

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2017  
VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI**

The recessed Regular Meeting of May 22, 2017 was called to order at 7:05pm, by Chairman Barker. Trustee McClure moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2017, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yea. Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of June 12, 2017 was called to order. Those Present: Trustees Daryl G Hook, Roxanna McClure, Norma Sulzberger, Greg Thompson, Chairman Marina Barker, Chief Matt Coonce, Fire Chief Eric Miles, and Village Clerk Sheri Chapman.

Chairman Barker asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2017 as corrected, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yea. Motion carried.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the Payment of Bills for the period of May 19, 2017 thru June 8, 2017, seconded by Trustee Hook. All yea. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee McClure asked Chief Coonce about the bills at two locations for the 2004 Taurus. Discussion included the vehicle was getting older. Chief Coonce stated it would probably be the vehicle replaced next year as they are aware of additional recommendations for repairs and it is getting costly. He noted he was considering placing his vehicle in the police car rotation and drive the 2004 SUV until it was replaced. Trustee Thompson acknowledged the department would get their money back in the repairs this year when it would be time to sell it.

Trustee McClure addressed a concern with each of the chiefs about a report she read regarding the gloves used by public safety personnel, as there was a new drug on the street, which could make them ill and penetrate latex gloves. She wanted to be sure that they are utilizing the right gloves for appropriate protection in the field. Fire Chief Miles stated they were using the recommended nitrate gloves. Chief Coonce also commented that many of the officers wear a leather glove when out of the building but he believed they used nitrate when processing at the station.

Trustee Barker stated the payment of bills shows the streetlight bill with KCP&L and noted that there have been several lights out on 69 Highway that have been getting repaired since the first of January. KCP&L has not been able to get the repairs done due to needing to trench and the rain has been an issue. The Board asked Clerk Chapman to request a reduction in rate if the Village was charged for the lights that were not working. Barker stated they had adjusted the bill in the past.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Thompson thanked the Road District for their great job on the road leading into the Ford Plant where the paint shop is. The Board asked if a letter would be sent to the Road District for their service.

Trustee Hook asked why the Village was not considering using Pleasant Valley for fire dispatching. Fire Chief Miles stated Kansas City Missouri Dispatching hires personnel from the field for paramedic calls. The personnel is trained for medical calls whereas Pleasant Valley's dispatcher may not be trained for such calls. It is important because they are not EMS trained personnel and it is just as important for the safety of our Fire Department Personnel; as well as patients being transported.

Trustee McClure asked if a letter had been sent on the fire damaged property at 422 NE Dickinson Lane. Clerk Chapman stated she had sent a registered letter giving them ten days to respond.

Trustee McClure asked the Board if they would like to consider further discussion regarding the above ground tanks such as the one at Blue Nile. The ordinance currently discusses tanks only if they are filling stations. It was noted any changes could affect Ford and others. EPA reports state they meet the requirements. The Board stated they need to review the ordinances to put in place regulations regarding future businesses and safety regulations in the neighborhood areas. It was noted to check with other municipalities and the village attorney.

Trustee Thompson commented that the ordinances need to be codified as Trustee Hook had recommended in the budget meetings. The funds are available and the Board agreed it should be done soon so they could start going through the ordinances.

Trustee McClure thanked Clerk Chapman for an updated project list. She asked that Jewell Concrete be contacted to have them apply for a business license. They also have a sign without a permit.

Chief Coonce stated the Pleasant Valley Chief was still working on the contract to present regarding dispatching for the Village. He hoped to be bringing it to the board soon.

Linda Hopkins, Mid-Continent Public Library presented the latest catalog and spoke about the new program now called the "Summer Learning Program". More information is available on their website at [www.mympcl.org](http://www.mympcl.org). The program includes activities as well as summer reading requirements. She also complimented the fire department on a timely response time and they were very helpful in a recent call.

Dale Goeller, Resident, asked about a steel plate on Park and wanted to know when it may be removed. It was at Randolph and Park and was believed to have been left by the water company during a prior project. Clerk Chapman was asked to locate the number on the plate and contact the company to remove it from the road.

Marj Finley, Resident, asked if Claycomo was going to do anything new about being a part of the trail system and expanding trails in Claycomo. She and Trustee McClure noted the changes to areas within the Kansas City Missouri Parks and other municipalities in the northland as part of a master plan. It was mentioned that the locations of connecting trails would lead into neighborhood yards and there may be some concern. There were no plans mentioned to expand the trails into Claycomo.

Ms. Finley shared that there was dumping on Emerson occurring again and the house on Park Street has drainage issues which may need to be addressed.

Ms. Finley concluded her comments by asking if the signs she had recently addressed were being taken care of soon. Clerk Chapman shared the Village had hired a new public works employee. The Board shared a letter, which was also provided to Clerk Chapman regarding working with the Road District for sign updates within the Village. Clerk Chapman shared that she would be working with Mr. Swanson to document on a map the signage just as the maps with the hydrants and sewer mains.

Jeff Carter, Resident, noted there were issues with picking up materials at the Village Wide-Cleanup on June 10. During discussion, it was agreed there was no clear definition of construction materials and what should or should not be picked up. Clerk Chapman was asked to contact Republic Services to obtain a list of houses the drivers did not pick up trash at and to find out what the reason was. It was also requested to get an itemized list of such items, which will be distributed, in a newsletter before the Fall Cleanup event in September.

Trustee Sulzberger asked the Board if they would like to be a member of the Northland Neighborhood Inc. This topic was discussed at the prior meeting. NNI at this time stated they would evaluate the application for the Village of Claycomo. Therefore, the residents could qualify for services available to members. Sulzberger was asked to provide the application for the board to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Trustee Thompson asked the Board to request a letter be sent regarding the bushes off Randolph Road that were hanging out from the shopping center property. The bushes are impeding traffic view and were a danger. Clerk Chapman will draft a letter.

Trustee Hook stated there are trees on Drake Street blocking a stop sign, by the Watkins Apartments. It was requested to ask them to cut their trees. Additionally he asked if there is a Park Board. He was informed they had resigned. Chairman Barker commented the Village was always willing to take volunteer applications to serve.

Trustee Hook asked Chief Counce if the officers could watch for the grass still being thrown in the streets. It was noted a reminder was going out in the pending newsletter. He stated he would mention it to the officers and see about what he could do in replacing the nuisance officer.

Trustee McClure was pleased to see the Women of UAW had adopted to pick up litter by the Ford Plant. She asked a letter be send to them thanking them.

Trustee McClure reminded everyone there was a Stream Team event Saturday, June 17, at Mildred Keeney Park at 10:00AM. She stated it is always great to see the community work to clean the creek.

Trustee McClure thanked Fire Chief Miles for the tax rate information for the area to help as they are reviewing revenue options. She concluded by sharing an event in Independence that would be good fun for the family to support the firefighters.

Fire Chief Miles stated he contacted the water department regarding a sinkhole, which developed from the recent water repair work done. It is located in the middle of the fire departments driveway and difficult to manage to get around but they were going to work with the contractor. He would keep the board informed.

Trustee Thompson moved to approve hiring Steven Swanson as Full-Time Public Works Maintenance Employee, at an annual salary of \$32,000, and to serve the standard six-month probation, effective May 30, 2017, seconded by Trustee McClure. All yea. Motion carried.

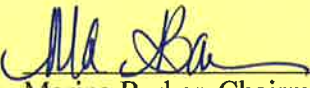
Trustee Thompson moved to go into Executive Session as required by RSMO Section 610.021 (1) Legal, (3) Employee Matters, and/or (12) Contracts and that all records be kept sealed and confidential, seconded by Trustee McClure. Roll call: Trustees Hook, yea; McClure, yea; Sulzberger, yea; Thompson, yea; and Chairman Barker, yea. Motion carried. Recessed 8:21pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:45pm.

Trustee Thompson had a resident approach him concerned about the overgrown weeds around the walking bridge. It was believed an area may be MoDOT and Claycomo Auto property. The Board agreed to contact the current mowing company and determine a cost to kill the weeds and clean the area around the guardrails as public works still did not have all the mowers and weed eaters running as of yet. Trustee Thompson recommended the two old mowers be put up for sale at \$500.00 each. No further discussion in this matter.

There being no further business with the board, Trustee Thompson moved to recess the meeting subject to the call of the Chairman, seconded by Trustee McClure. All yeas. Motion carried.  
Recessed at 8:54pm.

  
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Sheri Chapman  
Village Clerk

  
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Marina Barker, Chairman  
Board of Trustees