

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 2, 2021

**Present:** Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, David Miller, Janet Sutherland, Jayci Torrance, Jim Cummings-President, Linda Coburn – Clerk, **Absent:** Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Anthony Bates, TJ Gibson

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve March 2, 2021 agenda. Unanimously approved

**(Torrance/Ludwig)** Motion to approve minutes from February 16, 2021. Unanimously approved.

**(Ludwig/Kenney)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$3,888.88 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests:

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Nelson Tank Engineering would like a color/design decision for the water tank to begin the bid process.
- 2) Water samples & pumpage reports are done for the month of March
- 3) Gibson Truck Repair is starting to put the Ford F-350 plow truck back together. Will send quote so that we can get it to the insurance company as requested.
- 4) Reviewed costs for cemetery services – asked board to consider an increase in order to be at a similar level as the surrounding communities.

Water:

- 1) Brenda did send a letter to households that have unpaid balances. Will keep Brian updated and notify him on March 16<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Brenda also fixed the administration fees.
- 3) (Ludwig/Torrance) Motion to choose design #15/16 blue/gold with paw & Climax for painting the water tower. Unanimously approved.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Library is looking into ebooks as another addition to its resources.
- 2) The library board is also working on updating policies and may be purchasing a new printer.
- 3) Janet is still waiting on the second estimate on the tennis courts.
- 4) Jayci suggested DPW paint the basketball hoops/polls with colors that coordinate with the water tower.
- 5) TJ suggested that the board consider selling a cemetery plot to DPW employees at a discounted rate after a given number of years of service. Council will consider this.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Filling out paperwork for another Category B grant opportunity. The money would be available in 2022.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Jim requested that each council member write up a general job description for their position. Job descriptions are also being written by the clerk & treasurer. Much discussion followed regarding each employees responsibility including meeting attendance. The Employee relation committee will meet and discuss.
- 2) Budget – Denise went over the budget, high-lighting changes. Major expenses this year include Lovell/Maple culvert, major water tower maintenance, mower, ordinance enforcement. (Kenney/Torrance) Motion to approve the 2021-22 proposed budget. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Education topics highlighted by Nick – Silent Observer & Domestic Violence Awareness.
- 2) Nick expressed frustration with the current relationship with our county law enforcement. He spoke with county officials and expressed his desire to have a viable, mutually beneficial relationship with the county. Much discussion followed regarding Sheriff Fuller’s action/inaction taken in regards to 115 Watson.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Received the 3 requested orders from the court.
- 2) 115 Watson clean-up cancellation was discussed at great length. The council is very disappointed in the county Sheriff. Much planning and preparation had taken place with Capt. Christianson, Bernie’s Haul Away, & McDonald’s Towing. Law enforcement did not show up at the appointed time causing the village to incur

\$450 in cancellation/wait time costs from the two businesses. Currently, the council is attempting to schedule a meeting with Sheriff Fuller to discuss reimbursement of the fees and concerns regarding the service provided to the village by the Sheriff's department. David recommended that we consider creating Kalamazoo County Small Village Alliance. The village also unanimously approved the following motion: (Miller/Ludwig) Motion to enable Jim Cummings, Nick Ludwig, David Miller to prepare and file a complaint with Kalamazoo County Administrator if the three are in unanimous agreement that it is appropriate to do so in regards to the 115 Watson situation. The council is in agreement to follow through on this situation until an acceptable solution has been attained.

Old Business:

- 1) Council is developing some ideas to promote our village. Ideas include Food Trucks on the corner lot of Main & Maple and perhaps some type of entertainment.
- 2) Village Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for the last Saturday in June – June 26, 2021.
- 3) Nick will check with the American Legion regarding the Memorial Day Parade.

New Business: None

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to adjourn at 9:26 p.m.

Linda Coburn - Clerk