MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2018  
VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI

The recessed Regular Meeting of February 12, 2018 was called to order at 7:03pm by Chairman Pro-Tem McClure. Chairman Barker joined the meeting electronically as she was ill. Chairman Pro-Tem McClure would serve in the capacity of Chairman.

Trustee Thompson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2018, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yea. Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of February 26, 2018 was called to order. Those present were Trustees: Daryl G. Hook, Roxanna McClure, Norma Sulzberger, and Greg Thompson. Chairman Barker joined the meeting electronically, via telephone. Police Chief Matt Coonce, and Fire Chief Eric Miles. Village Clerk Sheri Chapman was ill. Chairman Barker took the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman Pro-Tem McClure asked that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, to be followed by a moment of silence for the victims in the Florida mass shooting.

Chairman Barker moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2018 as corrected, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. Trustees: McClure yea, Sulzberger yea, Thompson yea, and Chairman Barker yea. Trustee Hook abstained. Motion carried.

Trustee Thompson moved to approve the Payment of Bills for the period of February 9, 2018 thru February 23, 2018, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yea. Motion carried. There were many questions regarding the bills. Appears to be two months of Cardmember services, charge card. Close to $900.00 spent for laminate series credenza shells, cabinets and bookcase for City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Coonce informed the Board that the ATM had been installed at City Hall and was working out well.

Chief Miles stated he was waiting for an update from Feld Fire regarding the Squad and repairing the Hale pump. He would update Midway Ford.

Trustee Hook requested the status of the RFP furnace bids for City Hall and the Community Building. He stated Sheri had informed him that she was waiting on Trustee McClure. Trustee McClure was unaware of this. Trustee McClure updated the Board on the removal of downed trees in Mildred Keeney Park, and Village Green Park at the hammer head on Thornton Lane. Jason with Prentice Bush will be doing a walk through with her. The property line on Thornton Lane needs to be established, as the adjoining property owned by Bob Lewis has trees down that appear to be laying on Village property. The location is East and West across the back of the property, down by the Herz dedication sign. Trustee McClure has walked the entire lower level all the way around. It appears to be 20 trees, and the accumulated brush needs cleaned up also. These piles were allowed to build up over the last couple of years, making it impossible to mow. Chairman Barker stated she had just received the utilities easement from Kansas City Parks for the sewer line repair on Eugene Field Road. It doesn’t look like the project will be completed this fiscal year. The status of the purchase of street signs and break-away poles was a concern. There are budgeted funds for this year. Trustee Hook stated that someone
had seen kegs of beer being delivered to The Old Western, and appeared to have draw levers installed. Their business license was amended for no liquor, and the word “Pub” was removed from the application. It is not located in the tavern zone, for liquor by the drink.

Trustee Thompson thanked Chief Coonce, and asked that he continue to keep up with the nuisance violations.

Chairman Barker stated that it was necessary to close City Hall, Monday and Tuesday, due to the flu epidemic. She requested the approval to have Steve of Public Works rent a carpet cleaner and clean and sanitize the offices while they were closed. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed. Chairman Barker will contact Steve. Chairman Barker stated that an Executive Session would need to be added for Employee Matters to the agenda for the Budget Meeting the following morning.

Resident Jeff Carter questioned Chief Coonce regarding active shooter training at the Ford Plant. Chief Coonce stated they have this training annually. The State and everyone would respond to The Ford Plant. The tactical position had changed over the years, and at this time the first officer on the scene would go in without waiting for backup. Chairman Barker requested that Chief Coonce check with the Village attorney to prepare an agreement with The Village and Ford Motor Company for coverage of any costs incurred from incidents on Ford Motor property to be paid by Ford. The Police budget had $400.00 allocated for lab use. Last year the Village received a statement from Clay County Sheriff’s Department, a year after a single homicide in the parking lot. Ford did not agree to help out with the $2,000.00 invoice. An active shooter incident could break the Village. Chief Miles stated they were in hopes of a walk through with business owners. This would allow the emergency responders to have knowledge of hazards in the structure, and advise on safety issues.

Kara from our Library was present and introduced Manager, Dillon Little. They explained that Mid Continent Libraries are planning for large library system renovations in three counties. Claycomo’s branch will be updated and remodeled. They are looking for facilities to accommodate programs that are scheduled. They questioned the use of the community building as a resource. Chairman Barker stated that it may be difficult to use the building. It is rented sometimes a year in advance. The basement at City Hall may be an option. It is the Court room and is used twice a month. Hopefully they won’t be closed for very long. They will advise of the dates requested when they receive a schedule for the renovation, which could be early 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Coonce stated that Randolph, MO had offered to give us used uniforms, some body armor and equipment. Chairman Barker requested Chief Coonce to keep an inventory of what we receive.

Chief Miles informed the Board of a house fire at 151 N. Riley on Thursday. Liberty, Pleasant Valley, and Birmingham all responded with mutual aid. They all worked well together. There was a tremendous amount of smoke. Police officers arrived first and assisted the three occupants out of the house. Trustee Hook questioned changing the addresses on Riley where I-35 went through in the early 1960’s. Chief Miles stated that the 911 system in place shows both sides. Chairman Barker suggested it would be a good idea to provide a detailed map to our Mutual Aid Departments. Chairman Pro-Tem McClure asked that the call be analyzed from the moment the call went out to 911, Pleasant Valley, then turned over to Kansas City Fire Dispatch, and what the response times were.
Trustee Sulzberger stated that construction was underway at Claycomo Plaza where the grocery store was. It will be a $5 below store. Chairman Pro-Tem McClure has spoke with T.J. Berry. He is currently a State Representative until mid May. At that time he will be full time with the Clay County EDC. He has been gathering information on the Plaza pertaining to rent, and has spoke with a developer, trying to draw interest in the Plaza. He stated the Thrift store was staying.

Trustee Hook inquired how the draft codification was coming along. Copies were given to Trustee Sulzberger and Chairman Barker. Trustee Sulzberger stated that she was working on reviewing them at her pace. It is impossible to compare the printed pages to a computer screen. Dale Goeller of the Zoning Board stated that the Clerk had told him they should be finished by the end of March. They are reviewing Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A and cross referencing to other ordinances. Chairman Barker stated that there is certainly no need to rush this process, it needs to be done right. It is not the Boards’ job.

Application for a permanent sign permit from Devyn Hallman of DH Beauty Studio, at 54 E 69 Hwy for a 32”x32” sign was read. Chairman Barker moved to grant the permit, subject to the Building Inspectors approval, seconded by Trustee Hook. All yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Barker moved to accept the Police and Fire Department Activity Reports for January 2018, Thanking the Chiefs, seconded by Trustee Hook. All yea. Motion carried. The stats will be placed in the newsletter.

Trustee Thompson moved to recess the meeting, subject to the call of the Chairman, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yea. Motion carried. Recessed 8:23pm.

Chairman Barker reminded everyone of the Budget Meeting at 9:00am, Tuesday morning.