



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2025
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 Captain Andy Lorenson, Fire Chief Steve Shaumeyer

Meeting Start: Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2025, 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 10, 2025; Trustee Benton seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Discussion of Payment of Bills: Chairman Bradich wanted to address the check written to Chief Coonce was a reimbursement check for a computer for one of the vehicles. Chief Coonce called Chairman Bradich and Chairman approved the purchase. Chief Coonce then made the purchase using his personal credit card and the check is simply a reimbursement.

Trustee Jett asked Chief Shaumeyer about the 168 hours of overtime. Chief Shaumeyer shared that their newest hire just went on the full time schedule this past week and that overtime will come down, moving forward as they are currently "fully staffed".

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for March 7, 2025, through March 20, 2025, seconded by Trustee Hoppe-Keelin. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich brought for discussion: Building Permit for Claycomo Storage Facility at 56 NE 69 Hwy. He introduced a representative (Dale), to answer any questions about the project. Zoning Board has approved the plans. Trustee Benton motioned to approve: Building Permit for Claycomo Storage Facility at 56 NE 69 Hwy, seconded by Trustee Hoppe-Keelin. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: NO, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich brought for discussion: Demolition Permit for 1260 NE 69 Hwy, Lot 6. Trustee Jett motioned to approve: Demolition Permit for 1260 NE 69 Hwy, Lot 6., seconded by Trustee Barrera. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Benton motioned to approve the Budget for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Trustee Jett seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich thanked everyone involved in reaching an agreeable budget. There were many meetings and compromises. There is no surplus. The cost of living/doing business has gone up. The next year will be “tight”. Purchases over \$100 must now be approved by Chairman Bradich. The Village will continue to provide free trash service and ambulance transportation for village residents.

OLD BUSINESS

- Police Captain Lorenson: Shared that there is still a full-time opening for a patrol officer. He added that they have placed an ad with Missouri Peace Officers, as well as reached out to the Academy.
- Fire Chief Shaumeyer: No old business.
- Village Clerk Wymore: Has 2 interviews for the Public Works position, this week.
- Public Works: No old business.
- Dale from Zoning: At their last meeting, they rewrote the conditions for Short-Term Rentals. It should be ready for Board approval in a week.
- Trustee Barrera: No old business.
- Trustee Jett: No old business.
- Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: No old business.
- Chairman Bradich: No old business.
- Residents: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Captain Lorenson: Shared that he has acquired another grant from MODOT for \$2,557. He plans to use it to purchase a radar unit for one of the vehicles. The units cost \$3,435. He will continue to work on grants to cover the balance. He is currently working on a drone grant (\$5,000).
- Fire Chief Shaumeyer: Fire Department is at “Full Staff” again.
- Village Clerk Wymore: Announced new full-time hire for Court office, Madison Cox.
- Public Works: No new business.
- Dale from Zoning: No new business.
- Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: No new business.

- Trustee Barrera: Informed of something he has seen on the news about doing away with the tax on groceries. It seems to be state-wide. He encouraged residents to research and get informed about it.
- Trustee Jett: Inquired about the new Court staff. Village Clerk Wymore shared that she thought everything was going very well. The new team works well together in the office. The last Court docket was 600 and everything went smoothly. Chairman Bradich asked about the meeting with Judge Weiland. Clerk Wymore added that the meeting went well. He was very impressed with all the positive changes that we have going on. Trustee Barrera mentioned the parking issues on Drake Street on Court nights. Capt. Lorensen said that he would take care of that.

Trustee Jett added that there will be a Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Thursday, April 17, at 7PM in the Community Building. He reminds everyone to be weather-aware. Spring is coming. He asked Village Clerk Wymore about closing early (4PM) last Friday. She stated that Deputy Clerk Hamilton was dizzy and sent home early and she herself had to pick up one of her children at 4PM that day.

- Trustee Benton: No new business.
- Trustee Hoppe-Keelin asked about returning to the re-occurring monthly work sessions. It was agreed to restart that schedule on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next work session will be on April 10, 5PM.
- Chairman Bradich reminds us that more and more people have been using the park, due to the nice weather (which is great)! There has also been more dumping in the park. We recently installed cameras, which have helped locate the people who are dumping trash. They also leave trash with their name and address on it which is even more helpful. He would like to get volunteers to help clean up the park and the park equipment on Saturday, April 5 at 10AM. They are also looking for a way to repair/replace the broken step to the slide.
- Trustee Jett added information from his discussion with Clay County's District Representative, Bill Allen and A representative from our Senator's office, regarding the falling trees and debris in our park and the surplus property owned by the Village, as well as the erosion of the creek beds. He estimated that we will need approximately \$2-3M for this project. Representatives from the Senator's office are currently putting the information in front of the Senator to possibly have funds allocated to help us out with that before it becomes a bigger issue. Chairman Bradich added that he has met with a couple of heavy construction companies that would be happy to meet and explain what needs to be done and possible costs of doing so. He also said that Army corp. of Engineers would be a resource to us as well.
- Resident Marj announced the Historical Society Meeting on Wednesday at 10:30AM. She added that there are fences on Park Street that are falling down and look bad on the Village. Capt. Lorensen was asked to look into that further. She also acknowledged that Mr. Goeller has done an amazing job with his team on the Zoning Board.

Executive Session: No reason to go into Executive Session.

Motion to Recess: Trustee Barrera motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of March 24, 2025, seconded by Trustee Benton. All yeas. Motion carried.

Meeting End: Chairman Bradich thanked everyone for coming.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich