VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on Tuesday, August 11th, at 7pm, at the Village Office.

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

Statement made by Niccie after Pledge & roll call: "Before we begin, I want to acknowledge that the agenda for tonight's rescheduled meeting was not posted within the required 48-hour period. The agenda was posted yesterday at approximately 2:00 pm. I apologize for the error. The board will proceed with tonight's meeting consistent with the advice of the Village attorney, Barney Bier. Agenda items subject to a vote will be voted on at tonight's meeting, however everything voted on will be subject to a final approval at next month's Sep. 1st board meeting."

Public Comments- Resident Judge Cobern spoke regarding the incident involving the Village trailer that is currently involved in a law enforcement investigation. He expressed concern that the matter be properly addressed and not overlooked by the Village.

Presidents Report- Sam discussed the OSLAD Grant again, with the submission deadline coming up Aug. 31st, and the application process being very lengthy, he thinks it would be better to apply during next years open submission.

Jamie motioned & John 2nd to approve the minutes from the July 7th Board meeting. All approved.

No Zoning Report this month, as Chairman, Gary Cantrell was absent, there were 2 current permits submitted for review: a fence permit at 100 S Franklin for Barb Mason & a building permit for a garage & deck at 312 W Lafayette for Ron Cookson. Garys recommendation for Niccie to pass along to the board was to approve both. Jamie motioned & John 2nd to approve Mason & Cookson's permits. All Approved.

Niccie reported a 33% water loss from 6/15-7/16/26, holding steady from 33% last month.

No current updates on the water line replacement plan.

Ther permits for the public water supply construction owned by Shelby Akers have been approved by the IEPA and plans should be moving forward.

The 2021 Barlow Suretilt Trailer owned by the Village was involved in an accident and is currently under investigation by law enforcement.

At last month's board meeting, it was approved to offer a public works maintenance employment position to Larry Smith. He accepted the Village's offer and started on July 27th. He signed his employment agreement at this meeting and John witnessed it.

Larry Schafer presented the police report given to him earlier by Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman. (attached to minutes at the village office) Larry motioned & John 2nd to approve the report. All approved.

Denny motioned & John 2nd to approve bills for payment. All approved.

Denny motioned & Jamie 2nd to approve the Treasurer's Report. All approved.

Denny inquired as to where the sickle bar mower was for the tractor, Bill informed him it was at the repair shop. There was discussion about Bill looking into some other options besides the sickle bar to present at the next meeting. Denny also expressed concerns regarding the rescheduling of the Village Board meeting from the first Tuesday of the month to the second Tuesday.

Jamie motioned & John 2nd to adjourn. All approved.

The next board meeting will be held on Tue. Sep. 1st, 2026, at 7pm.
Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 8/12/2026