

VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on January 6th, 2026, at 7pm.

Board members answering roll call were: Jamie Hicks, Dan Ruffcorn, Misty Moore, Denny Padgett, Larry Schafer, John Cunningham, Clerk, Niccie Peuster, and Mayor, Sam Miller. Also attending, employee, Bill Wilson, Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman, and Zoning Chairman, Gary Cantrell. Employee, Caleb Peuster was absent.

Dustin Tangerose and Chase Hildebrand attended this month's meeting to find out if there had been any updates to the water situation located in the area of County Rd 2903 E. that is South of the intersection with County Rd 1800 N and North of the intersection with County Rd 1700 N. Sam informed him, we would be discussing this further later in the meeting.

Presidents Report: Nothing at this time.

Jamie motioned and Denny 2nd to approve the minutes from special meeting December 4th, 2025 and regular meeting December 9th, 2025. All approved.

Niccie reported a 38% water loss for 11/14/25-12/15/25. Up from 32% last month.

WLRP: Nothing to report currently.

A proposed response to the IEPA waterline violation was presented by Sam. (attached to minutes at Village Office) Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve sending the proposed letter to the IEPA. All approved.

Changing the water rates has been tabled until Niccie can get information from the IRWA for a rate study for the Village.

Zoning Report: Zoning Chairman, Gary Cantrell was present to discuss zoning issues for the Village. He presented a building permit submitted by Knobelsdorff Energy for a fence variance for the Thoroman solar project originally approved by the Village in December of 2023. Gary's recommendation was not to approve because the proposed fencing they want to use does not look like it would last the life of the solar panels. Everyone was in agreement and the Village did not approve. Gary also voiced concern about the Village's policy regarding residents moving in sheds on their properties. This will need to be discussed with attorney, Barney Bier for clarification, tabled until next meeting. He also brought up that he thinks the current residential solar permit fee of \$25 needs to be higher. John motioned and Larry 2nd to raise this fee to \$100. All approved.

Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman presented his police report (attached to minutes at Village Office). Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve. All approved.

Niccie presented a bill for Knuffman Plumbing for \$530 given to her from Marge Moore for work done at 308 W Lafayette. (attached to minutes at Village Office)
Jamie motioned and John 2nd for the Village to pay this bill due to the fact that it was not a problem with the property, the issue was the Villages sewer line, which had to be jetted by Mark Bockhold. All approved.

Denny motioned and Larry 2nd to approve bills for payment. All approved.

Denny motioned and Jamie 2nd to approve the Treasurer's Report. All approved.

Gary Cantrell, representing the Lions Club reported that they will be moving forward with the pickle ball court project, he will be getting estimates to present at future board meeting.

A motion was made by Jamie and 2nd by Denny to go into executive session to discuss Village business. All approved.

A motion was made by Jamie and 2nd by John exit executive session and resume regular meeting. All approved.

The property of 208 W Main in Clayton, owned by the Village was put out for sealed bids. Two bids were received. Sam opened them, one was for \$1,000 by Rick Rardon, and the second was for \$1,300 by Jamie Hicks. It had been approved at December's meeting to award Jamie the bid. It has now come to the Boards attention by attorney, Barney Bier, that it is not legal for a Trustee to bid on Village property. Jamie's bid is deemed ineligible and the matter of selling the property is being tabled until February's meeting.

The Lions Club will be having a breakfast event at the Legion Hall on January 10th. Misty motioned and Jamie 2nd to approve free rent for the event and going forward all events held by the Lions Club. All approved.

Jamie motioned and Denny 2nd to adjourn. All approved.

The next board meeting will be held on February 3rd, 2026, at 7pm.
Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 1/7/2026.