

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held at 7PM on February 4, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Miller followed by the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken with all board members present – Chuck Mowen, Denny Padgett, Salina Carr, John Cunningham, Jamie Hicks, Rick Fry, Loretta Carroll and Sam Miller. Employee Bill Wilson also attended.

Sam thanked the Board for allowing the Scouts to use the Community Hall.

A motion was made by Rick and 2nd by Jamie and OK'd by all to accept the January minutes.

The water loss report was given by Loretta with 3564% loss.

Phil Donelson was here representing Utility Pipe Sales with information about a meter system with drive by reads and data that would let us keep track of each meter which would allow us to narrow down where the water loss is occurring. The total amount this would cost would be approximately \$103000. All agreed it would be a wonderful thing, but the only way we could finance this would be to borrow the money from another fund. We need to find out more about the system and the cost before the board could make a decision.

Loretta inquired about a problem with Jeff Cooley leaving the home he owned and moving into a rental house. He paid a deposit on the rental house, but no one paid the bill in his name at the house he owns. The board said to go ahead and notify him that he would be shut off at the rental house if the bill is not paid on both places.

Loretta reported on a problem with the postal service not delivering water bills. We have previously had several problems with customers not getting their bills or getting the wrong bills, but this time there are many. Loretta is going to call the post office at Mt Sterling and Springfield to see if we can find out what is happening and get the problem resolved.

Bill has set up a website for the Village as was discussed at last meeting. Sam had Bill bring in the laptop computer and show the board a sample of what he has set up so far. The program that Bill chose costs \$898.45 for this year and \$549.45 for annual renewal each year. A motion was made by Rick and 2nd by John and OK'd by all to proceed with this.

Harold Wilson was here representing the Zoning Board. He was asking if we had gotten any answers about Reicherts request to park their trailer on one of the lots they own or if there was a possibility of starting a trailer park. Sam had not yet consulted with Barney on this. However, we did receive a draft of a letter from Barney in reference to the Henninger & DeMoss property being used as a residence. A motion was made by Rick and 2nd by Jamie and OK'd by all to proceed with this process.

Rick reported that he feels the persons that purchased the RG Buss property are going to be a problem with the junk in the yard – no action yet- just wanted it to be in the records.

A member of the family had called about the Marie Logsdon property. I have not called them back because I don't know if we own it or not – I need to find the deed and make sure about this. Rick Fry inquired about building a garage on an empty lot and the board agreed there would not be a problem with that.

Javier talked to Tom Rae about the coyote problem he has been reporting. Also, Jamie looked at the tree that Tom Rae claims caused a problem with his sewer and says it is on us, but the board decided it was a healthy tree and we would not remove it.

The police report was presented with a motion to accept made by Rick and 2nd by Jamie and OK'd by all.

Sam reported the tractor is on its way to being put back together so we should have it back soon.

The bills were presented for payment with a motion to pay made by Denny and 2nd by John and OK'd by all.

The treasurers report was presented with a motion to accept made by Denny and 2nd by John and OK'd by all.

The person that Sam told me to call about the computer upgrade from Windows 7 never called me back. I am to try to contact him again. If no success get someone else.

Old Settlers is asking permission to use the community hall free of charge for a fundraiser. A motion was made by Rick and 2nd by John and OK'd by all to allow this. A motion was made by Rick and 2nd by Jamie and OK'd by all to have our men borrow scaffolding and replace the lights in the Comm Hall with LED lights. Loretta let two separate individuals rent the Community Hall without paying a deposit. Bill reported that it was not cleaned when he inspected it. However, he said they came back and cleaned it on a Sunday afternoon. The other person did clean it when they rented it. Loretta offered to pay the \$50.00 deposit for the one that did not clean, as I had let them get by without making the deposit. I was told to just make sure I collected the deposit from now on and not return it to them until Bill reports it is OK.

Loretta had talked to Barney about the ordinance we passed last month to raise the board salaries. It is OK to pass the ordinance as we did, but it cannot go into effect until after the 2021 election and then only for the board members starting new terms at that time.

Sam reported Rick Fry's mother had passed away yesterday so Loretta is to send flowers.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jamie and 2nd by Rick.

Submitted by – Loretta Carroll, Clerk