



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 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 November 13, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Trustee Benton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. 4 yeas, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2023, to order at 7:01 PM.

Trustee Benton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business License Application for 300 USA, LLC at 300 69 Highway (the old Title Max location). Their lawyer spoke on their behalf about the benefits of the business opening in Claycomo. It will be a liquor/tobacco/convenience store. They have a chain of 9-10 stores. He assured the board that all business licenses on the state, county and local level have been obtained. They plan to replace the existing sign and have begun the proper paperwork for it. They have \$2M insurance coverage. They would like to open at the first of 2024. Trustee Barrera added that he has visited some of their stores and they are clean, well-organized, and friendly. Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the Business License for 300 USA, LLC at 300 E US 69 Hwy. Trustee Jett seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried. Chairman Bradich welcomed them to the Village and thanked them for coming.

Trustee Benton motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Abstain, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Benton motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for November 8, 2023-November 22, 2023, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Abstain, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce brought the actual contract with Clinton County to accept our prisoners when Clay County is unable. Clinton County charges \$52/day. Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the contract between Claycomo Police Department and Clinton County Sheriff Department. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jett. All Yeas. Motion carried.

Chief Coonce also thanked the Neighborhood Watch team and all the volunteers who gave their time and donations for the Holiday Meal for the Fire and Police Departments. He added that the food was great, especially the green bean casserole.

Village Clerk Wymore updated about employee insurance. The premium went up 114%, for next year. Our information will officially go to market on November 28. Should have another update for the next meeting.

Public Works had no old business.

EDC had no old business.

Zoning Board had no old business.

Trustee Jett thanked all the residents and non-residents for all the donations of money, cooked foods, raw foods, plates, cups, napkins, and everything else. Businesses that donated as well are BC Hardscapes, Nelle Bells, Claycomo Dental, American Family Insurance, Claycomo Shooters, Advanced Health Chiropractic, Alpha & Omega Remodeling, and B&T Services. He also thanked the trustees for their help. There was plenty of food and nobody went away hungry. He also encouraged everyone to drive by Mildred Keeney Park and look at the Christmas Tree and Gazebo. It is beautiful! He thanked residents, non-residents, Mark Benton, Terry Bradich, Renee Hoppe, Nolan Sartain, Paul Wheelan, Shawn Hamilton, and himself who spent all day Friday decorating. It was cold but fun and he appreciated it all. He also thanked Alpha & Omega Remodeling, B&T Services, and BC Hardscapes who donated the tree and planted it for us. Hopefully, there is a new tradition for the village.

Trustee Benton added that the Christmas Tree Lighting was a shared vision that got brought to life. The Thanksgiving Dinner had a really good turn out and everybody had a real good time. He reminded everyone that the Christmas Decorating Contest has started. He added that everybody who has seen the Halloween Decoration Contest Awards, has wanted to know who made them. Trustee Hoppe made them. He acknowledged her talents. He reminds everyone to nominate or participate, they need to send an email to ClaycomoVillageEvents@gmail.com with your name, address, phone number and a photo (if possible) so it can be passed along to another group on non-biased judges.

Trustee Barrera thanked his fellow board members for working so hard. He has not been able to participate in some recent events but is thankful to be kept informed about everything going on. He was able to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting and said it was beautiful.

Trustee Hoppe wanted to thank Jason Elam and the Cardinal and Gold Winnetonka Choir for performing at the Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday. They did a great job! She shared that there has already been one submission for the Christmas Decorating Contest. She added that the Mitten Tree is up and decorated.

Chairman Bradich shared that it has been a rough couple of years, with negativity towards the Board, but when the lights came on that tree, that made it all worthwhile! If you were there, it was a really moving experience.

Residents had no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Coonce shared that they have placed an ad for the open position on the department in the Missouri Police Chief Magazine (for \$150). When the ad comes out, he will show it to the Board. He updated on the candidate that had applied but was not certified. They did further testing because we were going to put resources into his training (the Academy agreement). However, the candidate did not pass his stress test, so he was not hired. He added that he would like to have the possibility of the contract to pay for Academy Training, as an option if they have another candidate for hire who is not post-certified. (See last meeting minutes for details of that contract.)

Village Clerk Wymore had no new business.

No representative from EDC.

Dale, from the Zoning Board announced the meeting on Tuesday evening (11/28) at 7:00pm, in the Community Building.

Trustee Barrera inquired about adding lights to Mildred Keeney Park (possibly an item for next year's budget).

Trustee Jett reminds everyone to be aware of their surroundings. Be sure to lock your vehicles. If you are starting your vehicle, make sure you lock it while you're waiting. There has been a rise in stolen vehicles and in items stolen from vehicles, in Kansas City as well as in the Village.

Trustee Benton had no new business.

Trustee Hoppe had no new business.

Chairman Bradich spoke about the bicycles remaining at Public Works, following the donations to other organizations. He has taken some home for repair. He would like to place them by the tree at City Hall and give them away. They are all toddler size. The board unanimously agreed with that idea. Chairman shared that the lights in the park will remain on, until January 2024. There will be a need for volunteers when the lights and decorations need to be taken down

(sometime in January). He added that there will be upcoming Budget meetings after the first of the year (2 in January and 3 in February, finalized by the end of March). These will be open meetings to be heard only, there will be no discussion in early meetings.

A resident asked if the Village does background checks on new business owners. The answer is no. There is a background check for businesses who want to acquire a Liquor License. There are also background checks on the state and county levels as well.

There was discussion about a new light being placed on E. Lowell. Evergy had been contacted and they suggested adding 2 lights in that area (area & placement marked on map, in packet). Total cost to add both lights would be \$27/monthly. There were no questions from the Board. Trustee Jett made a motion to add both lights per the proposed locations. Trustee Barrera seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Abstain. Motion carried.

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 27, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Jett. All yeas. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich