

VILLAGE OF CLAYTON BOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 10, 2017

The Village of Clayton Board of Trustees met for a special meeting on May 10, 2017 at the Village Municipal Building. President Joe Berghammer called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Roll call: Scott Donath, Cris Casarez, Jon Bartz, Shawn Schradle, Doug Anderson, and Travis Krueger. A quorum of seven (7) was confirmed. Also present were Public Works Director Sheldon Donath, Police Chief Grant Pickard, Fire Chief Don Kittelson, and Public Works employee Corey Daniels.

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

President Berghammer began the meeting with a statement outlining his goals to have the board oversight committees more involved with their employees, work on cleaning up some of the unsightly properties in the village, and enforce the village ordinances.

Police Chief Grant Pickard began with comments about some of his concerns. They included: limited manpower, technology shortcomings, clerical demands, the high cost of citation enforcement, lack of feedback, and lack of employer evaluations. The committee offered suggestions for occasional early-morning coverage, getting juveniles off the street late at night, and more face-to-face contact with residents.

Other discussions included enforcement of village ordinances, vehicles not for sale and right-of-way encroachment at 125 Hwy. 63 S., and unlicensed salvage properties on Hwy. D.

Public Works Director Sheldon Donath was called upon for his concerns. They included: deteriorating roads hampered by budget limitations, work needed at parks including bathroom improvements and rip-wrap around the boat landing, lights and fencing at the athletic field in need of repair, unfinished shelter improvements, deteriorating tennis court, the need for a sign proclaiming “no pets” and “park closes at 10:00 PM”, the need for replacing windows in the meeting room, a plan for selling the old orange truck, an upcoming need for major work on the water tower, and lack of employer evaluations.

Other discussions included LED vs. conventional street lights, the possibility of hiring a high school student for summer help, and a proposal to stagger committee meetings for the short-term.

Motion made by Bartz to post an ad at the school for summer help (up to 30 hrs. per week) in the Public Works Department, second by Schradle. Voice vote: Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Given the time getting late for a conference call, motion by Anderson to move into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel who will be rendering oral advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the village with respect to the currently pending litigation in Polk County Case No. 16CV000, Village of Clayton v. David Nordquist, second by Schradle. Village employees were asked to participate. Roll call vote: Donath-Yes Casarez-Yes Bartz-Yes Schradle-Yes Anderson-Yes Krueger-Yes Berghammer-Yes Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson to reconvene into open session to consider any motion on any matter discussed under the closed session listed above, second by Donath. Roll call vote: Donath-Yes Casarez-Yes Bartz-Yes Schradle-Yes Anderson-Yes Krueger-Yes Berghammer-Yes Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson to accept the terms of the settlement agreement with Mr. Nordquist conveyed by email, authorizing Axley Brynerson to make non-material changes to the settlement agreement, second by Krueger. Voice vote: Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Fire Chief Don Kittelson was called on for comments. His concerns included a need to update the Fire Department by-laws, the need to conduct equipment change-out under budget restraints, and the need to renegotiate fire protection contracts with covered municipalities.

Other discussion included the merits of a Fire Department vs. a Fire District.

Motion by Schradle to approve WWTP Change Order Request #25 from Staab Equipment in the amount of \$10,913.00, second by Krueger. Voice vote: Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

By affirmation the board approved a second clean-up day on Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 AM until noon. Village Clerk to send letters to all residents and promote event.

Motion by Donath to allow Berghammer and the Village Clerk to negotiate with Curtis Ventures regarding a possible settlement of outstanding issues outside of mediation, second by Bartz. Voice vote: Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstentions-1 Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Krueger at 9:45 PM, second by Casarez. Voice vote: Ayes-7 Nays-0 Motion carried.

David Fall, Village Clerk