

VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on September 9th, 2025, at 7pm.

Board members answering roll call were: Jamie Hicks, Denny Padgett, Misty Moore, Larry Schaffer, John Cunningham, Clerk, Niccie Peuster, and Mayor, Sam Miller. Also attending, employee, Bill Wilson. Trustee, Jordin Zanger and Chief of Police Phil Zimmerman were absent. Zoning Chairman, Gary Cantrell came in a little late.

Public Comments: Dustin Tangerose was present asking about any updates to the situation with the water line south of county road 1800. Sam told him that as of right now Nathan Bainter is in contact with the EPA and our attorney Barney Bier is involved and everyone is trying to figure out what the next step is. The only thing that is known at this point is it is a 3 in line. This will be discussed again when we know more.

President's Report: Sam congratulated Niccie on doing a good job at the Hall of Villages event at the Adams County Bicentennial. Niccie asked someone to volunteer to be at the Golden Windmill Saturday, Sep 13th, to accept a plaque on behalf of Clayton from the Bicentennial Committee. Jamie said he would go.

Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve the minutes for August. All approved.

Niccie reported a 23% water loss for 7/16-8/14. Down from 35% last month.

WLRP: Sam reported that he has been in contact with Klingner about the EPA permit for this. He was told by Klingner it is okay to go ahead and start the project using 4in line instead of 6in. Jamie motioned and Larry 2nd to go forward and start the main replacement using 4in line. All approved.

The base water rate and charge per thousand gallons (5.13 for both) inside city limits (12.25) versus outside city limits (14.25) was discussed. This was tabled for now, will put on agenda for next months meeting. In conjunction with this, Niccie reported that after going through reports on the billing software, she realized there are 4 accounts that have been being billed incorrectly for inside versus outside city limits. After discussion, it was decided she is to fix all 4 accounts to bill correctly going forward. Jamie motioned to approve this and Larry 2nd. All approved.

Niccie reported that she has been in contact with BS&A about the new software for accounting and water billing. We have been assigned a project manager, and they are hoping for a go live date and training to happen in May of 2026.

Niccie had someone come in and only pay for the last 3 months of the year to receive a 2025 golf cart sticker. She wanted clarification if it was okay to prorate them like that. After discussion, the board will NOT prorate them. Niccie will make note of this.

Gary Cantrell was present to give the Zoning Board Report. No permit applications were submitted this month. Update on the yard barn at Sue Reichert's property, Gary talked to her grandson, and he stated that the issue with the building overlapping onto Gerald Lierly's property has been resolved between the two parties, with no involvement needing to take place by the Village. Gary also said he had revisited the building site of Mike Fuhrman and confirmed that everything is being done up to code.

Nothing to report this month on equipment and repairs for the Village.

Personnel: On August 18th, maintenance employee, Aaron Brocksieck quit without notice. Niccie put out and advertisement on facebook and in the local paper to hire someone. We will be taking applications until September 16th. So far, we have received five applications. Jamie will follow up and start scheduling interviews, Bill stated that he would like to be a part of this process, and everyone agreed that is a good idea.

Since we are down an employee, Sam had told Bill he is allowed to work more than his scheduled 30 hours a week to ensure everything is taken care of. Bill wants to change his agreement to be full time (40 hrs), everything in his employee agreement would stay the same except the hours worked and holiday hours (6 to 8) to reflect the change. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve this. All approved.

In Chief of Police, Phil's absence, Larry presented Phil's police report, the ordinance review for CivicPlus was brought up, Niccie will address this again with Barney. The idea of having a fall clean up day was discussed, It was decided we will not this year, however, Niccie will put it on the agenda earlier next year, (March agenda for potential cleanup day in April) so that we could have a 2nd cleanup day scheduled for September/October of next year. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve the police report. All approved.

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 had spoke to Denny prior to the meeting about 7 Village CD's maturing at the end of September totaling \$598,507.68. Denny called around to find the very best rate to renew them, his recommendation was to keep them a Central State Bank to renew for a 15-month period at 3.95%. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve this. All approved.

No new concerns at the Community or Legion Hall. Niccie has submitted an application for the Penny Power Grant through Adams Electric for 2 new refrigerators and stoves for the ballpark kitchen. We should be notified by the end of October of their decision. Gary will report next month on any updates to the pickleball court project after the Lions Club meeting.

The water tower has been tabled again.

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

The next board meeting will be held October 14th, 2025, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 9/10/2025.