

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

October 19, 2021

Call to Order 7:30pm

Present: Joline Chaney, Carolyn Kelly, Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, David Miller, Janet Sutherland, Linda Coburn – Clerk

Absent: Jim Cummings– President, Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Sean Perrin, Bill Lewis, Anthony Bates

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

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to approve October 5, 2021 minutes. Unanimously approved.

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$6,797.87. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

(Kenney/Chaney) Motion to approve August Treasurer’s Report of \$903,644.26 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests:

Sean Perrin – Updated council – September 13 runs, 1 in village. Seems to be an increase in car accidents county wide, entering ‘house fire season’. Inquired about when the village would be encouraging trick or treating. Council supports trick or treating on October 31.

Bill Lewis – representing the library. Continuing to work on the millage with help from the state. Stumpkins program will be in the park on Sat. Oct. 23. Continue to apply for a multitude of grants.

Anthony Bates – spoke about the redistricting for Kalamazoo County. There will now be 9 districts instead of 11. He will be running in the November 2022 election for our district. As CTS has been sold he will now begin working with MetroNet regarding better internet coverage throughout our area.

Communications: None

Public Works: No Report - Bill Lewis publicly thanked the DPW for their excellent work maintaining the library. Sean Perrin commented on positive responses regarding the newly painted water tower. He thanked the council for investing in our community

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Received 2 estimates for the cost of 8 new stop signs for the main/maple intersection. Rathco - \$1,6?? plus installation, Capital \$2,792 materials & install. Waiting on 2 more estimates and cost of install from Rathco. Tabled until all estimates are received. Clerk will investigate possible funding options within budget.
- 2) KCRC response to inquiry regarding 3-way stop at Ebinger & Maple to slow traffic was negative. Said it would need to be engineered.

Parks/Library/Cemetery: One inquiry from local church asking for information on the Columnbarium.

Water: All maintenance on the water tower is complete. Random sampling was done per state request at pump three. Water will need to be tested quarterly due to results.

Administration/Employee Relations: Treasurer has been able to continue working, remaining water bill payments will be processed this week. Surgery scheduled for Oct. 27.

Public Safety:

- 1) Handed out an updated sex offenders list for our area. This is public information which is good to be aware of especially during this time of year. Discussion followed.
- 2) Response from law enforcement regarding Maple Circle property with marijuana on premises: at the time of offense the fence was within compliance, if it no longer appears to be in compliance contact law enforcement so that a follow up can be made.
- 3) Capt. Christianson sent stats for last month – 30 stops in the village most routine including welfare checks, directed patrols, 911 hang ups, etc.
- 4) Response from law enforcement regarding loose dogs not on leashes: Loose dogs (non-threatening situation) are an animal control complaint – take a picture and contact the non-emergency number. Loose dogs in a threatening situation, 911 should be called.

Ordinance:

- 1) Waiting on a couple more court orders which went in on Friday. 129 Ebinger is a contempt order so we will have to wait and see what action is taken.
- 2) Positive responses from several residents who received violation letters.
- 3) Several tickets need to be issued depending on the budget figures.
- 4) Question brought up regarding lowering of the dirt pile at the new construction site on S. Main. Will look into the time frame for removal.
- 5) Driveway permit received for 321 W. Maple St. (Kenney/Chaney) Motion to approve the driveway permit as submitted by Charles Pucket/C&E Builders for 321 W. Maple St. Unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- 1) Electronic sign for the village to communicate with general public. Quote received from Burkett Signs. Council in agreement that this item is needed and it should be put in to 2022-23 budget.
- 2) Council would like to see stop signs & speed devices purchased this current budget year. Clerk will have figures for next meeting in regards to funding.
- 3) Suggestion made by Bill Lewis to look into grants available through casinos within our area.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk