



**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 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, Fire Chief Steve Shaumeyer

Chairman Bradich called the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2024, to order at 7:00 PM.

Police Chief Coonce led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for the victims of the hurricanes in Florida.

Trustee Benton motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2024; Trustee Jett seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Abstain, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Abstain, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 23, 2024; Trustee Hoppe-Keelin seconded. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Abstain, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve the Payment of Bills for September 20, 2024, through October 11, 2024, seconded by Trustee Jett. 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: Business License for Spineworx Chiropractic & Wellness at 7 S. Whitney. Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Business License for Spineworx Chiropractic & Wellness. Motion 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 next brought for review: Building Permit 235 Longfellow, car-port addition. Dale, from Zoning confirmed that the application had been approved by the Zoning Board. Trustee Hoppe-Keelin motioned to approve the Building Permit for 235 Longfellow, car-port addition. Motion seconded by Trustee Barrera. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich next brought for review: Building Permit 271 N Eugene Field Road, Metal Outbuilding Addition. Dale, from Zoning confirmed that the application had been approved by the Zoning Board. Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Building Permit 271 N Eugene Filed Road, Metal Outbuilding Addition. Motion seconded by Trustee Benton. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich next brought for review: Sign Permit for Spineworx Chiropractic & Wellness at 7 S. Whitney. Trustee Jett motioned to approve the Sign Permit for Spineworx Chiropractic & Wellness at 7 S. Whitney. Motion seconded by Trustee Benton. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich next brought for review: Sign Permit for E & D Stamp Auction at 250 E. Park. Trustee Hoppe-Keelin motioned to approve the Sign Permit for E & D Stamp Auction at 250 E. Park. Motion seconded by Trustee Barrera. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich shared that all board members received a draft of the new ordinance governing Short-term Rentals within the Village of Claycomo, for review and later discussion.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Police Chief Coonce shared our department's assistance with a KCPD call for domestic violence on September 27, 2024. That call left the victim hospitalized. The call turned into a pursuit, when the suspect then hi-jacked an Amazon delivery van and shot at officers. Sgt. Magers and Sgt. Sartin assisted in the call. They were also shot at by the suspect. The pursuit ended without injury to any officers and the suspect was taken into custody. Chief Coonce wrote commendation letters for Sgt. Magers and Sgt. Sartin to be added to their personnel files.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer brought the new dispatch contract with KCFD for board approval. It's a 2-year contract with renewal options. 2 years of free dispatch for housing KCFD Station 34 for 6 months. (\$96,000 savings) New contract will be \$2,666.67/monthly (\$36,000 annually) beginning 2026. \$12,000 savings. Things continue to go well sharing the station with KCFD.

Village Clerk Wymore shared that Stream Team was a success. We are looking for another Public Works employee. Our full-timer quit. Chairman Bradich has been donating his time while we look for a replacement.

Public Works continues work on trimming the trees in and around Mildred Keeney Memorial Park as well as picking up trash every day. People are dumping things off in the park (car seat, carpet rolls, stroller, etc.)

EDC/absent.

Dale, from Zoning Board is still looking for members.

Trustee Hoppe-Keelin had no old business.

Trustee Benton informed of the upcoming Trunk-or-Treat, on Saturday, October 26, from 2-4pm at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park. The library will be in the gazebo reading Halloween stories. There will be hayrides for the kids. Everyone is welcome to attend! Police Chief Coonce asked how the Car Show went. Trustee Benton said it went well. Many participated. Next year, we will revisit the date and see if we can't get more involved.

Trustee Barrera brought up the houses on N. Emerson that are not keeping up their yard. The grass isn't tall enough to cite the residents/owners yet but want to keep an eye on them. There is a big commercial truck on Whittier that continues to park in the street, facing the wrong direction. The address may be 351 E. Whittier. Chief Coonce said he would send officers by that location. Trustee Barrera added his thanks to all the board members for going above and beyond and working with and in the Village.

Trustee Jett asked Village Clerk Wymore if the Certificate of Appreciation was sent to the Boy Scout Troop that helped with Stream Team. Not yet, but it is signed and ready to be sent now. Trustee Benton asked about quotes for the speed bumps/humps. We currently have 1 bid. We reached out to 2 other companies, and they never got back to us with estimates.

Chairman Bradich had no old business.

Residents had no old business.

Following "Old Business", Fire Chief Shaumeyer gave an update on the search for a new Fire Truck and Ambulance. Binders were passed around with pictures and information on each option for the new fire trunk and ambulance. The Fire Truck/Pumper had the following specs: Spartan Pumper from Feld Fire Apparatus (Blue Springs) 750 lb. tank, 1500 GPM pump, L12 Commings Engine \$898,501.00

The Ambulance specs: Stock ambulance from Feld Fire Apparatus, Ford F-550 chassis \$348,261.00. TOTAL: \$1,246,762.00 (\$3,500 under budget) All equipment from the old models will be transferred to the new vehicles. He proposed \$1.4M from the bond (to include fees and anything else that might be needed for the new vehicles.) All unused money will be immediately rolled back into the bond. The remaining balance will go back into principle.

Trustee Barrera motioned to approve \$1.4M from the previously approved Bond. Motion seconded by Trustee Jett. Roll call: Trustee Barrera: Yea, Trustee Jett: Yea, Trustee Benton: Yea, Trustee Hoppe-Keelin: Yea, Chairman Bradich: Yea. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Police Chief Coonce and other officers made a visit to new recruit Anthony Curiale, in the Police Academy. Chief states that he is doing well, making good grades and enjoying his time in the Academy. He should graduate in a few months. They will attend his graduation in support of

Anthony. He added that he will not be in attendance for the next Board Meeting (10/28), Captain Lorensen will be here in his place.

Fire Chief Shaumeyer had no new business.

Village Clerk Wymore had no new business.

Public Works had to call for repairs to the garage door at the Public Works building.

EDC/Absent.

Dale, from Zoning announced that they have changed their meeting date to the first Monday of every month. It will remain at 7pm at the Community Building.

Trustee Hoppe-Keelin asked department heads for updated, detailed employee job descriptions by Dec. 9, 2024. She would like to get the work manuals done.

Trustee Barrera had no new business.

Trustee Jett announced the Neighborhood Watch meeting on Thursday (October 17) at 7pm at the Community Building. Everyone is welcome to attend. He also asked if there has been any discussion about a new Santa for the Fire Truck this year. Fire Chief Shaumer said there will be a Santa on the Fire Truck this year, we just don't know who at this point. He asked if Santa could be made available for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the park on Saturday, November 30 at 5:30pm. Chief Shaumeyer said he would get Santa there. Chief added that Santa on the Truck will be the Saturday before Christmas. This year, that will be Saturday, December 21.

Trustee Jett stated that he has seen an increase in police presence in the neighborhood. He feels that the officers may be just driving through (quickly) and may be missing things that are happening. He referred to an instance where an officer drove by his home and he waved at the officer but the officer was going so fast he didn't even notice he was there. He told Police Chief Coonce that he would like to see an even more increase in officer presence in the neighborhoods and would like for them to have their windows down so they can hear what's going on. Chief Coonce said that he has been motoring the officers and they have increased their patrol in the neighborhoods. He added that he will tell them to slow down and try to further increase officer presence in the neighborhoods.

Trustee Benton talked more about Trunk-or-Treat coming up. (Saturday, October 26, 2-4pm, at Mildred Keeney Memorial Park) He plans to go door-to-door again to invite all residents to attend. There will be hayrides this year. Overflow parking has been granted by Clark's Tool. Everyone is welcome!

Chairman Bradich informed us that we cannot have the bon fire this year. The debris pile has gotten too big. They will do a controlled burn with CFD on site on a date TBD.

Resident Marj announced that the last meeting of the Historical Society will be on Wed., October 23, at 10:30 AM at the Community Building. There will be no meetings after that until 2025.

Chairman Bradich added that at the next work meeting (Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 5pm) he would like to discuss the meeting plans around the holidays. He would also like to do something for the Village employees.

Kevin from Cooper Automotive asked for help with the break-ins that have been happening to the vehicles on their property. He added that the “kids” that broke into the vehicles had to have been there for hours to break into as many as they did and attempt to take the parts out of the vehicles as well as contents. Chairman Bradich asked if they had cameras at their business. They do not. Chief Coonce said that Mr. Mills had told him that he was going to get cameras. Mr. Mills agreed that he did say he was going to get cameras for his business, but didn’t think they were necessary, being so close to the Police Station. There was further discussion about the time it took to commit the break ins between Mr. Mills and Chief Coonce. Chief Coonce informed that Business and Residential safety is 90% the responsibility of the home or business owner. (Mr. Mills agreed.) Locking doors, have lighting, and to have things secure as best as you can. Chief added that the Police are a deterrent. They patrol and after the fact they do their best to try to catch the perpetrators. The Police Department is not on-site security. Chief Coonce also shared ways that the area could be more secure. He added that crime has gone up, all over the country. And it’s probably going to get worse. Our department has 1, sometimes 2 officers available for calls. They get 8-10 calls a night and 2-3 arrests. The officers that we have are very busy. Mr. Mills brought up the break-in at Clark’s Tool, right across the street from the police station. Chief Coonce agreed and added that in watching their security video, an officer had just been there 4 minutes prior to the break in. That break-in took 45 seconds. Mr. Mills stated that he has been in Claycomo for 21 years and had always felt safe. He added that he tries to take precautions to avoid break-ins and thefts. All agreed to continue to have an open dialog and try to help each other out.

There was no further business with the Board.

There was no reason to go into Executive Session.

Trustee Barrera motioned to recess the regular meeting of October 14, 2024, seconded by Trustee Jett. All yeas. Motion carried.

Chairman Bradich thanked everyone for coming.

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Village Clerk Melody Wymore

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Chairman of the Board Terry Bradich