trustee Benton added that the Village sponsored “Claycomo Trunk-Or-Treat” will continue to be at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park. He added that if Claycomo Plaza wanted to have an additional Trunk-or-Treat for the community, they can do so if they provide the written proof asked for by the Board.

There is no reason to go into an executive meeting.

Trustee Barrera motioned to recess the regular meeting of August 28, 2023, at 7:54pm. Seconded by Trustee Hoppe. All yeas. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich