



VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on December 9th, 2025, at 7pm.

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

Scott Tozier from the Illinois Rural Water Association was present to discuss the towns options for reducing the sludge amount in the lagoon. Per the last sludge survey done the cells are at 35 and 45% sludge filled. Scott's recommendation was to have a volatile solid test done and depending on the results of that test to then have the IRWA do another survey this spring, free of charge, and start treatment, wait 1 year, and do another survey to see the results of said treatment.

No public comments at this meeting.

Presidents Report: Sam wanted to make mention of the good job Bill & Caleb had done putting up the towns Christmas decorations and how good they looked.

Newly appointed Trustee, Dan Ruffcorn was present for his first meeting. Niccie swore him into office.

Niccie presented a Resolution setting the meeting dates for 2026. It was decided to change the day from the 2nd Tuesday of the month to the 1st Tuesday of the month. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve the change. All approved.

Niccie presented a Resolution setting holidays observed by the Village for employee paid days off. In addition to the holidays that were already in place, the Board added Christmas Eve and Good Friday as paid holidays. Larry motioned and Jamie 2nd to approve this. All approved.

The property of 208 W Main in Clayton, owned by the Village was put out for sealed bids. Two bids were received. Sam opened them, one was for \$1,000 by Rick Rardon, and the second was for \$1,300 by Jamie Hicks. Larry motioned and John 2nd to accept the bid put in by Jamie. All approved, with Jamie abstaining from the vote.

Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve the minutes from November. All approved.



Niccie reported a 32% water loss for 10/16-11/14/25. Up from 29% last month.

WLRP: Nothing to report currently because it's too cold to move forward.

Changing the water rates has been tabled until Niccie can get information from the IRWA for a rate study for the Village.

Zoning Report: No zoning report this meeting, Chairman, Gary Cantrell was absent. The building permit for a Shrock shed at 201 W Lafayette by Deborah Taute was presented again, as she owns the house now. Jamie motioned, and John 2nd to approve permit. All approved.

Changing the fees for solar permits has been tabled again until Zoning Chairman, Gary Cantrell can be present for the discussion.

The annual Christmas bonus for Village employees for the 2025 year was discussed. It was decided that Niccie, Bill, Caleb, and Phil will receive a \$500 bonus check this year and Paula will receive a \$250 check. John motioned and Jamie 2nd to approve. All approved.

Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman presented his police report. Jamie motioned and Larry 2nd to approve. All approved.

Ordinance #8-2025, adopting the Illinois vehicle code and amending chapter 15 (traffic regulations) of the Village Code of Clayton by deleting or repealing certain articles of the Village Code which are outdated and no longer necessary was presented. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve. All approved.

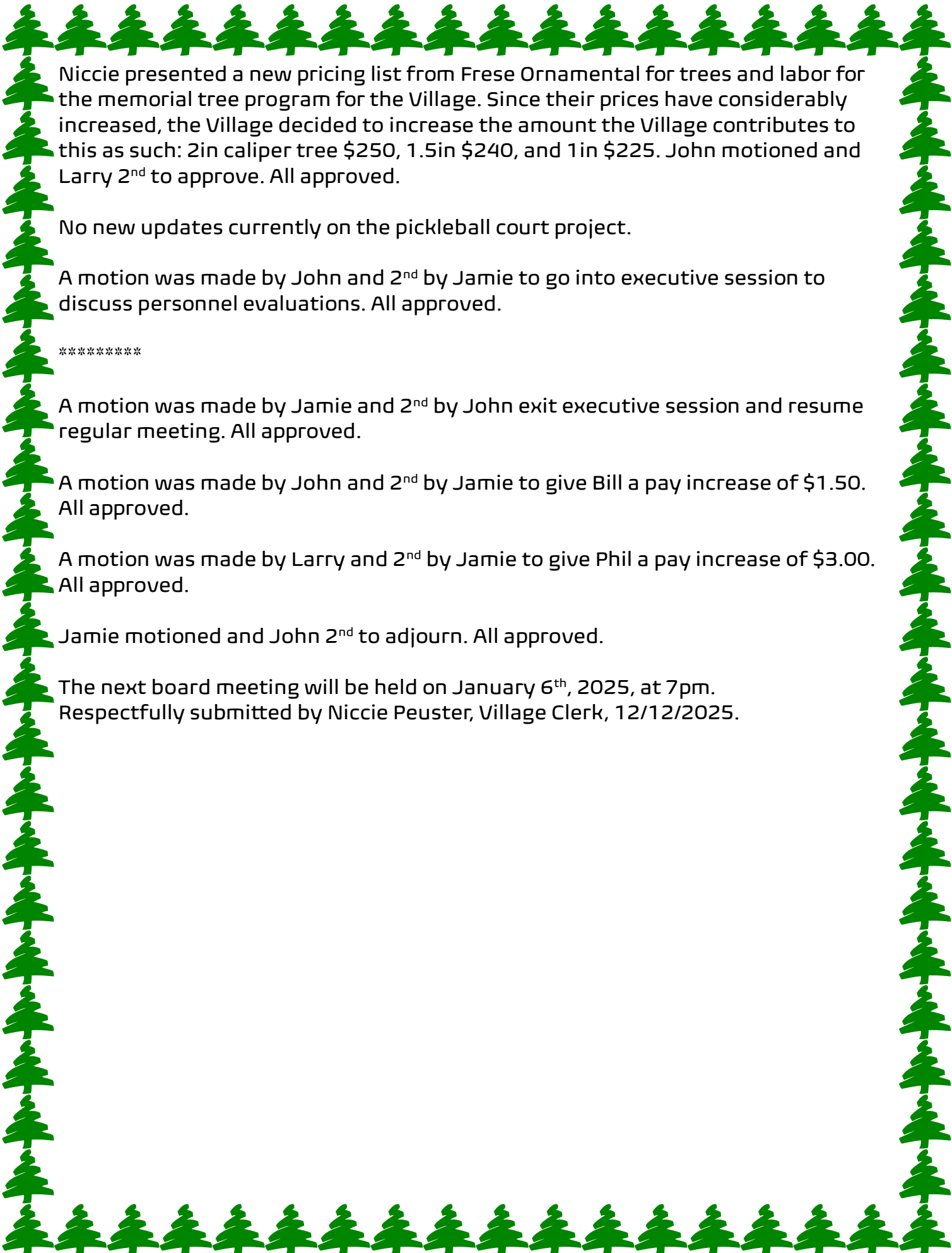
Denny motioned and John 2nd to approve bills for payment. All approved.

Denny motioned and John 2nd to approve the Treasurer's Report. All approved.

Ordinance #6-2025-7.2 for the 2025-2026 levy for the Village was presented. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve. All approved.

Ordinance #7-2025 setting forth provisions for compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act was presented. Jamie motioned and Denny 2nd to approve. All approved.

Ordinance #9-2025 pertaining to local state of emergency for the Village of Clayton was presented. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve. All approved.



Niccie presented a new pricing list from Frese Ornamental for trees and labor for the memorial tree program for the Village. Since their prices have considerably increased, the Village decided to increase the amount the Village contributes to this as such: 2in caliper tree \$250, 1.5in \$240, and 1in \$225. John motioned and Larry 2nd to approve. All approved.

No new updates currently on the pickleball court project.

A motion was made by John and 2nd by Jamie to go into executive session to discuss personnel evaluations. All approved.

A motion was made by Jamie and 2nd by John exit executive session and resume regular meeting. All approved.

A motion was made by John and 2nd by Jamie to give Bill a pay increase of \$1.50. All approved.

A motion was made by Larry and 2nd by Jamie to give Phil a pay increase of \$3.00. All approved.

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

The next board meeting will be held on January 6th, 2025, at 7pm.
Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 12/12/2025.