



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2023  
28 S DRAKE AVE  
CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI 64119**

Those in attendance: Chairman Terry Bradich, Trustee Mark Benton, Trustee Larry Barrera, Trustee Renee Hoppe, Village Clerk Melody, Police Chief Matt Coonce

Chairman Bradich called to recess the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Trustee Barrera motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Benton. All yeas. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2023, to order at 7:00 PM.

Trustee Barrera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Benton announced the winners of the Halloween Decorating Contest. 1<sup>st</sup> place was awarded to Sheri Benton. 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Janell Zahn-Gust. 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Jodee Lollar. He encouraged anyone who wanted to participate in the future to go to the Claycomo Events Facebook page and follow directions. Trustee Hoppe thanked everyone who participated.

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: (absent), Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Benton motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for October 19, 2023-November 8, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: (absent), Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Police Chief Coonce announced that the 2024 Calendar has been submitted and is in production. He shared that it was a little more difficult to get all the ads sold, this year. He added that Clinton County finally got back to him with contract information to hold our prisoners in their jail while we are all waiting for Clay County to be up and running again. Both sides are drawing up a contract. He hopes to have a draft ready for discussion at the next Board Meeting (11/27/2023).

Village Clerk Wymore had no old business.

Public Works had no old business.

EDC had no old business.

Zoning Board had no old business.

Attending Residents had no old business.

Trustee Barrera thanked everyone for their participation in the Village Trunk-or-Treat. He thought it was the best event he had seen yet. He also thanked the Police Department for taking down the clothes that somebody hung on the walk-over bridge.

Trustee Benton agreed that Trunk-or-Treat went very well! He estimated that there were close to 350-400 children (not including the adults in attendance with the children). He was disappointed at the number of folks that didn't know we had a Community Center. He added that he would like to find a way to better promote the Community Building and the option of renting it to the public. He thanked the judges for the Halloween Decorating Contest. He also shared that the electricity for the Christmas Tree has been installed.

Trustee Hoppe announced that the Mitten Tree is up and decorated and full of donations. She added that they are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Christmas Tree, as well as the park on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Meet at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park.

Chairman Bradich also agreed that Trunk-or-Treat went very well.

Residents had no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Coonce discussed a sample contract (in the packets) that would send new hires to the academy. With this contract, the officer would attend (probably) Blue River Academy for \$6,500. They would sign a 3-year contract with Claycomo. If they should leave before their 3 years has expired, we would require that we be paid back for their training, for the remainder of time left on the contract. There would also be the cost of paying the officer during the training. That pay would be \$16/hour. All of this is in the current budget. Just looking for ideas and input, since we are not having any luck filling the position. Trustee Benton asked if there were any provisions in the case that the officer does not pass the training and does NOT become certified. Chief Coonce said he would look into that. This Academy starts January 18, 2024. If the board approves, they will give the candidate a more thorough interview, a written exam, a physical test, and a stress test (polygraph). This is a sample draft. He is still working on a final draft. The board agreed to wait until the next board meeting to make any decisions on the matter.

On behalf of Fire Chief Shaumeyer, Chairman Bradich informed that there is an issue with the grates in front of the Fire Station. We tried to repair it in-house, now it needs professional repair. Chief Shaumeyer is getting quotes to repair that area.

Village Clerk Wymore informed of the possible change in medical insurance for full-time employees. That should be clarified by mid-December.

No representative from EDC.

Dale, from the Zoning Board had no new business.

Resident Marj attended a Northland Neighborhood Meeting and shared that they are paying \$15 to volunteers, mainly homeless, to pick up trash. Trustee Barrera asked for more information. Resident Marj said she would try to get further details about it. She also asked if there had been any updates from MODOT about the highway. Chairman Bradich responded that they may still take down the walk-over bridge this month. MODOT is running behind schedule, but he believes that is still the intention. As for the new crosswalk, he believes that may have been pushed until next Spring. He added that the gentleman in charge of the project will be in immediate contact with Chief Coonce, as 69 highway will need to be closed down in both directions.

Trustee Hoppe announced that the Village Christmas Decorating Contest has begun. Nominations will be judged on December 19, at 5pm. To submit a nomination, send your name, address, phone number and a photo (if possible) to [ClaycomoVillageEvents@gmail.com](mailto:ClaycomoVillageEvents@gmail.com). Winners will be announced and the January 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Trustee Barrera wanted to make aware that one of the entrances/exits at “Dogpatch” has been removed. There is now only one entrance/exit to the area. He wanted to make sure emergency personnel are made aware of this change. He also wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park, on Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. He added a, “Thank you!” to our State Representative, Bill Allen, for attending our Board Meeting. Mr. Allen addressed the audience and encouraged everyone to reach out to him for help. He stated that there are many state resources available that most people are unaware of. His contact information can be obtained through Village Clerk Wymore or via the web.

Trustee Benton also reminded of the Christmas Tree Lighting, as well as the Christmas Decorating Contest.

Claycomo Citizen’s Alliance asked for non-perishable donations **that won’t freeze** to add to The Little Pantry. There will be upcoming fundraisers next year. They added that they are trying to find a building/location in the Village where donations can be taken. There is a strong need for volunteers. If the Little Pantry is full, there is a tote for donations right inside the door to City Hall. If you are making a donation during business hours, it would be best to donate there, so that the donations can be tracked as incoming, before it is outgoing. If that tote is full, leave donations on the floor, beside it and the CCA will be contacted.

A resident also added that they had rented the Community Building on Saturday (11/11). Her group had to clean before they could start setting up for their own event. The trash was full as well as some “residue” on the counters that had to be cleaned. She seemed sure that it was left when the building was used for voting. Chairman Bradich apologized for that happening to her and her group and assured her that will be checked better going forward.

Chairman Bradich had no new business.

There is no reason to go into an executive meeting.

There was no further business with the Board.

Trustee Barrera motioned to recess the regular meeting of November 13, 2023, at 7:47 pm. 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