

VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on February 3rd, 2026, at 7pm.

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

No public comments at this meeting.

No Presidents report at this meeting.

Larry motioned and John 2nd to approve the minutes from the January 6th, 2026, board meeting. All approved.

Niccie reported a 38% water loss for 12/15/25 – 1/14/26. Holding steady from 38% last month.

WLRP: Nothing to report currently.

Nothing new to report at this time for the IEPA violation regarding the water owned by Shelby Akers.

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

Niccie addressed the Board concerning the upcoming migration of the current utility billing software program to BS&A software. In the current program there is approximately \$6,000 in outstanding balances dating back to 2009. Niccie can only verify and prove approximately \$600 of that debt. John motioned and Denny 2nd to forgive any debt prior to 2024 and start fresh with the new program. All approved.

Zoning Chairman, Gary Cantrell had nothing to report at this meeting.

Personnel: The 3-month probation period for maintenance employee, Caleb Peuster was up on 2/1/26. After discussion by the Board, Larry motioned and John 2nd to extend the probation for 60 more days. All approved.

The purchase of some new Christmas pole decorations was tabled until the upcoming March meeting.

Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman presented his police report and an updated memo pertaining to nuisance properties in the Village (attached to minutes at Village Office). Larry motioned and John 2nd to approve his report. 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.

The sale of property owned by the Village at 208 W Main that was tabled at January's meeting is being tabled again until March due to the Mayor and two Trustee's being absent.

The executive session listed on the agenda was not needed, as the issue to be discussed was taken care of earlier in the meeting.

Larry motioned, and John 2nd to adjourn. All approved.

The next board meeting will be held on March 3rd, 2026, at 7pm
Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 2/4/2026.