VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on Tuesday, September 1st, at 7pm, at the Village Office.

After calling the meeting to order and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members answering roll call were: Jamie Hicks, Dan Ruffcorn, Misty Moore, Larry Schafer, Denny Padgett, Clerk, Niccie Peuster, & Mayor, Sam Miller. Also in attendance were employees, Bill Wilson, Larry Smith and Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman. Zoning Chairman, Gary Cantrell was absent. Trustee, John Cunningham, came in about 10 minutes late.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Presidents Report- Sam offered condolences to Trustee, Larry Schafer on the recent loss of his wife and commended the Village employees for their work maintaining the Village grounds.

Jamie motioned & Larry 2nd to approve the minutes from the August 11th Board meeting. All approved.

No Zoning Report this month, as Chairman, Gary Cantrell was absent, there was 1 fence permit submitted for review at 108 N Madison for Dacia Sparks. Garys recommendation for Niccie to pass along to the board was to approve. Jamie motioned & Dan 2nd to approve. All approved.

Niccie reported a 36% water loss from 7/16-8/14/26, up from 33% last month.

No current updates on the water line replacement plan.

The situation with the water line owned by Shelby Akers should be moving forward, waiting on the construction phase.

Niccie advised the Board that Salina Wilson had contacted her regarding continued Village funding for the Community Yard Pride Program, as the current season is coming to a close. The Board discussed continuing the program for the 2027 season. Funding amounts from the previous year were reviewed, which included $25 per month from April through October, $50 for the Halloween contest, and $100 for the Christmas Lights contest. Jamie motioned & John 2nd to approve the same amounts, in total $325.00. All approved.

An ordinance authorizing the sale of the damaged 2021 Barlow Sure-Tilt trailer was presented for consideration. After discussion, Jamie motioned & John 2nd to pass the ordinance. All approved. The trailer will be put out for bid. (Niccie will follow up) (ordinance 3-2026 attached to minutes at village office)

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.

208 W. Main Street Property:
The sale of the Village-owned property located at 208 W. Main Street was discussed. The property was previously advertised for bids in December 2025, with two bids received: $1,000 from Rick Rardon and $1,300 from Jamie Hicks. At the December 2025 meeting, the Board voted to accept Jamie Hicks' bid. At the January 2026 meeting, the Board was advised by Village Attorney Barney Bier that a Trustee is not eligible to bid on Village property. Jamie Hicks' bid was therefore deemed ineligible, and the matter was tabled.Following discussion and upon the advice of the Village Attorney, the Board decided to offer the property to Rick Rardon for his original bid of $1,000, plus any applicable filing or additional fees. Jamie motioned to approve this decision, John 2nd. All approved.

The water tower was discussed. The Board agreed that funds for demolition of the water tower should be included in the next fiscal year's budget.

The fence and net have been ordered for the pickleball court, with installation expected soon.

FOIA Request – Trailer Incident: Niccie advised the Board that multiple FOIA requests had been received regarding the trailer incident, including a follow-up request specifically seeking photographs. Niccie requested that any Board member who had photographs or other records pertaining to the trailer incident that were created, received, or maintained in connection with Village business provide them to her for review and determination of whether they were responsive to the FOIA request. After discussion, no Board member had any photographs or other records to provide.

John motioned & Dan 2nd to adjourn. All approved.
The next board meeting will be held on Tue. Oct. 6th, 2026, at 7pm. Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 9/2/2026