

VILLAGE OF CLAYTON BOARD MINUTES
February 01, 2021

The Village of Clayton Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 01, 2021 at the Village Municipal Building. President Joe Berghammer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call: Scott Donath, Cris Casarez, LuAnn Scharmer, Karrie Drinkman, Jenny Bergmann, and Cassie Robinson. A quorum of seven (7) was confirmed. Also present were Public Works Director Sheldon Donath and Police Officer Paul Houx, along with residents Angel Anderson and Joan Meyer. Also in attendance were Ed Cerney from the Clayton School, Colton Sorensen of the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department, and Bill Vanda.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Casarez to approve the agenda, second by Scharmer. Voice vote: Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Scharmer to approve the minutes from the Jan. 04, 2021 regular board meeting and the Jan. 28, 2021 special meeting, second by Casarez. Voice vote: Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Scharmer to accept the Treasurer's January, 2021 check registers and financial report, second by Drinkman. Voice vote: Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Public comment: Joan Meyer expressed her wish to have the candidates nominated for village positions in the April election make some comments for the electorate, expressed her concerns about manganese issues resulting in higher water rates, questioned the priorities of the Parks & Rec. Committee, spoke out against motorized boats on Lake Camelia, and expressed concerns about the potential costs for lake management and weed control.

Sorensen shared handouts of the draft of a potential Lake Camelia Aquatic Management Plan (AMP). Discussion followed concerning a course of action for the board to consider the AMP. Action was postponed to a future meeting.

Cerney addressed the board regarding early planning for Clayton Cheese Days to resume in 2021. He is organizing a steering committee similar to last year and an organizational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night (Feb. 02).

Prentice St. No. water hookups are in the hands of the village attorney.

Motion by Bergmann to approve a new Amery Municipal Court Agreement, along with Village of Clayton Ordinance 2021-01 – Creating a Joint Municipal Court with the City of Amery, the

Village of Clear Lake, the Village of Clayton, and adding the Town of Black Brook, second by Scharmer. Voice vote: Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bergmann to approve a revision of the previously approved Culligan proposal for a filtered water filling station, increasing the monthly fee from \$35.00 to \$70.00, second by Drinkman. Voice vote: Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Berghammer to approve Bill Vanda as Acting Fire Chief from now until Dec. 31, 2021, second by Scharmer. Voice vote: Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Discussion regarding replacement of the Clerk/Treasurer, who plans to retire on May 14th.

Department Reports

Administration / Planning Commission:

Berghammer – Will follow up on sewer equipment issues.

Clerk – Excused himself earlier in the meeting.

Public Works & Utilities:

Discussion topics included Prentice St. street signs, completed siren reprogramming, authorization to plow snow on Lake Magnor for the ice fishing contest, and needed repairs on the 410B backhoe.

Water topics included North Prentice St. water hookups, the DNR sanitary survey, radio read water meters, actions taken so far to address the manganese issue in the village water supply, water meter replacements combined with cross connection inspections, and the need to approve a 2021 budget.

Sewer topics included the filter building valve pit flood, headworks pump repairs, required operator training, and the need to approve a 2021 budget.

Police:

Officer Houx reported nine calls for service, including three traffic stops with warnings issued, a controlled substance search warrant, and assistance with a disabled vehicle. The new laptop has been received and is being updated with Crimestar software. The department PBT needs to be replaced and a request for replacement has been submitted. Final repairs on the squad car have been completed.

Fire & First Responders:

One fire call in December (133 in 2020), and four first responder calls. Tools under DNR grant have been purchased and reimbursed. AFG grant is being reapplied for at no additional cost. Bylaws are being updated.

Parks & Rec:

Discussion topics included the CSM for Bob Carlson's property, upcoming fund raisers, the Lake Camelia AMP (previous agenda item), a prioritization of committee goals, and new member recruitment.

Next regular meeting: Monday, March 01

Motion to adjourn by Drinkman, second by Scharmer. Voice vote: Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

David Fall, Village Clerk