



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 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 Wymore, Police Chief Matt Coonce

Chairman Bradich called to recess the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2023, at 7:01 PM. Trustee Barrera motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. 4 yeas, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2023, to order at 7:01 PM.

Police Chief Coonce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Benton announced and honored Brown Industries as the business group who judged the Halloween Decorating Contest. He shared his appreciation, and a photo was taken. He then introduced them to all members at the Board Meeting.

Trustee Benton motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27, 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 Barrera motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for November 23, 2023-December 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 shared that the 2024 Calendars are in and being delivered to village residents and businesses by our officers. They are about half-way through delivery.

Trustee Barrera thanked the Fire Department and staff for the Santa visit to senior residents and homebound. He shared that Santa visited someone he knows. It was more than a visit. They made sure their smoke alarms were in working order, checked the batteries, also asked for

anything that they might need assistance with that the village could provide. The love and kindness that was shown moved the individual to tears. There was also a post on one of the Facebook pages about somebody else who had the same experience. He shared his appreciation for all who were involved. It says a lot about our community, our board, and our employees. Chairman Bradich shared that he had spoken with Fire Chief Shaumeyer about implementing this program in our Village and thought it was a special idea.

Village Clerk Wymore shared that there was a settlement reached in the Wright claim and the insurance has paid \$20,000.00. She added that the Board needs to start scheduling Budget meetings, soon. Chairman Bradich scheduled an “Opening” Budget Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 5:00 pm in the Community Building.

Public Works had no old business.

EDC had no old business.

Zoning Board had no old business.

Trustee Barrera, Trustee Benton, Trustee Hoppe, and Chairman Bradich had no old business.

Residents had no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Coonce shared he is waiting to hear back from Cooper’s Automotive about a 7-year-old vehicle that has a bad transmission. They were not originally going to repair the vehicle since it is for back-up only, but the rest of it is in very good condition. Replacing the transmission would bring a good price. He added that Platte City PD has purchased new body cams, and he believes that they will be donating their old body cams to our department. He will advise when/if it happens.

Village Clerk Wymore asked about the next Board meeting (scheduled for December 26). She contacted our attorneys and was advised that it is up to the Board’s discretion whether to cancel or to reschedule. Chairman Bradich said that with the holidays, he would prefer to cancel. Everyone agreed. Trustee Barrera motioned to cancel the Board of Trustees meeting set for December 26, 2023, seconded by Trustee Benton. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: (Absent), Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Public Works has cut down the trees in front of the Community Building. They are dropping berries and staining the new concrete as well as being hard on the Community Building floors when people step on them and track them inside the building. They plan to take down the one that is over by the Employee parking area. The berries that drop on employee vehicles can stain. Trustee Benton added that he looked up in the Department of Natural Resources and discovered that people are being encouraged *not* to plant Martha Pear Trees. They have been deemed “unhelpful to their habitat”.

EDC had no new business.

Dale, from the Zoning Board announced they are cancelling their meeting for December.

Trustee Hoppe stated that there are no (baby) changing stations in the bathrooms of the Community Building. Chairman Bradich assigned the task of pricing changing stations to Village Clerk Wymore.

Trustee Benton announced that the Christmas Decorating Contest is underway and reminds participants to follow the new procedure for nominations. The judges do not know the area. They must have the address.

Trustee Barrera had no new business.

Chairman Bradich shared that after the last meeting, Chief Coonce ran a background check on the business owners of the new Discount Smoke and Liquor at 300 E. US 69 Hwy, and they “passed with flying colors”. Trustee Benton motioned to approve the Liquor License for Discount Smoke and Liquor at 300 E. US 69 Hwy, seconded by Trustee Barrera. All Yeas. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Wymore led the discussion on Employee Insurance. Our current rate is \$614 per employee. If we stay with our current provider, our rate for next year will be \$1,316 per employee (114% increase). When asked about the increase, our provider said that they had to increase due to the projection of prescriptions that are currently being used. So, all full-time employees filled out questionnaires and went back to “Market”. It was sent to 4 different companies and only 2 returned (Allstate and BlueCross). BlueCross (with \$1,000 deductible) quoted \$888 per employee. Vision and Dental Coverage amounts did not change. Trustee Barrera motioned to approve changing Employee Medical Insurance to BlueCross/BlueShield Preferred Care Blue, seconded by Trustee Benton. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: (Absent), Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried. Village Clerk Wymore added that she had spoken with Fire Chief Shaumeyer, and he is planning to check with Kansas City Police & Fire to see if we may be included in their benefit plans. That would decrease our spending in this area greatly.

Police Chief Coonce had nothing to add regarding the November Police Report. Trustee Barrera commended the Police Department for a job well done.

Chairman Bradach shared that he repaired some of the bikes that were left at Public Works and people have taken them. There is still a smaller yellow bike that is in great condition. He asked about the Mitten Tree. Trustee Hoppe said it looks really good! Trustee Barrera added that it looks wonderful! There was discussion on extending the Mitten Tree through the end of January. Charman Bradich added that there hasn’t been an incident yet, but he would like another camera for Mildred Keeney Memorial Park while the park is decorated. There is also a need to repair/replace 2 lights on the walking trail. He asked Village Clerk Wymore to call Evergy, check pricing, and see if they can upgrade us.

Trustee Benton asked about the process of getting lights added to dark streets. Village Clerk Wymore shared that there is someone at Every that gets the order/email and goes to that location at night to see if more light is needed. They reply with their suggestions (how many lights, where, price, etc.) and you tell them what you want to do. She offered to take care of that for him.

Chairman Bradich updated on the Surplus Property on Randolph Road (formerly Claycomo City Park). They have had to add concrete barricades in the parking lot due to people violating and stealing the “No Trespassing” signs. The orange fencing that blocked off the area was also torn down and stolen. The Village has had to pay to replace those items.

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 December 11, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Benton. All yeas. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich