



## VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7pm.

Board members answering roll call were: Denny Padgett, Misty Moore, Dan Ruffcorn, John Cunningham, Larry Schafer, Clerk, Niccie Peuster, and Mayor, Sam Miller. Also attending was employee, Bill Wilson, Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman and Zoning Chairman, Gary Cantrell. Trustee, Jamie Hicks was absent.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

**Presidents Report:** Sam reported that he was contacted by Shawn Kindhart regarding reserving the ballpark this summer for Little League games on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The request also includes use of the concession stand, restrooms, and ball shed. Denny motioned and John 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve request. All approved.

John motioned and Denny 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes from the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting. All approved.

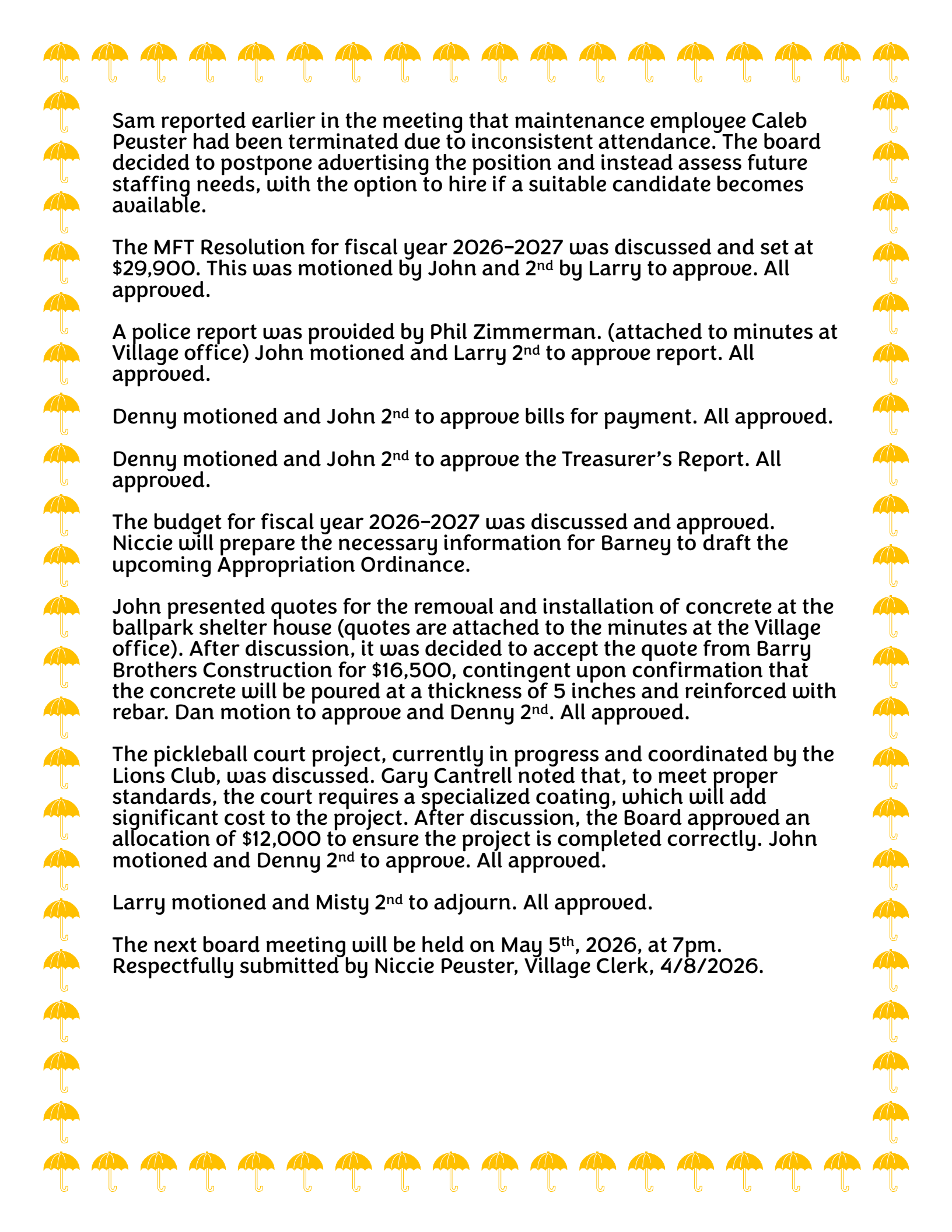
Niccie reported a 43% water loss from 2/16/26 to 3/16/26, up from 33% last month.

**WLRP:** Bill advised that Lake Construction will be in the area for an upcoming project and proposed requesting a quote from them to replace the lines near the work camp. The board agreed this was a good approach.

A proposed compliance commitment agreement from the IEPA was presented regarding the violation for the water line owned by Shelby Akers. (attached to minutes at Village Office) John motioned and Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Sam to sign the agreement and send back to the IEPA. All approved.

Changing the water rates has been tabled to next month's meeting. Niccie is waiting on the final rate study to come back from the IRWA.

Zoning Chairman Gary Cantrell was present at this month's meeting. The building permit application for a portable shed at 305 W. Lafayette, submitted by Cheri Bustillo and previously presented at last month's meeting, was discussed. It had been determined that the application was incomplete and required additional information to be corrected and resubmitted for further review. As no revisions have been submitted, the matter is tabled pending further action by the applicant.

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Sam reported earlier in the meeting that maintenance employee Caleb Peuster had been terminated due to inconsistent attendance. The board decided to postpone advertising the position and instead assess future staffing needs, with the option to hire if a suitable candidate becomes available.

The MFT Resolution for fiscal year 2026–2027 was discussed and set at \$29,900. This was motioned by John and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry to approve. All approved.

A police report was provided by Phil Zimmerman. (attached to minutes at Village office) John motioned and Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve report. All approved.

Denny motioned and John 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve bills for payment. All approved.

Denny motioned and John 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Treasurer’s Report. All approved.

The budget for fiscal year 2026–2027 was discussed and approved. Niccie will prepare the necessary information for Barney to draft the upcoming Appropriation Ordinance.

John presented quotes for the removal and installation of concrete at the ballpark shelter house (quotes are attached to the minutes at the Village office). After discussion, it was decided to accept the quote from Barry Brothers Construction for \$16,500, contingent upon confirmation that the concrete will be poured at a thickness of 5 inches and reinforced with rebar. Dan motion to approve and Denny 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

The pickleball court project, currently in progress and coordinated by the Lions Club, was discussed. Gary Cantrell noted that, to meet proper standards, the court requires a specialized coating, which will add significant cost to the project. After discussion, the Board approved an allocation of \$12,000 to ensure the project is completed correctly. John motioned and Denny 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve. All approved.

Larry motioned and Misty 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. All approved.

The next board meeting will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7pm.  
Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 4/8/2026.