

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
November 16, 2021

Call to Order 7:30pm

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

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve November 2, 2021 minutes. Unanimously approved.

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$15,327.61. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve October Treasurer's Report of \$918,922.70 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests:

Sean Perrin – Updated council – October 18 runs anticipate being over 200 for the year. Halloween event went well – served just under 200 hot dogs. There is a shortage of ambulance crews in the county which could affect ambulance service.

Joan Vanpatten – Has seen positive improvements and is attending to be informed and get involved in the community.

Anthony Bates – reported that he will not be running for county commissioner in the next election. Began update on library activity stating that they are reverse engineering to figure out how much millage is needed to support the library.

Bill Lewis – continued giving details regarding the library millage. The millage would be collected at the township level. There would be some cost savings for the village if they are successful becoming a district library including savings on maintenance, insurance, audit, payroll, etc.

Communications: HHW 3rd Quarter Newsletter

Public Works: No Report

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Due to removal of current stop signs the Rathco bid came in \$8.64 above the approved \$3,500. (Chaney/Kenney) Motion to approve \$8.64 for the previously approved Rathco quote for stop signs. Quote was approved at previous meeting for \$3500 and the amount is \$3,508.64. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 2) Rathco will contact the village after materials are ready. TJ or Mike will need to be present during the process. Joline also requested that the village keep the stop signs being removed.

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

- 1) Judy Knowles has been appointed to the library board. (Sutherland/Denney) Motion to accept Judy Knowles as a member of the library board. Unanimously approved.
- 2) Started the application process for a grant from FireKeepers.
- 3) No response from Kaboom on the funding request. Will not pursue.

Water: No Report

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) (Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to give Christmas Bonus of 2% to DPW & Office staff. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 2) Start sending all budget requests to Denise. Most work is done in January but the sooner we get info the better.

Public Safety:

- 1) Witnessed an individual blow through the stop sign on Main/Maple. Contacted our security camera company and was able to obtain a copy of the footage which was forwarded to the Sheriff's Office. Also, now have the information to create the copy ourselves for incidents in the future.

- 2) Discussed hiring extra patrols from the Sheriff's office for directed patrols within the village. The cost would be \$75/hour. If we choose to do this, the village desires to have a written contract listing expectations/things to be accomplished by the patrols.
- 3) Mail boxes are being destroyed & mail is being stolen again. Be aware, report any incident promptly. This is a federal offense.
- 4) Discovered through conversation that any electronic speed signs need to be approved by the Kalamazoo County Road Commission prior to installation.
- 5) Capt. Price gave stats for October: 20 occurrences which is up from September.
- 6) Discussion about two individuals who are speeding through/around the village on motor bikes.

Ordinance:

- 1) Working on amendments/changes to our ordinances. Several still need to be done including animal code & marijuana code.
- 2) Requested a copy of the ordinance book in a workable format. Clerk will work on this.
- 3) 3 properties have not complied with requests and need to be taken to the next level. Rob (McCain) is extremely busy and it might be up to 3 weeks before he can get to these but they will eventually get done.
- 4) 2 letters were sent in regards to the residence at Cherry & Sheldon - one to the resident and the other to the recorded owner.
- 5) Received a dog complaint – still investigating.
- 6) Camper parked at the corner of Watson/S. Main appeared to be staying but they were just in transit.
- 7) Requested information regarding follow up on 115 Watson porch. Clerk will forward.
- 8) 375 E Maple is in non-compliance; requested bids for clean up. (Miller/Chaney) motion to authorize WT Forestry to clean up wood/branches, etc. at 375 E. Maple and accept bid for \$400. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 9) Regarding speed limit signs – large signs are sometimes available on ebay for reasonable cost. This may be a solution to consider. Discussion followed.

Old Business:

Holiday Lights Contest – Joline, Janet, and Nick will be judges. These three will decide on details and promote the event in the Crescent and on social media. Regarding prizes: one gift card for \$50 has been donated.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Chaney) The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk