



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2024  
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, and Fire Chief Steve Shaumeyer

Chairman Bradich called to recess the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM. Trustee Barrera motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Benton. All yeas. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2024, to order at 7:00 PM.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 25, 2024; Trustee Barrera seconded. 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 March 21, 2024, through April 5, 2024, seconded by Trustee Benton. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Village Clerk read the Bill 3058 for the results of the face of the return of the General Municipal Election held April 2, 2024.

Village Clerk then read the Second Reading of Bill 3058 by title only.

Trustee Jett motioned to approve Bill 3058 to become Ordinance 3057. Trustee Benton seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Abstain, Chairman Bradich: Abstain. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich adjourned the meeting to the new Board of Trustees.

Village Clerk Wymore administered the Oath of Office for R. Hoppe, assisted by Police Chief Coonce. She then administered the Oath of Office for T. Bradich.

Village Clerk Wymore asked for nomination for Chairman of the Current Board of Trustees. Trustee Barrera nominated Trustee Bradich. Seconded by Trustee Jett. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Abstain. Motion carried.

Clerk Wymore asked for nomination for the Chairman Pro-Tem. Trustee Barrera nominated Trustee Benton. Seconded by Trustee Jett. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Abstain, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2024, to order at 7:09 PM.

Trustee Benton Motioned for the new Board of Trustees to accept the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. Trustee Hoppe seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Barrera motioned to continue employment of Matt Coonce as Police Chief to service the will of the Trustees of the Village of Claycomo. Trustee Jett seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Jett motioned to continue employment of Steve Shaumeyer as Fire Chief to the service and the will of the Trustees of the Village of Claycomo. Trustee Hoppe seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Barrera motioned to continue employment of Melody Wymore as the Village Clerk to serve at the will of the Trustees of the Village of Claycomo. Trustee Hoppe Seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Police Chief Coonce updated on the 2 Police vehicles that were damaged in the recent hailstorm. The deductibles are \$2,500 each. The windshield was damaged on one of the vehicles. He suggested that they not claim the hail (saving \$5,000) but do replace that windshield. Trustees agreed.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer had no old business.

Village Clerk Wymore shared that Tammy is working on the Newsletter and would like to finish this week.

EDC had no old business.

Zoning Board had no old business.

Residents had no old business.

Trustee Jett had no old business.

Trustee Barrera asked Resident Joyce if she had gotten any further information from the flyer she received from Kansas City Water Department. She shared that it was a legitimate flyer. She spoke with an engineer who explained that there is too much sewer water going into the drains. However, Claycomo is not a part of the area they are checking.

He also asked Chief Shaumeyer if the water leak in front of the fire station was repaired. Chief Shaumeyer shared that it was fixed, however their repair blew the regulator inside the Fire Station and left them without water. That has since been repaired as well.

Trustee Barrera also asked Police Chief Coonce if he had been able to fill the open position on the Police Department. He has not. Chief Coonce added that Captain Lorensen has been calling on all applicants. Resident Joyce asked about the option that was brought up at earlier meetings for helping a potential officer through the academy. Chief Coonce said that is still an option. He asked Village Clerk Wymore if there was an update from the insurance on the damage to the buildings. Clerk Wymore shared that there is a \$250,000 deductible per event. Trustee Barrera suggested that the current policy be revisited, as that is an extremely high deductible.

Trustee Benton shared that the glass should be delivered to City Hall this week and they should be able to complete the wall this week.

Trustees Hoppe had no old business.

Chairman Bradich reported on vandalism that took place at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park. The electrical box was tipped over, a full garbage can was rolled down the hill leaving garbage all over, the lock and chain was broken, and the port-a-potty was tipped over as well. Trustee Barrera asked if the police have stepped up enforcement. Chief Coonce said it has.

Trustee Barrera shared his appreciation for the residents who exercised their right to vote in the election.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Police Chief Coonce shared that with the Court Offices moving downstairs, the Police evidence room has been moved upstairs to the Garage. He added that the project seemed to be moving quickly and was thankful for that.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer updated on the Fire Hydrant inspections. He has assigned that project to one of his Captains. He says we may be able to test the hydrants in the Village twice a year. The Fire Department cannot make repairs to the hydrants, but they can test them and report to Kansas City Water Department to be fixed. Chief Shaumeyer also made the Board aware that there is an invoice from a company that he's never done business with for approximately \$800 for 60

reciprocating saw blades that were never ordered or received. The department does not own or use a reciprocating saw. He is contesting the bill.

Village Clerk Wymore informed the cancelation of Court for April 9. Two of the court clerks are away for training and there is not enough staff to have it.

Resident Marj reported about dump trucks going up and down Park Street and dumping in the flood plain. Chief Coonce said he would check it out.

Trustee Barrera had no new business.

Trustee Jett announced the upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Mildred Keeney Park. Hot dogs and chips will be served. He added that there is a lot of activity around Longfellow and Bryant, after midnight. Seems to be races, or at least high speeding through about 4:30 AM. Chief Coonce said he would increase patrol in that area during those hours.

Trustee Benton had no new business.

Trustee Renee shared that the first community service opportunity will be on April 15. The Jacob Center will assemble our Village Newsletter.

Resident Dennis expressed his thanks to Chief Shaumeyer for the quick response of EMS to his home to care for his wife. He said they were there in 4 minutes and gave his wife excellent care.

Chairman Bradich asked Resident Joyce about the opening date for the “Little Pantry’s” new building location. She said they are hoping to be able to open in May.

Village Clerk Wymore introduced a gentleman (Joey) from McLiney & Company, to discuss a bond for a new truck & ambulance for the Fire Department. The “new” pumper is 17 years old. The “old” pumper (that needs replacing) currently does not operate. No transmission, needs new head gasket, new tanks and piping. (Appx. \$31k to repair just engine & transmission- for a 29-year-old truck. They may not be able to find a transmission to replace that one, since it is 30 years old and not made anymore.) The current ambulance is 18 years old. It has electrical issues, as well as mechanical. 85% of the calls they get are EMS calls, so it gets much more wear than the pumper. The national guidelines are to replace these vehicles every 10 years. He’s not asking for that. The equipment he needs to replace is twice and 3 times the national guidelines. A “stock” fire truck can take 8 months-2 years to be delivered. (Custom units take 4 years.) Stock units cost \$900k-\$1M. Trustee Benton wanted to clarify we only pay for what we use. That is correct. Resident Dale asked if the Fire Department had the manpower for these new apparatuses. Chief Shaumeyer said yes.

Village Clerk Wymore read Bill 3059, Ordinance 3058, Ordinance Calling Election on General Obligation Bond Question in the Village of Claycomo, Mo, by title only.

Village Clerk read Bill 3059, Ordinance 3058, Ordinance Calling Election on General Obligation Bond Question in the Village of Claycomo, Mo, by title only again.

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve Bill 3059 to become Ordinance 3058. Trustee Benton seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich asked Village Clerk Wymore to coordinate with McLiney and Company to get all proper paperwork prepared and to let the Board know when a Public Hearing can be scheduled. Trustee Barrera thanked Joey for coming and helping everyone understand the bond. The rest of the Board thanked him as well.

Trustee Hoppe requested a Work Session. The Work Session was scheduled for 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 24.

There was no further business with the Board.

Chairman Bradich thanked everyone for attending and all who voted.

Trustee Barrera motioned to close the regular meeting. Trustee Jett seconded.

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Village Clerk Melody Wymore

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Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich