

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting  
January 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

**Present:** Chaney, Kelly, Ludwig, Miller, Sutherland, Cummings, Coburn

**Absent:** Borden, Kenney    **Guests:** Roger Smith, Stormy Cook, Bill Lewis, Sean Perrin, Carol Brock-Cook

**(Sutherland/Ludwig)** Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

**(Ludwig/Sutherland)** Motion to approve minutes from January 2, 2024. CARRIED

**(Sutherland/Kelly)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$1,452.95 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

**(Ludwig/Sutherland)** Motion to approve treasurer's report \$902,649.07 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: *Stormy Cook* – expressed interest in the open trustee position on the district library board; gave general qualifications including organizational skills, promoting – social media/newsletters, etc. Will send resume/info.

*Bill Lewis* – Expressed concern about getting a trustee in place as soon as possible and reiterated the library boards previous recommendation of Wendall Stoeffler. Discussion followed. Informed the council that installation of the front exit door is complete. Installation went as planned with the addition of rebuilding the threshold. He will forward bills to the village email.

*Carol Brock Cook* - Expressed her desire as a current library board member to have the best candidate for the position. More discussion followed.

Village council will vote on appointing a village resident to the library board at the next village meeting – February 6, 2024.

*Sean Perrin* – Ended the year with 229 runs. Will have a more detailed report in February. December there were 30 runs – 3 in the village for medical. Currently at 12 runs for January.

Communications: None.

Public Works: Spending lots of time plowing/salting/sanding. Issue with the plow truck getting looked at tomorrow. Would like the council to approve a letter of intent to purchase the new village truck. (Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve the purchase of a new truck in fiscal year 2024-25 at a cost of \$48,347 and to issue a letter of intent to purchase. CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0. Reviewed need for more lighting in the park – to be done along with the rehab of the war memorial.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: No Report

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No Report

Water: No Report

Administration/Employee Relations: Brief discussion on the budget.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) 2023 Stats - 155 citizen initiated calls; officer initiated calls included 143 directed patrols & 34 traffic stops.
- 2) Reminder that anyone can call Silent Observer 343-2100 and remain anonymous.
- 3) Multitude of job opportunities from deputy to cook – see county website for details.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Two tickets issued last week.
- 2) 329 W. Maple – reviewed course of action over last year after property was purchased through tax auction. Multiple letters sent beginning October 2022 with no response from the owner, ticket issued Aug. 2023 owner did not appear/call in; process continued with three more opportunities for the owner to appear. Owner failed to appear. December 2023 village obtained a court order allowing demolition. Bids are currently being obtained.
- 3) First reading of parking ordinance.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Linda Coburn, Clerk