VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on Tuesday, July 7th, 2026, 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 was Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman. Trustee, Misty Moore, Zoning Chairman, Gary Cantrell, & employee, Bill Wilson, were absent.

Public Comments-Todd Richardson was present to discuss the condition of his property at 109 N Madison, he is in the process figuring out his property lines adjoining John Heather and trying to clean up.

Presidents Report- Sam discussed a funding opportunity for the Village through the OSLAD Grant, which is open for submission through Aug. 31st, 2026. It is for the acquisition of land for new parks or park expansion, development of recreational facilities, playgrounds, trails, and water access, architectural and engineering services necessary for project design and construction, & natural resource preservation and nature study areas. Sam expressed interest in applying for this grant to purchase playground equipment for the ballpark. Before submitting the application, he requested that the Board approve a motion authorizing up to $20,000 as the Village's matching contribution if the grant is awarded. Jamie motioned & John 2nd to approve. All approved.
He also reported that the MFT tar & chip will begin at the end of next week or the 1st of the following week.

Jason Snell with the Thoroman Solar Project had reached out to Barney Bier requesting a "Permission to Operate" letter on Village letterhead for the utility provider, Ameren. It simply states that Thoroman has the Villages permission to operate. Jamie motioned & John 2nd to approve the letter, All approved.

Jamie motioned & John 2nd to approve the minutes from the June 9th Board meeting. All approved.

No Zoning Report this month & no current permit applications.

Niccie reported a 33% water loss from 5/15/26 to 6/15/26, down from 38% last month.

No current updates on the water line replacement plan.

We have responded to the IEPA violation regarding the water line owned by Shelby Akers, we have another 60 days, it is in the engineering phase, it is our understanding that all the residents affected are on board with moving forward.

Tony Miller at 512 W Main had asked Niccie about the possibility of moving his water meter from the east side of his driveway to the west for the purpose of parking his semi. It was the consensus of the Board that this would be possible, however all cost involved would be at Tonys expense.

Bill requested that we be on the look out to purchase a boat for the lagoon.

Niccie presented an option to replace the manual time clocks at the Village office and shop with an online timekeeping program called Jibble. The program allows employees to clock in and out using an app on their phones, utilizes location tracking to verify clock-ins, tracks employee hours, and provides the ability to print weekly timecards. The program is available at no cost. John motioned & Dan 2nd to approve the change. All approved.

An application had been submitted for the open maintenance position with the Village by Larry Smith. The Public Works 2 Committee had completed an interview with Larry prior to the meeting and it was their recommendation to offer the position to him starting at $22.00 hourly, full time. Jamie motioned & Dan 2nd to approve the offer. All approved.

A police report was provided by Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman. (attached to minutes at the village office) Jamie 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.

The Appropriation Ordinance for the 2026/2027 fiscal year was presented. Denny motioned & Jamie 2nd to approve. All approved.

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

The next board meeting will be held on Tue Aug 4th, 2026, at 7pm.
Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 7/10/2026