



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 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, Deputy Village Clerk Tammy Hamilton, Police Chief Matt Coonce

Chairman Bradich called to recess the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Trustee Benton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Barrera. All yeas. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2023, to order at 7:01 PM.

Police Chief Coonce led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence/prayer for those attacked in Israel.

Trustee Hoppe introduced Clay County Prosecuting Attorney and C.E.A.S.E. Coordinator, Zachary Thompson. He shared information on the C.E.A.S.E. Initiative (Citizen Education Against Scams and Exploitation). He shared his experiences with scammers over his years as a Clay County Assistant Prosecutor. Many scammers get away with their crimes because they are not in the same jurisdiction as the people they are trying to scam. Many times, not even in the same country. Most scammers target seniors. If you feel you have been scammed, REPORT IT! A few ways to report it in Clay County are: email prosecutor@claycopa.com, call (816) 736-8300, message Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/claycountyprosecutingattorney>. You can also reach out to the Attorney General.

Trustee Jett motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2023, seconded by Trustee Barrera. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for October 5, 2023–October 19, 2023, seconded by Trustee Jett. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Benton motioned to approve the application for Claycomo Business License for Dollar Tree at 358 69 Hwy, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce shared they are still trying to fill the open position on the Police Department. There have been a couple interviews. They are going to put an ad in a Police Magazine. He reminded everyone that the deadline for any additions of dates and/or pictures for the 2024 calendar is fast approaching.

Deputy Village Clerk Hamilton had no old business.

Public Works had no old business.

No Representative from EDC.

Zoning Board had no old business.

Trustee Barrera had no old business.

Trustee Jett questioned the sale of Claycomo City Park. Answer: No. He stated that he received calls over the weekend in reference to someone posting on the Next-Door app that the park had been sold, which is not true. Resident Dan asked Trustee Jett if he was referring to him. He was. Trustee Jett stated that Resident Dan was the one who made the post. Dan inquired about the gentleman in negotiations to purchase Claycomo Plaza being offered tax incentives by a board member. Chairman Bradich answered, "Yes, I discussed that a Board Meeting." Trustee Barrera added that it was discussed in Open Forum at a Board Meeting and had he attended, he would have been informed. He further asked Resident Dan to please answer the question as to if he made the post. Dan replied that he posted that "it was a done deal". Trustee Barrera asked why he would post something like that. Resident Dan stated that "the park is not a park anymore. It has been closed off. It's private property now and belongs to the Village. How is it private property and belong to the Village?" Trustee Barrera asked, "How is it sold?" and to please answer the question. Resident Dan said, "No, I don't have to answer any question." Chairman Bradich called the meeting back to order.

Trustee Benton reminded everyone of the upcoming Trunk or Treat for the kids. It will be held at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park on Saturday, October 28 from 2:00pm-4:00pm (weather permitting). They will be keeping watchful eye on the weather and the ground conditions and if the ground is too soft for parking, it will be moved to the Community Center and City Hall Parking lots as well as inside the building itself.

Trustee Hoppe updated on the Halloween Decorating Contest, this year. The deadline for nominations is October 26 at 5:00pm. Judging will take place October 26 at 7:30pm. Winners will be announced at the November 13th Board Meeting. Trustee Jett asked how many submissions there are currently in. Answer: 3 Trustee Benton added that the judges will be

anonymous Claycomo business owners that have volunteered to judge the event. He also stated that the Christmas decoration competition will be conducted the same way.

Chairman Bradich had no old business.

Residents had no old business.

Deputy Village Clerk Hamilton updated on the concrete repair for the parking lot. November 8-10 has been blocked off for the repair and the \$500 deposit was waived, as requested.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Coonce had no new business.

On behalf of Fire Chief Shaumeyer, Chairman Bradich shared that construction on the Fire Station sewer is halfway finished. Chief Shaumeyer feels that it should be completed in a week or so.

Deputy Village Clerk Hamilton that she will be working on the Newsletter in the next couple of weeks. Her goal is to have it out, no later than Nov. 13. She encourages everyone to get information to her as soon as possible.

Public Works had no new business.

No representative from EDC.

Dale, from the Zoning Board announced their upcoming meeting on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00pm in the Community Building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Resident Dan announced that he would now like to answer the question. Chairman Bradich yielded the floor to him. He stated again that Claycomo City Park is now private property and it's all roped off. He asked, "What other conclusion could I come to if he (the gentleman purchasing Claycomo Plaza) requires some kind of incentive... somebody said that it was private property and Public can't use it anymore, but the parks not sold though. Now, please explain this to me!" Chairman Bradich tried to explain Resident Dan's confusion with 2 entirely separate situations. The park is now deemed Village surplus property. It is no longer a public park. There are signs posted to stop people from going in there for safety. (Talking over each other.) Police Chief Coonce added that just because the city owns property, that does not mean that citizens can trespass on it. Chairman Bradich continued to explain that the tax incentives asked for by the purchaser of Claycomo Plaza. It was discussed at a meeting with the board, in open session, and is currently still in legal negotiations. Dan asked again, "So why was the park closed?" Chairman Bradich moved the meeting forward.

Trustee Barrera asked to clarify a part in the Minutes from Oct. 9. We are repairing the parking lot. Not repaving. (The Oct. 9 minutes will be corrected to reflect the clarification.)

Trustee Jett thanked Chairman Bradich and Trustee Benton for helping pass out Trunk or Treat flyers to all residents. It took about 3 hours to cover the entire Village.

Trustee Hoppe announced that we will have a Mitten Tree again this year. The tree will be up from early November until January 15. Donations of mittens, hats, scarves, etc. can be added or subtracted from the tree as needed. It will be in the lobby of City Hall and open to all.

Trustee Benton reminded of Trunk or Treat and Halloween Decorations. He encouraged everyone to remind others.

Chairman Bradich inquired to Trustee Jett the date and time for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Answer: Saturday, November 25 at 7:00pm, at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park. There is also a need for volunteers to help decorate the park on Friday, November 24. Meet at the park at 1:00pm.

There is no reason to go into an executive meeting.

Resident Marj announced that the Historical society will meet on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 10:30am, in the Community Building. She also announced some upcoming events being planned; 250th Anniversary of the United States and the World Cup. There will be a need for volunteers as it gets closer to the events.

There was no further business with the Board.

Trustee Benton motioned to recess the regular meeting of October 23, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Jett. All yeas. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich