

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

January 18, 2022

Call to Order 7:30pm

Present: Joline Chaney, Carolyn Kelly, Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, David Miller, Janet Sutherland, Jim Cummings– President, Linda Coburn–Clerk **Absent:** Brenda Borden–Treasurer **Guests:** Yole Vello, Sean Perrin, TJ Gibson, Anthony Bates, Bill Lewis

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Unanimously approved.

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve January 4, 2022 minutes. Unanimously approved.

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$9,479.14. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests:

Yole Vello – Concerned about a neighbor who has not been respectful. He listed a number of ordinance violations at the residence including unplated truck in back yard, make shift enclosure – permitted?, boat & 2 trailers in yard, loud music late at night, snow mobile being used on property & road often when there is no snow. He has called the police seeking options/solutions but has been told that there is nothing the police can do - all issues must be handled by the village through ordinance/code violation procedures. Mr. Vello also expressed his appreciation for the council members and the actions they are taking on behalf of the village residents.

Council response – informed Mr. Vello that the village council is actively and aggressively working to rectify this situation as well as others in the village. The enforcement process for that property is already in process. It is a slow, lengthy process but eventually the issues will be taken care of through the court system. Discussion followed.

Sean Perrin – Updated council – Total of 221 runs for 2021 which is highest on record – approximately 30 runs more than 2021. He anticipates that the runs will continue to increase. They have already had 19 runs in January.

Communications: None

Parks/Library/Cemetery: Anthony Bates & Bill Lewis updated the council on the progress of the library becoming a district library. There is a snag due to the ownership of the library building – it is unclear who holds title to the building. (Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to have the council order a title search on 107 N. Main to clarify ownership. Unanimously approved. Once ownership is established the library will know which steps to take next.

Public Works:

- 1) One full burial this week.
- 2) Water bottles have been ordered from EGLE for next water tests.
- 3) Several individuals within the village are continuing to cause trouble. Residents are encouraged to call the police any time an incident occurs. This will help establish a better record therefore making a better case for the police.
- 4) Recommended signs have been ordered for the well field.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Jake brake signs should be done this week.
- 2) Will be working on quotes for paving roads in the spring.

Water:

- 1) Worked with Brenda on payment application/check processing of the water bills. This was the final part of the processes that Carolyn wanted to learn.

Administration/Employee Relations:

Working on the budget, including insurance, raises, increases as requested.

Public Safety:

- 1) Received stats for the 4th quarter from Capt. Amy Price.
- 2) Spoke with individual who was assaulted in his home in December. He has pressed charges and will be contacting the police again soon for more details/instructions.
- 3) January 14 there was a reported break in within the village – another reminder that if an incident occurs it is imperative that individuals involved call the police immediately.

- 4) Nick has two meetings scheduled as he continues to move forward on police protection for the village. One meeting is with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office, the other is with a local municipality that will be able to give insight into the law enforcement options available, how they worked, suggestions/information to be considered.

Ordinance:

- 1) Selbee property will be getting ticketed. Currently coordinating with the code enforcement officer.
- 2) Publicly acknowledged/thanked the residents who are responsibly taking care of notices before tickets have to be issued for the ordinance violations. The system works best when each resident takes care of their own property and is considerate of their neighbors.
- 3) Ordinance updates – several of the proposed ordinances were discussed and decisions made. Changes will be forwarded to the attorney.
- 4) (Miller/Ludwig) Motion to begin process to adopt Noxious Weed Ordinance as written by village attorney Roxanne Sieber. Unanimously approved. The ordinance was read in entirety to all present. This will be read in its entirety a second time at the February 1, 2022 meeting at which time the council may vote to approve.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk