

VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on November 10th, 2025, at 7pm.

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

No public comments at this meeting.

Presidents Report: The waterline situation located south of county road 1800 is still undecided on how to move forward. Sam was involved in a conference call involving the IEPA and Bainter. We are now waiting on Bainter and attorney, Barney Bier to recommend what the next step should be.

Sam recommended that Dan Ruffcorn be appointed to the vacant seat left by Jordin Zanger. John motioned to approve the appointment and Jamie 2nd. All approved.

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

Niccie reported a 29% water loss for 9/15-10/16/25. Up from 22% last month.

WLRP: Bill reported that we are still waiting for Geoffrey (Klingner) to have the permit amended to use a 4 in line instead of a 6 in line.

Current water rates were discussed again and tabled until next meeting.

Bill reported that ILRWA had been here and recommended treating the lagoon with chemical instead of dredging it. This will be passed on to the Sanitary District Board for a decision.

Zoning Report: No zoning report this meeting, Chairman, Gary Cantrell was absent. A solar permit for 301 E Marion (Dena Quinn) was presented, Niccie said it is Gary's recommendation to approve. Jamie motioned and Denny 2nd to approve. All approved. A building permit for 201 W Lafayette (Deborah Taute) was presented. This will be tabled until next meeting, as she does not own the house yet.

Changing the permit fees for solar was discussed, we will table this until Gary is present for the meeting.

It was decided that the Village will put the property at 208 W Main St owned by the Village out for bids before the next meeting. Anyone with the winning bid will also be responsible for all of the cost to transfer title.

New maintenance employee Caleb Peuster was introduced, and employee agreement signed. Bill presented a quote for winter coats for himself and Caleb for \$129 apiece and requested purchasing shirts from Press yours on you. Jamie motioned to approve purchases and Larry 2nd. All approved.

An annual evaluation for Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman will be scheduled before the next board meeting.

Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman presented his police report. Jamie motioned to approve report, John 2nd. All approved.

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

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

The Fire Department wants to use the Legion Hall on 12/13/25 for a community event to "meet with Santa" John motioned to let them use the hall rent free, Larry 2nd. All approved. Demolition of the water tower was tabled again.

Niccie passed out a preliminary draft for the upcoming Levy Ordinance for everyone to review. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

Niccie applied for a grant to purchase new stoves and refrigerators through Adams Electric Penny Power and received \$800.00. She will order an electric stove from Home Depot.

The Lions wants to remove concrete at the park area by the basketball court and put to grade in preparation of installing new pickle ball court. This is fine, the memorial tree for Walker will have to be moved.

It was decided that we did not need to go into executive session at this time to discuss Bill Wilson's employee evaluation. The committee will meet with Bill again and be addressed at the next meeting.

Jamie motioned and Misty 2nd to adjourn. All approved.

The next board meeting will be held on December 9th, 2025, at 7pm.
Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 11/12/2025.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

