

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clayton on Monday April 27th, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Nancy L. Hyde, Mayor
Ron Duford, Deputy Mayor
Robert McDowell, Trustee
Robert Riddoch, Trustee
Meredith Bonisteel Nims, Trustee
Jeff Mosher, (DANC) Water/Sewer Supervisor
Joanne Lenhard-Boye, Clerk

ABSENT:

Terry Jones, DPW Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order:

Mayor Hyde led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

WATER/WASTEWATER:

Jeffrey Mosher, WWTP Supervisor, DANC

1. **Monthly Report** - was discussed with the board. This report has been filed at the Village Clerk's Office.
2. **2026 to 2027 Water Rate Increase:** The new water rates were given to the board for them to review before the public hearing.
3. **JMI Consultants** – Jeff hired JMI Consultants to find ways to reduce our villages' electric costs. Based on their results, he recommends choosing Smartest Energy's fixed rate of \$0.1090 for 36 months.

MOTION made by Trustee Riddoch to approve the above recommendations; Trustee Bonisteel Nims seconded, all in favor motion carried.

4. **Municipal Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities** – Jeff informed the board that funding is available to assess cybersecurity vulnerabilities for municipalities. He recommended that the village pursue this opportunity. After discussion with Jeff, the board agreed it would be prudent to proceed with the application.

5. **Set Public Hearing for water rate increase (May 11th, 2026)**

MOTION made by Trustee McDowell; seconded by Deputy Mayor Duford; all in favor motion carried.

DPW REPORT:

Terry Jones, DPW Supervisor

1. **Activity Report** – was submitted to the board. This report has been filed at the Village Clerk's Office.

POLICE REPORT:

Kevin Patenaude, Chief of Police

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CONSENT AGENDA:

1. DRAFT Meeting Minutes April 13 th , 2026	
2. Payroll (P/R #23) 03/26/2026 to 04/08/2026	\$ 44,182.29
3. Abstract -04/27/2026	
General Fund	\$ 5,412.29
Water Fund	\$ 7,390.30
Sewer Fund	\$ 32,501.08
Abstract Total	\$ 45,303.67

MOTION was made by Trustee Bonisteel Nims to approve consent agenda items #1-3, Trustee Riddoch seconded; all in favor motion carried.

5. Capital Projects Abstract 04/27/2026	\$ 648.00
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MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Duford to approve Capital Projects consent agenda item #4, Trustee Bonisteel Nims seconded, all in favor motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES SEASONAL HIRES:

1. **DOCK STAFF-** Samual Matt & Paul Shortsleeve: \$16.50/hr., start 05/14/2026
William Richardson, Ridge Hurley, Samuel Bierworth, Robert Farmer, Craig Orvis: \$16.00/hr., starting on or after 05/14/2026

MOTION made by Trustee McDowell to hire the new dock staff as described above, seconded by Trustee Bonisteel Nims; all in favor motion carried.

2. PARK STAFF

Heidi Szonn: \$18.00/hr., start 04/20/2026, Lauren Zeigler: \$16.00/hr., starting 04/20/2026

MOTION made by Trustee Riddoch to hire the new seasonal park staff as described above, Deputy Mayor Duford seconded; all in favor motion carried.

TREASURER:

Amanda Cantwell, Treasurer

1. **March 2026 Financial Reports**

MOTION made by Trustee Bonisteel Nims to accept the March 2026 Financial Report; Trustee McDowell seconded, all in favor motion carried.

MAYOR:

1. The mayor stated that she had attended the Tug Hill conference, participating in a session concerning the operation of ATVs and UTVs on village roads. She advised the board to review the village codes related to this matter, ensure compliance with state regulations, and begin enforcing these codes accordingly. She attended a session on AI Intelligence and has arranged a Zoom meeting with the instructor to further explore this subject.

2. Mayor announced that the Clayton Climate Smart Community Task Force has put together a fun-filled Spring Fest on Saturday, May 2 from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at Cerow Recreation Park Arena, 615 E Line Road in Clayton. Enjoy local vendors, delicious food trucks, kids' activities, a clothing swap, and more.

PUBLIC:

Bobby Cantwell requested board approval for the annual Charity Poker Run from July 15-18th in the Village of Clayton, with an expanded route from Bella's to the Opera House. The board agreed, provided there is no event at the Opera House that weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Trustee McDowell to adjourn meeting at 5:56 pm; Trustee Bonisteel Nims seconded all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully,
Joanne Lenhard-Boye, Clerk