



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 22, 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 April 8, 2024, at 7:01 PM. Trustee Jett motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Barrera. All yeas. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2024, to order at 7:01 PM.

Trustee Hoppe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 8, 2024; Trustee Hoppe seconded. 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 Payment of Bills for April 6, 2024, through April 19, 2024, seconded by Trustee Hoppe. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Discussion of Demolition Permits for 1260 NE 69 HWY, Lots 20, 28, 41, 61, 81. Trustee Jett motioned to approve all 5 permits, seconded by Trustee Barrera. All yeas. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce announced that there is a potential candidate for the open position on the Department. He addressed the concern about the dirt being dumped at a house on Park Street. The dumping is actually a part of improving the property. It has been in bad shape for quite a while. To Chief Coonce, Captain Lorenson, and Village Clerk Wymore, it did not appear that the dumping of dirt was in the flood plain, therefore it is not against any ordinances and the Village has no reason to stop them. Chairman Bradich added that he also looked at the area in question and agreed that it was improving the property.

Chief Coonce shared that CPD took part in a warrant arrest at Northgate Mobile Home Park for drugs, along with KCPD. K9 Axl was used as well.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer shared that there was a fire in Northgate Mobile Home Park, that morning. Zero visibility upon entry. The crew was attacked by a dog trying to get out of the burning structure. Another dog did not survive. A firefighter was bit, and his hand was broken by the other dog. Police Chief Coonce added that the dog that survived had several head wounds and burns. He was rushed to Claycomo Animal Hospital who was not able to treat him due to his wounds being so severe. The dog was then transported to Dr. Cowan (K9 Axl's veterinarian). He was able to care for him and kept him overnight. Dr. Cowan will work with the owners of the dog. He is expected to make a full recovery. The firefighter that was injured was seen at an occupational clinic today where he was x-rayed. It was determined that the hand is broken, and he will see an orthopedic doctor tomorrow. The fire is still under investigation. They did a great job of containing the fire to one end of the mobile home. No residents were injured.

Village Clerk Wymore had no old business.

Public Works had no old business.

EDC had no old business.

Zoning Board had no old business.

Trustee Barrera had no old business.

Trustee Jett discussed the Neighborhood Watch meeting, last week. Approximately 7-8 residents attended. It was moved from the Mildred Keeney Park to the Community Building, due to weather conditions. The next meeting will be July 18th at 7:00pm at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park.

Trustee Benton had no old business.

Trustees Hoppe shared about our first community service hours with the volunteers from the Jacob's Center. They helped assemble the Newsletter. For the most part, it was a success.

Residents Marge added that there must be a lot of material to be dumped at the residence on Park Street. They make several trips a day.

Chairman Bradich informed of 69 Highway being shut down beginning Friday, May 3 through Sunday, May 5 for the removal of the walk-over bridge. There will be one lane each direction, following the removal of the bridge. It will be single lane for quite a while as they work on the side walls in that area.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce updated the situation with detention facilities, recalling the contract with Clinton County, while Clay County was under ongoing construction. Clay County has announced their new prices. The daily housing rate was \$35, through the years, it has gone up with the last price increase being \$56. Beginning Jan 1, 2025, the new daily rate will be \$206 for the first day and every additional day is \$90. There are added fees for additional services needed for the inmate (medical, nursing, video court, etc.) Starting immediately, a 24-hour hold will be \$500. They will no longer take personal items like purses, backpacks, bigger items. They will only accept items from pockets. They will not accept cell phones. This means we will have to hold property here while they are incarcerated. They will no longer take our bonds. Chief Coonce shared that these changes are very frustrating for all the Police Chiefs in the Metro area. Trustee Jett asked if this was their way of coming up with the money to pay for all the renovations they had just done. Chief Coonce shared that thought. We have a contract with Clinton County. Now other departments will be trying to do the same. Chief Coonce is meeting with Sheriff Fish on Friday to discuss the contract further and ask them to become our primary detention center. Rates in Clinton County are \$62/day. Clay County WAS \$56. Clinton County is a 35-minute drive but the cost in gas would be less than the new rates for Clay County. Trustee Jett asked if there was any kind of explanation given by Clay County for this increase. Chief Coonce said no.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer had no new business.

Village Clerk Wymore informed the opportunity for City Official Training. Trustee Jett said that he would like to attend the May 10 session.

EDC had no new business.

Dale, from Zoning reminds us of the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 7pm.

Resident Joyce shared information for the Open House for the Big Blue Pantry. Saturday, May 18 from 2-5pm and Sunday, May 19 from 10am-2pm. She also wanted to thank publicly several people who have donated to help: Mark Benton, Paul & Linda Johnson, Dan Baumli, Ed & Peggy Johnson, Matt Besos, Elaina Jamerson, Herself, and a huge thank you to James and Jacqueline for their tremendous help! Chairman Bradich asked if donations can be made during the Open House. Yes! Food, money, and clothes only (at this time). The "Little Pantry" will remain open as well. The Big Blue Pantry will also partner with Harvesters. Still needing volunteers.

Trustees Barrera, Jett, Benton & Hoppe had no new business.

Chairman Bradich reminds everyone that the speed limit in the Construction/Work Zone on 69 Hwy is 30 MPH. There are speed limit signs posted along 69 Hwy. Police are enforcing this and are writing tickets. Chairman Bradich suggests that additional Police presence be on Park Street and Munger during the removal of the bridge. Chief Coonce agreed.

There was no further business with the Board.

Chairman Bradich thanked everyone for attending.

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

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich