



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
28 S DRAKE AVE
CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI 64119**

Those in attendance: Chairman Terry Bradich, Chairman Pro-Tem Mark Benton, Trustee Larry Barrera, Trustee David Jett, Trustee Renee Keelin, Village Clerk Melody Wymore, Police Chief Matt Coonce, Fire Chief Steve Shaumeyer, Public Works Director Gavin Kane

Meeting Start: Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2025, to order at 7:00 PM.

Police Chief Coonce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bradich introduces Police Chief Coonce who informed of another bomb threat that was called into the Ford plant on August 14. It was also a false call. He introduced Lieutenant Kirk to share more details about the call. The supervisor who took the call was able to keep the suspect on the line long enough for Lt. Kirk to trace the call and find out that the caller was not who she said she was. She was impersonating a Ford employee, attempting to get her in trouble. Lt. Kirk presented a "Certificate of Commendation" to Brendan Sidwell:

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE DURING A POTENTIALLY SEVERE EMERGENCY INVOLVING A BOMB THREAT AT THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY, MR. SIDWELL DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING COMPOSURE AND QUICK THINKING. UPON RECEIVING A CALL FROM THE SUSPECT, HE SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISHED RAPPORT AND KEPT THE INDIVIDUAL ENGAGED ON THE PHONE UNTIL OFFICERS ARRIVED. DURING THIS TIME, HE OBTAINED CRITICAL INFORMATION THAT ALLOWED LAW ENFORCEMENT TO IDENTIFY THE SUSPECT, CONFIRM THAT THE THREAT WAS NOT CREDIBLE, AND PREVENT MASS PANIC AND EVACUATION. HIS DECISIVE ACTIONS DURING THIS INCIDENT ARE HIGHLY COMMENDABLE.

Without Mr. Sidwell's assistance, we would not have been able to connect with the suspect. Charges have been filed, and more charges are pending. Chief Coonce shared that the suspect was calling from another state. She was dating a man from Missouri who was now dating somebody else who worked at the Ford plant. The suspect was trying to get the man's new girlfriend into legal trouble.

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 25, 2025; Trustee Keelin seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for August 22, 2025, through September 5, 2025, seconded by Trustee Keelin. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Police Chief Coonce: Cat issue on Riley has been narrowed down to 2 residents that are feeding stray cats. Citations have been issued. He also updated about the dogs at large (Daisy and friend). Their owner was issued 4 more citations. 2 for each dog. (Dog at large and No Claycomo Dog License). She has been issued several sets of tickets for the same issues. Friday will be Range Clean-up at 4pm.
- Fire Chief Shaumeyer: New pumper has been delivered. Hopes to be in service by the end of the month. Both the new pumper and the new ambulance will be available for the public to check out at National Night Out on Sept. 26. The vacant full-time position has been filled. New hire has part-time and volunteer fire experience.
- Village Clerk Wymore: Village-wide Clean Up day is Saturday. 3 dumpsters will be available in the parking lot of City Hall starting at 8AM. Help will be available until noon.
- Public Works Director Kane: No old business.
- Zoning (Dale): No old business.
- Trustee Barrera: Thanked Officer Rivers and CPD for taking care of getting the signs without sign permits removed along 69 hwy. He apologized for encouraging Chief Coonce and CPD to use Facebook to see what residents are having issues with.
- Trustee Jett: Checked in with Village Clerk Wymore to see if the resident wanting to add a carport had gotten back with her about how it would be secured. **No.** He thanked Public Works for cleaning up the sidewalks and roads all around the Village. That should fall under Claycomo Road District, but they have not been doing it.
- Trustee Keelin: No old business.
- Trustee Benton: The Car Show was successful. Next year's Car Show and all going forward, will be on the Saturday after Labor Day. That will make it easier to plan and get vendors and volunteers.
- Chairman Bradich: Asked for an update about the activity going on in the old Pizza Hut. Chief Coonce did not have one. He said he will be reaching out to the owners about that and the trash behind the Plaza. Checked in with him about the business behind the dental office that is operating without a Business License. They have been issued tickets and will continue to be issued tickets every few days. If activity continues, they will ticket the

owner of the property. Trustee Benton shares his experience by adding that any type of citation should be written to the landowner instead of the renter. The owner has means to take care of the situation.

- Residents: Marilyn thanked the Village of Claycomo, the Board of Trustees and the organizers for the Car Show, for allowing the Pantry and the Clothes Closet to set up a small display. They were able to collect \$71.50 in cash donations. The pantry would also like to have a display for National Night Out. Chief Coonce said they would have a table for them at National Night Out. Trustee Keelin asked if they would be taking food donations at National Night Out. **Yes.** Trustee Benton invited her to set up a display at Trunk-or Treat as well.

A resident asked about hosting an informational seminar about fraud and scams, led by Clay County Prosecutor. Chief Coonce said that he had a meeting with the prosecutor, and they are trying to schedule something.

A resident asked if we could site the owners of Claycomo Plaza or the management company. Chief Coonce shared that we site the Management Company for issues with Claycomo Plaza as a whole. There was a complaint about TLC & RCO employees leaving their trash on the ground and it blows all over the parking lot. Chief Coonce will address that.

Resident Marj shares that the library is still showing the display from the Claycomo Historical Society. She encourages all to check it out.

NEW BUSINESS

- Police Chief Coonce: Started working on the 2026 Calendar. If anyone has meeting dates or event dates, let them know.
- Fire Chief Shaumeyer: No new business.
- Village Clerk Wymore: Court tomorrow. Small docket. Hopefully nobody will park on Drake Street. Stream Team meets on Sep. 20 at 10AM at the park. All volunteers are welcome. Sending Public Works Director to train for flood plains.
- Public Works: trimmed weeds down on dead end streets and cleaned them up. Cleaned up Briar Lane. Trimmed around all stop signs, parking signs, etc. Pick up trash every day off the streets.
- Dale from Zoning: Meeting Monday Sep. 15, 7PM at E&D Stamps.
- Trustee Barrera: No new business
- Trustee Jett: No new business
- Trustee Benton: Will be getting information out for Trunk-or Treat on Oct. 25. If weather is good, it will be at the park, if not it will be at the Community Building
- Trustee Keelin: No new business.

- Chairman Bradich: Bon fire in the brush field coming in November. He wants a list compiled of all the businesses in the Village, noting who has a Business License and who does not.
- Residents: Resident Jackie thanked Public Works for all their hard work on the park. She feels safer and enjoys walking her dog there.
- Chief Coonce also welcomes photo submissions for the Calendar.

Executive Session: No

Motion to Recess: Trustee Barrera motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of September 9, 2025, seconded by Trustee Jett. All yeas. Motion carried.

Meeting End: Chairman Bradich thanked everyone for coming.

Village Clerk Melody Wymore

Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich