

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 8, 2017
VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI

The recessed Regular Meeting of April 24, 2017 was called to order at 7:07pm, by Chairman Barker. Trustee McClure moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2017, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yea. Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of May 8, 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 Special Closed Meeting of April 24, 2017 as written, seconded by Trustee Hook. All yea. Motion carried.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2017 as corrected, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yea. Motion carried.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the Payment of Bills for the period of April 22, 2017 thru May 5, 2017, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yea. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Thompson asked Clerk Chapman to contact the water company to double-check everything on Longfellow. It was noted that there were concerns regarding the seeding/sodding not completed and maybe rebar was not used in curbs on Longfellow. It was agreed there is a need for clean-up work. Trustee Sulzberger noted she had concerns regarding the dirt and gravel. She stated she had spoken to the employees and said they would come back but because of the rain, they had not been able to finish at this time. Trustee McClure asked Fire Chief Miles if the fire hydrants were acceptable. Chief Miles stated they added one and they had not yet tested. The Fire Department would work on testing the hydrants this year.

Clerk Chapman stated there had been questions regarding the replacement of the flags at City Hall, Parks and Fire Department. She and Chief Miles acknowledged there were no extra flags from last year and they would be ordering additional and have replacement flags. Chairman Barker noted they should consider removing the flags regularly and washing them to maintain a longer life as they are out in the weather. It was discussed to contact the Scouts regarding proper disposal of the flags.

Chief Coonce stated he would be having an informational meeting with the Police Chief at Pleasant Valley on Friday to discuss dispatching. He will keep the board updated of the discussions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marj Finley, Resident, asked that the board speak louder. In addition, she noted that she was reviewing past minutes and asked the current minutes reflect the first names of the Trustees, as there are similar trustee names throughout village history. Clerk Chapman agreed she would use the first name in the role call portion to acknowledge the Trustee serving.

Jeff Carter, Resident, asked if the Village had entered into discussions to consider Kansas City to maintain the Village sewers. Chairman Barker acknowledged there had been talk by the prior board, which he served on, to seek funds. She reminded everyone there is a current project at the north end of Eugene Field Road in July or August with the City of Kansas City and their engineer Burns and McDonnell. As

for funding, there will need to be discussion with the City of Kansas City as they collect the funds to treat the sewage and there are no funds for maintenance of the sewers. Mr. Carter would like to consider discussion for the City of Kansas City to turn it over. Chairman Barker and Trustee Thompson stated it appears the sewers are in great shape and that higher quality materials were used at the time of installation and there are liners. The attorney is reviewing the agreement from 1972. Kansas City was not interested at this time in taking over the sewers. It is being considered to add a sewer fee to cover maintenance costs. Trustee Thompson disagreed with adding another fee and suggested a bond. He did note that he was impressed with the engineer working on the project at Eugene Field Road. Chairman Barker noted the firm had been working with the Village as well to help resolve the issue. Trustee McClure stated if there was \$5.00 a month charge times 500 locations that would be \$2500 a month or \$30,000 a year. She stated that KC would not do it unless they had incentives. She was trying to find out what other KC residents pay. She reminded everyone the cost of the water bill is going up almost 15%. Trustee Thompson noted that the Village of Claycomo taxes does not even cover the trash service cost. Chairman Barker shared that it was great that the Village was taking care of the trash but if they were to bill the residents the Village would still need control as in the ordinances. Trustee Thompson noted the history regarding the struggles to establish talks with the water department and felt they would not want to consider discussions. Chairman Barker agreed it has been difficult and they may not wish to take over. It is something to discuss and it was noted recently there had been calls the residents should call a plumber because the issue may be on the residential property, in addition businesses should keep their grease traps clean. Blue Nile recently assisted with an issue that was not a Village sewer issue and we are working to control maintenance and cost.

Linda Powell, Resident, spoke on behalf of Friends of Greg Dorsey. The group raised funding to ask the Board of Trustees to accept the placement of a sundial in front of the sign at Village Green off Thornton Lane. In addition, they would like to purchase a new bridge to replace the old one in the same park area. The items were being purchased and they were trying to get an Eagle Scout to install it. It was noted to concrete the sundial in the ground to protect it from damage. In discussing the bridge, it was noted the handlebars were cemented in and should remain for support of the new bridge, which was measured and can be built within the railing. As the items were on sale and needed to be purchased it was agreed the items could be shipped to the public works building until labor to put the project together could be determined.

Trustee Hook moved to allow the Friends of Greg Dorsey to purchase and install the sundial and walk over bridge to be installed at Village Green on Thornton Lane at the hammerhead, seconded by Trustee McClure. All yea. Motion carried.

Trustee Sulzberger stated she had been attending NNI meeting and had found they have a few resources the Village may benefit from. The members generally are homeowner associations but would like to see if the Village could become a member. The Village has 17 separate neighborhoods, as one house built can be its own neighborhood. Due to the Villages size, she would like to ask if this was possible and if the board would like her to pursue. NNI holds meetings on various aspects, including grants. Ms. Finley stated they had meetings such as one upcoming with KCMO to discuss sewers. Trustee McClure wondered if they awarded grants and if would could accept them as a municipality. Members of the board supported Trustee Sulzberger to research and work with Clerk Chapman to look into the matter. Trustee Thompson objected.

Trustee Hook requested we seek lighting outside the Community Building by the steps. Chairman Barker noted there was a light outside City Hall, which is out, and it would provide a great deal more light for the parking lot. It was also recommended Kansas City Power and Light be asked about another light at the end of the sidewalk by the street. In addition, it had been noted to seek lighting around the main steps to provide better footing and to contact Joe Kilowatt for recommendations.

Trustee McClure thanked Chief Coonce for the updates on the happenings in the Village. She asked when the radar trailer would be put out again. He stated the officer that was in charge of it is no longer with the department and he is looking to reassign it.

Chairman Barker asked Chief Coonce if he knew the number of calls and the amount of time the officers assist Pleasant Valley. He stated he could provide a report from KCMO dispatch regarding the number of assist calls logged but not the time. It was stated there recently had been two officers assisting at the Pleasant Valley QuikTrip for at least 45 minutes. Mutual aid is important but they are larger and staff maybe one person on shift while we have two. Maybe one officer should stay in the Village to assist the residents. It was requested to get the call information from KCMO, as it may be important when discussing the dispatching contract with Pleasant Valley.

Clerk Chapman stated she was trying to work on a newsletter. It was recommended to reach out to the churches if there was availability for space.

Fire Chief Miles had a demonstration of the Binder Lift device, which assists in lifting someone up who may be in a difficult position and to aid in prevention of injury to fire department staff. Upon completion, he submitted a letter requesting the purchase of the one that was lent to the department for demonstration. The warranty is for five years, each strap can hold up to 200 lbs., and it would stay with the ambulance. Trustee Thompson moved to purchase the Binder Lift Device for \$749.00 from the ¼ Percent Rescue Fund of #602130, seconded by Trustee McClure. All yea. Motion carried.

Chief Miles updated the board that they had a backup issue in one of the restrooms and had contacted Roto Rooter. It was completed for \$189.00, which will be on the next payment of bills.

Applications for Seven Permanent Sign Permits for McDonald's, by Infinity Sign Systems, at 290 E 69 Highway which include: East Elevation Pay Here Sign, East Elevation 24" x 16'x5", East Elevation 48"x42", South Elevation Sign 24" x 16'5", South Elevation Sign 42" x 48", Elevation Sign 8 3/8 x 44 ¾, and North Elevation Sign 42" x 48". Trustee Thompson moved to approve the seven permanent signs for McDonald's at 290 E 69 Hwy, subject to the building inspector's approval, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yea. Motion carried.

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 8:37pm.



Sheri Chapman
Village Clerk



Marina Barker, Chairman
Board of Trustees