

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOWN HALL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2018
VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI**

The recessed Budget Planning Meeting of February 27, 2018 was called to order at 6:07pm, by Chairman Barker.

Trustee McClure moved to adjourn the Budget Planning Meeting of February 27, 2018, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yeas. Motion carried.

The Town Hall Meeting of March 12, 2018 was called to order. Those Present: Trustees Daryl G Hook, Roxanna McClure, Norma Sulzberger, Greg Thompson and Chairman Marina Barker, Police Chief Coonce, Fire Chief Eric Miles, and Village Clerk Sheri Chapman.

Chairman Barker asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and for a moment of silence. The moment of silence was in honor of Clinton, Missouri Police Officer Christopher Ryan Morton who was killed in the line of duty on March 6, 2018 and former Claycomo Fire Fighter Alma Rhodes, of 10 years, who suddenly passed away.

Chairman Barker shared with those in attendance the presentation created from the September 11, 2017 Town Hall meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Leo Young, asked about the fire gear and equipment during the presentation. He asked if the bunker gear was for hazmat situations. Chief Coonce and Chief Miles stated that if any investigation of a property for exposure were escalated they would contact Kansas City, MO to assist as they have the equipment for such situations. Trustee McClure added that the discussion has been raised regarding the carcinogens the fire department faces. Claycomo has made an agreement to use the commercial grade equipment with the Pleasant Valley Fire Department to wash the bunker gear. Chairman Barker added that the fire department has developed a system to store the dirty and the clean gear to avoid cross contamination.

The question was asked if the fire department and police have cancer plan options. It was confirmed that the Village has a supplemental insurance carrier that provides the option for all employees to obtain such a plan. It was noted that the employee pays for the supplemental plan as the Village does not have the funding and offers only basic medical coverage for the employee and the Village pays half the premium for an employees family.


Chairman Barker reviewed the questions on the ballot. Trustee McClure added that Ordinance 2981 is asking for an increase to the tax levy ceiling to \$.50 per one hundred dollar valuation, but it does not always mean that the Village will require the maximum each year.

It was asked what the current sales tax rate was for Claycomo. It was noted it was at 6.975% but was recently increased to 7.25% due to Clay County taking an increase. The Village receives a ½%, 1%, and ¼% based on calculation of the sales tax received.

Resident Marj Findley, stated for many years the salaries for the police and fire department was level. She asked what the salary recommendations would be. It was noted the theory in previous job descriptions were that everyone was doing the same job duties. It was noted that there have not been any studies done to date but that a longevity or step plan were being encouraged based upon experience and time. Chairman Barker praised those in service and stated that they risk their lives for \$37,000 to \$38,000. It was added that the part-time employees do not receive benefits and that many have full-time jobs in other agencies.

Resident, Leo Young, asked about the process to encourage residents to stay, especially in the mobile home park. He addressed some concerns regarding the Northgate Mobile Home Park and the new ownership. Mr. Young asked the Board to review the mobile home ordinances for improvements. He stated that if residents leave then there is additional sources of personal tax revenue that is lost.

There being no further business with the board, Trustee McClure moved to recess the meeting subject to the call of the Chairman, seconded by Trustee Hook. All yea. Motion carried. Recessed at 7:21pm.



Sheri Chapman
Village Clerk



Marina Barker, Chairman
Board of Trustees