

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2016
VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI**

The recessed Regular Meeting of August 8, 2016 was called to order at 7:07 pm, by Chairman Barker.

Trustee Carter moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2016, seconded by Trustee McClure. All yeas. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing of August 22, 2016 was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Present: Trustees Carter, McClure, Sulzberger and Thompson, Chairman Barker, Chief Coonce, Fire Chief Stewart, Assistant Fire Chief Miles and Village Clerk Chapman.

Trustee Sulzberger began discussions by inquiring if the Village could increase the tax rate. Chairman Barker affirmed that it would require a vote of the people. The Village is required to file form to Clay County each month to account for new construction costs.

The aggregate valuations were discussed. It was the consensus of the board to look into the possibility of a slight increase in taxes. Chairman Barker noted that the Board would need to consider the use of additional funds. It was stated that a previous Board of Trustee's attempted to increase the maximum by a nickel and the efforts were defeated. No increases could be made for 2016 taxes. We would need to be accountable for an increase. It was noted that the Ford Franchise fees were up.

The amount the Village receives from the Ford Plant fluctuate each year. The state, county, and village created a Satellite Enterprise Zone where certain areas would receive a tax abatement for a 10-year period.

Chairman Barker stated previous bond issues have been very beneficial. The Village has always managed to pay the bonds off several years early. Bond issues have been used for new emergency equipment, the construction of the community building, city hall/police station, and the fire station. Trustee Thompson stated a bond issue would be the only realistic way to deal with maintaining our sewers.

The Village pays \$58,000.00 annually for residential trash removal. In most cases, residents' annual taxes cost less than what the Village pays for individual trash removal.

Chairman Barker mentioned as previously noted the Emergency Service Personnel wages are lower than most surrounding communities. Trustee McClure encouraged everyone to look at the tax and Franchise Fees to see what each resident or business personally pays that comes back to the Village. Trash is one small example. She noted her total was less than \$100.00 a year. She would like to get an average and the comparison of the cost to run the departments.

Ms. Finley said she had no objection to paying for trash. In addition, it was noted it was better to have it managed by the Village under one centralized company. Pleasant Valley was used as an example as their residents have three different companies which makes it harder to know who is providing the service and what schedule they are on. More wear and tear on the streets with three companies coming in weekly.

Mr. Goeller stated that the sidewalks in the Village are under the Road District and MoDot takes care of 69 Highway. He added that the Road District and the Village have had issues getting along.

The Village has discussed a 5 year/10-year plan on several occasions.

Trustee Thompson moved to adjourn the Public Hearing of August 22, 2016, seconded by Trustee McClure. All yea. Motion Carried. 7:33 pm.

The Regular Meeting of August 22, 2016 was called to order at 7:33 pm, by Chairman.

Present: Trustees Carter, McClure, Sulzberger, Thompson, Chairman Barker, Chief Coonce, Fire Chief Stewart, Assistant Fire Chief Miles and Village Clerk Chapman.

Chairman Barker requested that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 8, 2016 as written, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yea. Motion carried.

Trustee McClure stated that recent work had been completed at the City Hall and Community building regarding recent service and maintenance work for air conditioning units by Barker Heating & Cooling. All six (6) units at City Hall and the Community Building including changing filters has been serviced. One (1) unit was grossly overcharged with freon, which will overwork the compressor. Two (2) other units needed freon added; one unit had to have dirt removed to service the valves. He made repairs to one of the units at the Fire Station. At that time, it was determined that the blower motor would need replaced soon, at a cost of approximately \$300.00. He has been given approval to do the repair work.

Chairman Barker noted she will be abstaining from Check# 31737 to Barker Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$753.00.

Trustee McClure moved to approve the Payment of Bills from August 5, to August 19, 2016, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. Trustees; Carter yea, McClure yea, Sulzberger yea, and Thompson yea. Chairman Barker Abstained. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Sulzberger noted that there were still mattresses and a couch behind the Bryant Street Apartments. Chief Coonce stated that he would have Jason look into it.

Trustee Carter asked if the banners by Zedz's needs to be taken care of. Chief Coonce stated that we would look into it. Carter additionally noted the tennis courts at the park were cracking and asked about the status to repair. Dennis Schmidt, Park Board Member, stated he talked with McConnell and Associates in early spring. He will reach out to them to see about assistance. They will see about doing touch up work. Carter also stated that the parks have had a lot of trash lately, asked everyone to help keep the parks clean.

Trustee McClure thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for the Night Out Against Crime Event. She noted a special thank you to Officer Kennedy for all her efforts to put the event together.

Chief Coonce stated he prepared a special recognition in her file. There were estimated over 100 people in attendance. She thanked Pastor Gordon, of Claycomo Baptist Church, for attending and leading the prayer service. The event brought the community together. She added they will be looking for a place to display "Back to the Badge Poster" that has been signed by many of the community members.

Chairman Barker in addition thanked Jason Wallace, Public Works, for all his work in helping setup the tables and other items as needed for preparation and clean up.

Trustee McClure stated Bruce Culley, Auditor, was close to completing the 2014-2015 audit records. Due to staffing changes he is addressing corrections in the restricted funds and yearend adjustments. He is also in the third year of his contract and will begin reviewing 2015-2016 records. He would will be looking into the additional year to be sure if there is anything that could reflect into the prior year's audit before finalizing it. He is working to have the 2014-2015 finalized within the next month.

Chairman Barker added that a large part of clean up for Mr. Culley is addressing any payments that are coming out of incorrect funds, such as street lighting is to come from special funds.

It was asked if Mr. Culley was going to have to pay the penalty per his contract. Chairman Barker stated that the board agrees that due to employee changes and clean up with year end adjustments the board was not going to apply those charges at this time.

Chief Coonce thanked everyone for attending the Night Out Against Crime.

Bill No. 2974 to become Ordinance No. 2973; AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2016, FOR THE VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI, was read. There was Second reading by title only. Trustee Carter moved to approve Bill No. 2974 to become Ordinance 2968, seconded by Trustee McClure. Roll Call: Trustees; Carter yea, McClure yea, Sulzberger yea, Thompson yea, and Chairman Barker yea. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Doug Grego, Owner of BC Hardscapes, wanted to address the concerns the Board has regarding the stream behind his business.

Chief Coonce had recently contacted him regarding the dumping in the stream behind his business. A blockage of the stream was found at the Stream Team event.

Mr. Grego stated that Hardscapes had spent most of the day digging out what had been dumped at the rear of their property. He presented pictures of nuisances that they had taken throughout the village. Jason Wallace, Public Works stated the Department of Natural Resources had been asked to visit the location and should be here in the next week.

Mr. Hook, resident, asked about the cost of the worker's compensation fee from Missouri Employers Mutual of almost \$20,000 dollars for the quarter. Discussion was noted that the premiums are calculated and determined from a pool of Missouri employees.

Ms. Finley asked about the missing signs at Bryant and Longfellow. Jason stated the missing signs would be included in the next order. Mr. Schmidt asked if the signs were the responsibility of the Village or the Road District. Jason stated the Road District has the 7-foot easement. Jason will reach out to Charlie at the Road District to discuss missing signs and future signage. On Bryant street there is a "No Parking Between Signs" posted with only one sign.

Speed letter from by Chief Stewart to hire Part-time FF/Paramedic Jacob Thompson at \$11.44 hour, was read. Trustee McClure moved to approve the request to hire Part-time New Hire FF/Paramedic Jacob Thompson, at \$11.44/hour to serve a six-month probationary period, seconded by Trustee Sulzberger. All yea. Motion carried.

Trustee McClure reminded everyone that there is planning for a community event for Halloween in October. In addition, there is a Holiday event scheduled in December. These are being led by the Parks Board and they did not have any updates to add at this meeting. She invited anyone interested in helping, to please volunteer.

Chairman Barker thanked the City Hall staff for getting the newsletter out.

Ms. Finley added her thanks. In addition, discussion regarding the Villages 70th anniversary reception in November. Open discussion regarding bringing materials in and utilizing the projector for the HSC to create a presentation. As a part of the items would possibly be a painting by John Williams, whose son grew up in Claycomo and played along Thornton Mill Creek. The board affirmed that the painting should be setup and protected from the public for viewing by the HSC. Additional details will be worked out a later date.

Clerk Chapman reaffirmed that the new staff did get the Fall Newsletter out and that the next deadline would be November 30th so they can get the Winter Newsletter out the first week of December. She also noted that the logo contest materials had been provided to her office that week and she would be getting with the board about the plan and use of the logo.

Trustee McClure moved to go into Executive Session to discuss employee matters and that all records be kept sealed and confidential according to RSMo 610.021, seconded by Trustee Carter. Roll Call: Trustee Carter yea, McClure yea, Sulzberger yea, Thompson yea, and Chairman Barker yea. Motion carried. Recessed at 8:31pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:15 pm.

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 Carter. All yea. Motion carried. Recessed at 9:16pm.



Sheri Chapman
Village Clerk



Marina Barker, Chairman
Board of Trustees