

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on February 11th, 2025, at 7pm.

Mayor, Sam Miller, called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members answering roll call were: Jamie Hicks, Denny Padgett, Misty Moore, Larry Schafer, John Cunningham, Tabby Richmiller, Niccie Peuster, and Sam Miller. Also attending, employees, Aaron Brocksieck, Bill Wilson, and Policeman, Phil Zimmerman.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Stephanie Maas from accounting firm ABNG was present to present the 5/23-4/24 completed audit. She reported that everything looked good.

No President's report.

Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve minutes from January meeting. All approved.

Niccie reported a 32% water loss for last month.

Jamie spoke to Dave Schuster about installing the large radio read meters. Dave said he's around 2 months out on work right now, but he plans to get to it.

Next phase of the water line replacement plan was discussed. At next meeting Jamie, Aaron, and Bill are to have a proposal for which streets to do next.

Christina Leasman at 201 S Madison had contacted the village prior to the meeting about a tree in front of her property she wants cut down due to plumbing issues she is having. Jamie, prior to the meeting, went and looked at the tree, he reported at the meeting that there are also three other trees that are not the village's responsibility, that could be causing the problem. The tree is healthy, and it was the consensus of the board that nothing will be done about it by the village.

Niccie reported that our water/sewer billing system is going to be discontinued as of 12/26. Tyler Tech (the company we currently have) is offering a new system to go to. We must give them an answer as to what we intend to do by 6/25. Niccie is looking into different options and will report again next meeting.

Gary Cantrell was absent this meeting, no Zoning report was given.

The yard barn on Sue Reichert's property has not been resolved yet, Gary and Sam will follow up.

Building permits for Dearwester were presented -two new grain bins on the north side of Marion St, lots 241, 242, 243, and 244, - new warehouse at 100 E Marion St, lots 239 and 240. Jamie motioned and Denny 2nd to approve both permits. All approved.

New Christmas decorations for the light poles was discussed. It was decided to give this a budget of \$1800 plus any shipping to purchase three this year. Public Works 2 committee will meet and order decorations. Jamie motioned and Denny 2nd to approve this. All approved.

The water tower was brought up and what to do with it, paint it or tear it down. Options will be investigated and will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Bill's employee agreement has not been signed due to needing further discussion. Jamie will follow up before the next meeting.

The MFT grant money that needs to be authorized by 7/25 was discussed, will put this toward sidewalk and culvert repair, that we will bid out.

Phil Zimmerman presented his police report, Jamie motioned and Denny 2nd to approve. All approved.

Denny motioned to approve bills for payment, Jamie 2nd. All approved.

Denny motioned to approve Treasurer's Report, Misty 2nd. All approved.

Niccie reported, it was discovered the work prison here in town has an outstanding balance of \$184.47, that after investigation by Niccie, dates back to 2016. It was decided to forgive this amount and Niccie can adjust the balance in Utility billing. Jamie motioned and Larry 2nd to approve this, All approved.

Issues with the Community Hall being abused by people having a lease agreement to walk the gym was brought up. They are using the back stairs door to go downstairs and leaving a mess, they also broke one of the stall doors in the men's bathroom. It was decided that Bill or Aaron is to securely fix the lock to this door so anyone having a key to the upstairs will not have access to the basement.

Aaron reported that one of the gas ranges in the Community Hall was leaking gas. He is to buy a new one at Home Depot to replace it. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve the purchase. All approved.

Jamie motioned to adjourn, Denny 2nd. All approved.

Submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 2/12/2025.