



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 14, 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 Chief Matt Coonce, Fire Chief Steve Shaumeyer

Meeting Start: Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2025, to order at 7:01 PM.

Trustee Hoppe-Keelin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bradich informed of former Public Works' Director, Mike McGuire's hospitalization. He is in a coma and the outlook is not good. Mike is a lifelong resident of Claycomo and retired last year after serving as Public Works' Director for 5 years. Prayers for a good outcome are appreciated.

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 24, 2025; Trustee Benton 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 March 20, 2025, through April 11, 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.

Village Clerk Wymore read Bill 3064 to become Ordinance 3063, an Ordinance declaring the results of the face of the return of the General Municipal Election held April 8, 2025, for the Village of Claycomo, Missouri. Larry Barrera 54 votes, Mark Benton 54 votes, David Jett 50 votes. Larry Barrera was elected for a 2-year term. Mark Benton was elected for a 2-year term. David Jett was elected for a 2-year term.

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Trustee Hoppe-Keelin motioned to approve Bill 3064 to become Ordinance 3063, seconded by Chairman Bradich. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Jett motioned to adjourn for the new Board of Trustees. Trustee Hoppe-Keelin seconded the motion.

Chief Coonce was called to administer the Oath of Office for Larry Barrera, Mark Benton, and David Jett.

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2025, (back) to order at 7:12 PM.

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

Village Clerk Wymore asked for a nomination for Chairman Pro-Tem of the current Board of Trustees. Trustee Barrera nominated Mark Benton. Seconded by Trustee Hoppe-Keelin. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Abstain, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

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

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

Trustee Hoppe-Keelin motioned to continue employment of Village Clerk Melody Wymore as Village Clerk to the service of the will of the Trustees of the Village of Claycomo. Seconded by Trustee Jett. 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: Shared that they are still working on the grant for a drone. He added that we received a grant for another radar unit, but it did not cover the entire cost. Capt. Lorensen is still pursuing other grant opportunities. He is still trying to fill the open full-time position. They are considering placing more ads. Trustee Barrera asked if there were 21 Police Department employees. Chief Coonce confirmed, adding that most of them are part-time. CPD has 9 full-time employees, currently.

- Fire Chief Shaumeyer: No old business.
- Village Clerk Wymore: Announced hiring of Gavin Kane to Public Works. Added that he started a few weeks ago and is working out fantastically.
- Public Works: Thanked everyone who helped clean up at the park over the weekend. Jackie & James McKee and Christine Chores cleaned the playground equipment and picnic tables. He also thanked those that helped clean up the debris. (Chairman Bradich, Trustee Barrera, Trustee Benton, Todd Keelin, Melody Wymore, Gavin Kane, Tammy, Shawn, and Dalton Hamilton)
- Dale from Zoning: No old business.
- Trustee Barrera: Asked Chief Coonce about the people with the fence. Chief said that they have spoken to them and will continue to pursue until the issue is rectified. He also asked if the Village has received a Business License application for the business that seems to be at 249 NE 69 HWY. We have not. He thanked the Police Department for increasing patrol on Park Ave.
- Trustee Jett: Neighborhood Watch Meeting Thursday, April 17 at 7pm, at the Community Building. Everyone is welcome. The July 17 meeting will likely be held at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park. (Weather permitting.)
- Trustee Benton: Thanked the Police Department for following up on a Careless and imprudent driver on his street. 3 officers responded when activity began again and took care of the issue. The neighborhood has been peaceful since.
- Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: No old business.
- Chairman Bradich: Shared that he rode along with officers who took part in the “Wolf Pack” over the weekend. There were 3 stops for speeding on 69 HWY within the first 20 minutes. After that, drivers slowed down. Appx 45 stops were made.
- Residents: No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Police Chief Coonce: No new business.
- Fire Chief Shaumeyer: Shared that the new Fire Truck should be delivered this summer (June/July). The new ambulance will be in service soon.
- Village Clerk Wymore: New printers for Fire, Police and City Hall will be delivered tomorrow. They are through the same company we already use, and we will be saving money with the new machines.
- Public Works: No new business.
- Dale from Zoning: No meeting this month. Resident Christine thanked Dale and the Zoning Team for their input on the new ordinance for short term rentals.
- Trustee Barrera: No new business.
- Trustee Jett: No new business.
- Trustee Benton: The Annual Car Show will be coming up soon.

- Chairman Bradich shared his feeling of pride in our community that the residents care enough to get out and help with clean up and other projects. He thanked the Trustees for
- Resident Marj announced the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States is coming up. Also, Kansas City will be hosting FIFA sometime soon. They are expecting Millions of visitors.
- Trustee Hoppe-Keeling: Took the materials for the Village Newsletter to Jacob's Center to assemble for their community service hours. Their help is very much appreciated by Deputy Clerk Hamilton.

Executive Session: Yes, Employee Matters

- A question from the audience about the budget. It was finalized and approved at the last Board meeting. Village Clerk Wymore added that the current budget will be available in the Lobby of City Hall on the bulletin board, as well as on-line ASAP.

Motion to Recess: Trustee Jett motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of April 14, 2025, seconded by Trustee Barrera. All yeas. Motion carried.

Meeting End: Chairman Bradich thanked everyone for coming.

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Village Clerk Melody Wymore

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Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich