

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on March 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, Misty Moore, Larry Schafer, John Cunningham, Tabby Richmiller, Niccie Peuster, and Sam Miller. Also attending, employee, Bill Wilson, Zoning Chairman, Gary Cantrell. Board member Denny Padgett, employee Aaron Brocksieck, and Chief of Police Phil Zimmerman were absent.

Public Comments:

Martha Slater was present to discuss tickets issued to her for junk and inoperable vehicles at 303 S Augusta Rd. The tickets state she has 10 days to comply. She wanted to know if she could have more time. She was told our Chief of Police; Phil Zimmerman would be notified to get in touch with her and that it was at his discretion if she would be allowed more time.

Dale Kill was here to discuss the replacement of the concrete for the pavilion and kitchen at the ballpark. He provided a quote from Kirk Rawlins for removal and replacement of concrete for both for \$36,480 and for the kitchen alone for \$7,880. Aaron Brocksieck had also previously provided a quote from H&S Construction for only the replacement of the kitchen floor for \$6,556 (removal of old concrete not included). It was decided that at this time we will only do the kitchen with a budget of \$7,800 for the concrete replacement. Jamie motioned and Larry 2nd to approve this. All approved. Dale is going to get one more quote and then as long as he does not exceed the budgeted amount, he can hire someone to get started.

Zoning:

Gary Cantrell was present to discuss any zoning issues and permits in the Village.

Therese Holford at 200 S Madison submitted a fence permit. It was Gary's recommendation to approve. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve. All approved.

It was brought up that Mike Fuhrman is building a house at 312 W Lafayette and has not filled out an application for a building permit. Gary will address this before the next meeting.

Tracy Hapke had given board member Jamie Hicks a building permit for an addition at 714 W Main earlier this day, after looking over the application, Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve her permit (all approved) upon contingency of Gary following up with her and confirming/okaying her plans. She also must pay the \$25 permit fee.

The placement of Sue Reichert's yard barn at 410 N Augusta Rd was brought up again. Sam and Gary will be looking into it before next month's meeting.

Gary also wanted to speak in front of the Board as a representative for the Lion's Club about the purchase of a new score board at the Clayton ballpark. He said that there has been interest expressed by the Little League Association to schedule games at Clayton next year, however they need a working score board. The Lions have a quote for a score

board to buy for \$3,800 (there would also be shipping). They have applied for two grants for this and waiting to hear back.

After discussion, Jamie motioned and John 2nd that whatever cost is left after grant money is applied the town will pay for and the Lions will install or pay to have installed the scoreboard. All approved this.

Gary also said the Lions are still interested in erecting pickle ball courts on Main St next to the basketball court. After looking up property lines, there is enough room owned by the Village to do this. Gary is going to get more information and talk more about it at the next meeting.

No President's report at this meeting.

Niccie brought up that in being compliant with posting all the meeting dates for the year, she realized that the regular scheduled board meeting for the 2nd Tuesday in November 2025 is Veterans Day, which is a paid holiday for the Village employees. It was decided to change the meeting date to Monday, November 10th, at 7pm.

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

Niccie reported a 38% water loss for last month.

Large radio read meters still needing to be installed are waiting on Schuster to have time. Jamie said her will follow up with them before the next meeting.

The next step in the water line replacement process was tabled until next month's meeting.

Niccie reported that she has been reaching out to surrounding communities to see what utility and financial programs they use, since we are going to have to update ours. Almost all that are close use a program called Asyst. Niccie is going to go to Bowen on March 19th to look at how this system works. She also has a couple more that have been recommended, she is going to do some more research and report again at next month's meeting.

Bills employee agreement has not been signed due to needing further discussion. Tabled again until next month's meeting.

The 2025-26 MFT Maintenance Resolution will be submitted for \$29,900. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve this. All approved. The Resolution will also include the amount of \$46,725.90 in Rebuild Illinois Funds for sidewalk and culvert repair. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve this. All approved.

Niccie advised that the 2025-26 Rock Salt Contract is due by 4/7/25 and the Village is still obligated to purchase 13.5 tons of salt to fulfill the 2024-25 contract by 7/31/25. Jamie

motioned and John 2nd to approve the 2025-26 contract to be submitted for a commitment of 22 tons with a minimum purchase commitment of 100%. All approved. Larry Schafer presented the police report in Chief Zimmermans absence. Larry motioned and Jamie 2nd to approve it. All approved.

It was noted that Bill Wilson has planned and scheduled the town wide clean-up day for May 17th from 7am to noon at the Village office.

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

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

Niccie brought up that two MFT CD's will be up for renewal on 4/2/25. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to cash the Rebuild Illinois CD and deposit the funds into the MFT savings account. The Transportation Renewal CD will be renewed at the highest possible interest rate at the time. All approved.

Niccie reported an outstanding invoice for a yearly lease holder for the Community Building. An invoice was sent to Kollen Hughes on 1/3/25 stating the \$20 yearly fee was due by 1/31/25. No response. Niccie emailed him a copy of the invoice on 1/30/25. No response. A second invoice was mailed on 2/7/25 stating it had to be paid by 2/28/25 or you could lose your lease agreement. No response. The Board wants Niccie to turn this over to Chief Zimmerman to get the key back from Hughes. If he wants to renew his lease, he will have to attend a meeting and address the board for their decision.

Jamie reported that he got a quote from Chad Market to tear down the water tower for \$25,000. This is being tabled until next month.

Niccie brought up that she has already had someone call about reserving multiple dates for the ball field at the park for practices. She wanted to know if she can give keys for restrooms. It was decided that Niccie is to write up a lease agreement specific to this and once signed restroom keys for ball practices can be given out at no cost.

Jamie motioned and Larry 2nd to adjourn the meeting. All approved.

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on April 8th, 2025, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 3/12/2025