

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on June 10th, 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, Larry Schafer, John Cunningham, Niccie Peuster, and Sam Miller. Also attending, employee Aaron Brocksieck and Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman. Trustee's Misty Moore and Jordin Zanger were absent, also absent, employee, Bill Wilson.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

President's report: Sam has reserved the Legion Hall for July 6th for a Boy Scouts event for an Eagle Scout ceremony. Jamie motioned and Larry 2nd to approve free rental for this event. All approved.

Jamie motioned and Larry 2nd to approve the minutes for May. All approved.

Niccie reported a 34% water loss for 4/15 through 5/15.

Niccie mentioned that the office is receiving a lot of requests to get a sewer cost adjustment for gallons used for a pool fill. A normal daily average is figured and then the gallon amount used above that for the fill is adjusted to deduct the charge per gallon for sewer. It usually is less than \$3. After discussion, it was decided that unless the gallon amount is over 5,000, we will no longer do this. Jamie motioned and John 2nd to approve this. All approved.

Aaron reported that he has acquired $\frac{3}{4}$ of the materials needed for the current water line replacement plan, there was discussion of paying someone to run the equipment to move dirt to help when they are ready to start. Aaron will follow up.

In January of 2025 Niccie received notification that as of 12/31/26 Tyler Technologies will be discontinuing their Fundbalance software (our current utility billing program). No later than 6/30/25 we must notify them of what we intend to do going forward. Since that notification, Niccie has been researching different options and companies to come up with the best solution. She reached out to all the surrounding communities to see what they are using. Augusta, Camp Point, Golden, and Bowen all use the program Asyst. Niccie went to Bowen 1 afternoon and sat with the Treasurer, who also does the water billing. The program implemented there does the utility billing and the accounting side. However, it was not very user friendly and even Lori (Bowen's Treasurer) did not recommend it. Niccie was also reaching out to Tyler Tech to look into staying with them and moving forward with their option of ERP Pro. She watched a webinar introducing the system and emailed an account representative, Augusta McCarver, who set up a time to have a phone discussion and then she never called or followed up. Niccie also looked into programs, Locis, CUSI, Jayhawk, gworks, and BS&A. Niccie is a member of the Municipal Clerks of Ill, and with that is a part of a chain email "message board group" that connects clerks all through the state. Ultimately, after discussion through that email, BS&A kept getting recommended as the best choice. She then reached out to Kevin Schafer, a sales rep for them, and was set up to watch a webinar and have a discussion after, he then put a quote together for the Village and Niccie also found out that Macomb IL utilizes them for their utility billing

and accounting needs and has for 15+ years, so she went there for an afternoon and saw first hand what the system looks like and has to offer and was very impressed. There is no doubt that implementing this system to update and replace fundbalance/quickbooks to cover all the Villages financial management and utility billing needs would be a huge improvement and very beneficial. She presented the quote at the May board meeting and followed up by getting some questions answered and getting a contract agreement to go over from Kevin. She emailed the contract to the Village attorney, Barney Bier, and has given a copy to everyone at this meeting. After discussion, Jamie made a motion to authorize Sam to enter into agreement of contract, totaling \$48,195, subject to approval of said contract by Barney Bier, Village attorney. John 2nd, all approved.

It was also discussed that there might be more expense involved in the training portion of this when it's implemented so Jamie motioned to approve allocating \$55,000 out of the general fund budget specifically for this entire project. John 2nd, all approved.

Gary Cantrell was not present for this month's board meeting; however, he had followed up prior with Niccie as to the current pending permits. 2 building permits were presented, adding a utility shed on Larry Schafer's property at 212 S Jefferson and remove and restore an existing patio roof on Caleb Cobb's property at 203 E Main. Caleb Cobb also had a pending fence permit for the same property. Niccie reported that it was Gary's recommendation to approve all. Jamie motioned, Denny 2nd to approve all 3. All approved.

The placement of the yard barn at 410 N Augusta Rd has been tabled again, waiting on follow up by Sam.

Gary had Niccie reach out to the city administrator for Mt Sterling and got their current city code for solar energy systems and fees for such, for thought on changing some of ours to mirror theirs. This is being tabled until next month for more consideration.

Sam presented an ordinance amending the criteria for special permits for solar. John motioned to pass, Jamie 2nd. All approved (Ord # 3-2025-15)

Bill's employee agreement will have to be signed at next month's meeting due to his absence.

Niccie presented a resolution for a "return to work" policy that needs to be adopted by 9/1/25 per the IMLRMA. John motioned, Larry 2nd to pass. All approved (Res # 3-2025)

Chief of police, Phil Zimmerman presented his police report. Jamie motioned, Larry 2nd to approve. All approved.

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

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

Niccie reported that the Westside Cemetery CD for \$500 would be coming up for renewal this month. It was decided to cash the CD and deposit the funds into the general fund account. Jamie motioned, Denny 2nd to approve. All approved.

Niccie presented the proposed budget for the 25-26 fiscal year. A few changes were discussed. Niccie will follow up and forward to Barney to have appropriation ordinance done.

Discussion of the water tower demo has been tabled again. Waiting on follow up by Sam with Klingner.

John reported town trees hanging over onto his roof at 100 Sth Marshall Crt. Denny will follow up and find someone to get them trimmed.

Aaron reported that all the plumbing in has been done at the park shelter house kitchen remodel. We are now waiting for Austin Haley to pour concrete.

No update on pickleball court.

John motioned and Denny 2nd to Adjourn. All approved.

The next Village Board Meeting will be held July 8th, 2025, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 6/12/2025.