VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on October 14th, 2025, at 7pm.

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

Public Comments: Sam DeMoss was present to express concerns related to the new grain bins at Dearwester. Greg and Jana Waterkotte, and Doug and Jerralyn Mason were present to ask if there had been any updates to the water line situation located south of county road 1800. Sam reported that our attorney is still waiting for the IEPA to get back to him. Jana and Greg also made the statement that they have not and do not intend to sue the Village of Clayton over this situation.

Presidents Report: Sam read a letter of resignation from the Board from Trustee Jordin Zanger that was emailed to Niccie. We will need to find someone to appoint to fill the rest of the term within 60 days. He reported that the project of getting all of the Village's ordinances up to date and accessible online through Civic Plus is moving forward with Barney Bier now being involved.

Jamie motioned and Denny 2nd to approve the minutes for September. All approved.

Community Yard Pride Program: Niccie read an email sent to her by Salina Wilson regarding the Yard Pride Contest held monthly in the Village. She is asking the board for support by providing a set amount for gift cards to give as prizes for the monthly winners, April through October and two holiday contest prizes for Halloween and Christmas. John motioned and Jamie 2nd to give \$175.00 for monthly prizes, \$50 for Halloween, and \$100 for Christmas. All approved.

✓ Niccie reported a 22% water loss for 8/14-9/15. Down from 23% last month.

WLRP: No updates at this time. Bill said he should have all supplies needed except about 100 to 150 ft of pipe.

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

Bill reported that the Il Rural Water Association will be coming the 20th or 21st of this month to do the sludge test at the lagoon.

Zoning Report: No zoning report this meeting, Chairman, Gary Cantrell was absent.

Bill presented a quote for a new sickle bar mower. This is going to be referred to the Sanitary District for purchase since it will primarily be used at the lagoon.

An annual evaluation for Bill will be scheduled before the next board meeting.

The new bicentennial plaque given to the Village will be put up on the west side of town by the welcome sign.

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

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

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

No new business concerning the legion or community halls. Demolition of the water tower was tabled again. No ordinances this meeting, and no updates to the construction of a pickle ball court.

Open maintenance position: Jamie presented the applications that had been submitted for the maintenance position and reported that himself, Denny, and John had conducted interviews, with Bill sitting in as well. They were all in agreement to recommend to the board that Caleb Peuster be offered the job at \$22.00 an hour. Jamie will follow up and notify all candidates.

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

The next board meeting will be held November 10th, 2025, at 7pm. Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 10/15/2025.