

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7pm.

Mayor, Sam Miller, called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members answering roll call were: Jamie Hicks, Denny Padgett, Misty Moore, Larry Schafer, John Cunningham, Tabby Richmiller, Niccie Peuster, and Sam Miller. Also attending, employee's Bill Wilson, Aaron Brocksieck, and Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman. Zoning Chairperson Gary Cantrell came later in the meeting.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

President's Report – Sam brought up the Easter egg hunt hosted by the Clayton Fire Department. It will be held on 4/20/25. Denny motioned and Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Village to donate \$100 to this. All approved.

Jamie motioned and Denny 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes from the March meeting. All approved.

Niccie reported a 31% water loss for last month.

The large radio read meters that still need to be installed was discussed. Aaron will call Rusty (a licensed plumber) about this, and they will be done in conjunction with the next phase of the water line replacement plan.

The next phase of this is going to be Morgan Street by the prison and W Marion. Jamie motioned for Aaron to go ahead now and purchase all the materials needed for this, Larry 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Niccie reported that she is still looking into options to replace the current water billing program. She has a zoom meeting scheduled in the coming week with a company called BS&A and she has reached out to ERP Pro but has not heard back yet. She will update at the next meeting.

Bills employee agreement has not been signed due to needing further discussion. Tabled again until next month's meeting.

The MFT Rebuild Illinois funds can be allocated to cover the current years normal MFT maintenance, and the remaining can be back dated to last years. Niccie has already submitted the paperwork to allocate this.

Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman presented his police report. Jamie motioned and John 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve report. All approved.

Denny motioned and Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve bills for payment. All approved.

Jamie motioned and Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Treasurer's Report. All approved.

The town water tower was discussed again. We currently have a bid from Chad Market for \$25,000 to tear down. We are waiting for another bid from Steve Bush Jr. Tabled until next meeting.

Niccie reported that she had someone interested in purchasing the property owned by the Village at 208 W Main. She wanted to know if we would put a bid notice out. After discussion it was decided that since we just did this in November 2024, we would wait for now, and only do this once a year.

An Ordinance was presented amending article II (building code) and article IV (housing Standards/regulations governing dwelling accommodations for human habitation) of Chapter 18 (buildings) of the Village of Clayton. Jamie motioned and Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Ordinance. All approved. Per this, it is also a requirement to purchase the 2021 International Building Code, 2021 International Property Maintenance Code, and 2021 International Residential Code books. Niccie showed where they can be bought for \$453.00 (plus shipping). Jamie motioned and John 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve purchase. All approved.

An Ordinance was presented amending chapter 15 of the village code of the village of Clayton (traffic regulations) by prohibiting inoperable vehicles within the village of Clayton. Jamie motioned and Denny 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Ordinance. All approved.

The kitchen rebuild at the park is moving forward, the concrete has all been taken out. Gary Cantrell on behalf of the Lions reported that the scoreboard has been bought by the Lions, once grant money has been applied, the Village will reimburse the remainder.

The Village and Lions putting in two pickleball courts at by the basketball court was discussed again. Everyone is interested in moving forward with this, Gary will get details and quotes to present at next meeting.

John brought up putting in the volleyball court at the ballpark. It was agreed that the Village will pay for the plastic and the sand for this. The Old Settlers Committee will cover the rest of needed materials and equipment. Misty motioned to approve, Larry 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

John presented this year's quote for the fireworks display at Old Settlers for \$8,200. If it is paid by 6/1/25 they will get an incentive of 8% bonus product. John said it would not be a problem for the Old Settlers Committee to pay before 6/1. Denny motioned for the Village to contribute \$4,200 this year. Larry 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Zoning was discussed at this time in the meeting, due to Gary arriving late. Gary and Sam still need to look into the placement of the yard barn at 410 N Augusta Rd. Tabled until next meeting.

Gary reported that he has spoken to Mike Fuhrman about the construction started at 312 W Lafayette. Mike said he is not sure what he wants to do with it yet. Gary let him know that he is NOT to move forward in any way until he fills out an application and gets approval by the board. Sam also brought up issuing him a citation for starting the work he did without approval first.

Samantha Waters at 105 W Morgan submitted a fence permit. It was Gary's recommendation to approve. Jamie motioned and John 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve. All approved.

Larry Schafer at 212 S Jefferson submitted a building permit for a deck. It was Gary's recommendation to approve. Jamie motioned and John 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve. All approved.

It was asked for clarification, if someone is submitting a building permit application for more than 1 thing does it have to be separate forms and fees. It was decided that if it is being submitted at the same time, it can be on 1 application, with only 1 fee, otherwise, it would be separate.

Jamie motioned and Misty 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting. All approved.

The next Village Board Meeting will be held May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 4/9/2025.