



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 09, 2024
28 S DRAKE AVE
CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI 64119**

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

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of December 25, 2024, to order at 7:00 PM.

Resident Shawn Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bradich introduced Max McLiney for an update on the Fire Department Bond for new equipment. He passed out a payment schedule for the Bond and opened the discussion. The total loan was estimated to be no more than \$1.5M. The actual loan amount is \$1,465,000.00. The estimated interest rate was 4.8%. The actual interest rate is 4.5%. That rate is locked in through the duration of the loan. The loan was awarded to UMB.

Trustee Hoppe-Keelin motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 25, 2024; Trustee Barrera seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for November 22, 2024, through December 6, 2024, seconded by Trustee Benton. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Chief Coonce updated on the plan to meet with Claycomo businesses to share with them things they can do to improve the security of their business. The Power Point presentation is finished by Capt. Lorensen, and ready for meetings. The meetings will begin after the holidays. He added that our new recruit, Anthony Curiale, will graduate on December 18. Chief Coonce &

Chairman Bradich plan to attend. Chief Coonce also shared that the Police Association 2025 Calendar is in production and hopes to have it delivered in the next week or so.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer was absent.

Village Clerk Wymore shared that tomorrow is the first day to sign up for Board of Trustee elections beginning at 8:00 AM. The deadline to register will be December 31, 2024, at 5:00pm. She added that even though that is a recognized Holiday for us, she will be in the office and available all day. Insurance sign-ups will be Wednesday (Dec. 11) in the Executive office of the Community Building.

Public Works had no old news.

EDC/absent.

Dale, from Zoning, had no old business.

Trustee Jett thanked the following people for their help in providing/making/serving the Thanksgiving meal for first responders that were working on Thanksgiving: Joyce Buchanan, Terry and Norma Sulzberger, and Amber Jett. He also thanked Shawn Hamilton, Dennis Schmidt, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin, Winnetonka Griffin Singers, and Mr. Elan for their help and participation in the annual Christmas tree lighting. He also thanked the board for creating a budget for the event. He looks forward to next year.

Trustee Benton had no old business.

Trustee Hoppe- Keelin shared that the Mitten Tree is up and decorated.

Trustee Barrera asked if there was any new information from the owners or management team for Claycomo Plaza. He added that there are currently NO working lights in the parking lot at all. Village Clerk Wymore shared that her last conversation with them changed completely from “we have a budget to upgrade all the wiring in the light poles and make them all LED lights” to “we’re not doing that until at least after Spring. I have to pay my taxes now.” Trustee Barrera asked Chief Coonce if there is anything in our Ordinances that can help the situation. He is concerned with the welfare of our first responders who may have to respond to an unfriendly/unsafe environment. Chief Coonce shared that he has already gone through the ordinances and didn’t see anything that could be used. He added that he will contact the Village attorney and ask them if there is anything we can do (prior to a crime being committed in the area because it is so dark). Trustee Jett asked if the management or owner’s phone numbers were public. Village Clerk Wymore has contact information for them. Chief Coonce added that they also need to speak with them concerning the trash situation behind the building. Trustee Barrera added that it’s a sad situation and is jeopardizing business owners as well as their customers. An audience member asked if they have to get a permit every year. *They do.* Do they have to have an electrical inspection every year. *No, but that’s a great idea!*

Chairman Bradich would like to leave the port-a-potty at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park until after the first of the year. People are still coming to the park and may continue to through the holidays. He added that people are using the puppy poop bags and it has been great.

Residents had no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Coonce shared an event where a citizen helped with an arrest by pulling his vehicle in front of a car whose driver was basically passed out behind the wheel due to extreme intoxication and overdosing on street drugs. Cpl. Taff was able to take the man into custody. The citizen's name is Mike Taylor. CPD is presenting him with a Life Saving Award for risking his own safety and his vehicle to help get the intoxicated individual off the street. Mr. Taylor will be meeting with Chief Coonce at a later date, and they will present him with the award and gat pictures with him.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer was absent.

Village Clerk Wymore asked about scheduling a Budget Meeting. There will be a Budget Meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 5pm. It will be one hour for the budget meeting and the second hour for a work session. She added that the Fire Station has received additional lockers. While installing them, they moved a thermostat that needs to be relocated. We have a bid over the \$500 mark and will be getting 2 more bids. Chairman Bradich asked Trustee Benton to check it out and see if we can take care of it in-house.

Public Works had no new business.

EDC/Absent.

Dale from Zoning announced the meeting next Monday at E & D Stamps. It starts at 7pm. All are welcome.

Trustee Hoppe-Keelin announced that The Mitten Tree will be staged and decorated Wed. Nov. 27. It will be in the lobby of City Hall.

Trustee Barrera, Trustee Jett, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin, and Trustee Benton had no new business.

Chairman Bradich shared that he has received many compliments on the park with all the Christmas lights. He thanked Resident Shawn for the mashed potatoes he provided for the employee appreciation dinner. We had a good turnout for dinner. Around 50 staff and families came. There was a lot of good food. The kids seem to have a good time as well.

There was no further business with the Board.

The Board needed to go into Executive Session for Employee Matters, as called by Village Clerk Wymore. Trustee Barrera made the motion for the Board to go into Executive Session, as required by RSMo Section 610.021 for Employee Matters, and that all records be kept sealed and confidential. Trustee Benton seconded the motion.

Trustee Benton motioned to recess the regular meeting of December 9, 2024, seconded by Trustee Barrera. All yeas. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich thanked everyone for coming and wished them a Merry Christmas.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich