

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

January 4, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

Present: Joline Chaney, Carolyn Kelly, Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, David Miller, Janet Sutherland, Jim Cummings-President, Linda Coburn – Clerk **Absent:** Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Bill Lewis, Bruce Rolfe, TJ Gibson

(Kenney/Kelly) Motion to approve agenda. Unanimously approved

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve minutes from December 21, 2021. Unanimously approved

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$2,612.59 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests: Bill Lewis – Updated council on things needed from the village as the library proceeds with plans to become a district library. Needs: Village decision regarding how to handle the building/maintenance, also determination of building ownership; contract from the village stating that current relationship will remain intact throughout the process. General information: Library committee will meet at 6:00pm on Thursday January 6, 2022 at the library to work on these needs. Bill also informed the council of changes that would take place if their status changes to a district library. The library would have to carry their own insurance, have a separate audit, maintain/rent the building. Township would collect the taxes. Much discussion followed.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Two full funerals took place at the cemetery
- 2) Plowed several times
- 3) Pumpage reports and water testing is done. Several of the annual tests are due and will be done this week – these are the expensive tests.
- 4) Some damage was done to the well field (turfig) Much was caught on camera and information has been forwarded to the police.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Installation of new stop signs at the four corners (Maple/Main) has been completed by Rathco. DPW will follow up on the holes left from removal of old signs. Appreciated the work that the DPW did on this project.
- 2) The issue of jake braking within the village has diminished after bringing it to the attention of the owner of a local company.
- 3) Sidewalks will be evaluated this spring and a list will be made regarding repairs.
- 4) Discussion on speed limit signs and the reduced speed ahead signs. Joline will research.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Researching grant possibilities and the application process.

Water:

- 1) Completing the process of learning all aspects of the water system. Observed meter reading and billing. Will learn about applying payments some time before next meeting.

Administration/Employee Relations: Reminder to send all budget requests in; working on insurance changes for TJ

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Continues to be issues with stolen mail from mailboxes
- 2) Several Baby Jesus figurines were stolen from yard displays in the village
- 3) Destruction to the well field
- 4) Attempted burglary & assault at a village residence
- 5) Please be aware – it appears that some of the above offenses were done by village residents. Nick forwarded all information to law enforcement. Capt. Christenson stated that instead of notifying Nick, it would be far better for residents to call the police immediately
- 6) Nick did follow up on possible solutions to gaining some police presence within the village currently none have come to fruition. Much discussion followed including the possibility of contracting with the sheriff's department, neighborhood watch including using social media.
- 7) There is a concern that incidents could escalate if there are no consequences due to a lack of enforcement and it is the desire of the council to make the village a safe place to live.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Met with Rob regarding several properties including 142 S. Church Street (wrote a ticket); 212 E. Maple – appears to be taking care of the issues or will be soon. Anderson will be going back to court on a contempt charge from a previous ticket/judgment. Selbee took pictures as follow up as a notice was already posted. Permits at 110 S. Main are expired; have requested a certificate of occupancy from David Hamilton. Linderman at 375 E. Maple has until 7th to get a permit or to tear down the structures. If he doesn't comply a ticket will be issued. Discussion followed.
- 2) Ordinances – all trustees received a copy of ordinance draft, please read over, give David input. Will discuss next meeting.

Old Business:

- 1) Good feedback on the Christmas Lights event. Make plans to do it again next year.
- 2) Put an article in the Crescent letting village residents know the goals/direction of the council.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.
Linda Coburn - Clerk