

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting  
December 21, 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, TJ Gibson

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

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve December 7, 2021 minutes. Unanimously approved.

**(Sutherland/Chaney)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$5,047.24. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

**(Ludwig/Kenney)** Motion to approve November Treasurer’s Report of \$937,938.55 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests:

*Sean Perrin* – Updated council – November 22 runs, 8 in the village. Currently at 19 for December with our annual total at 215 which is the highest on record for the department. Beginning in the near future the fire department will be working with the school regarding emergency preparedness.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Meters are done for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.
- 2) The new computers for the pumps are working well. TJ is working with the company to take advantage of digital controls that are now available. In regards to this, TJ requested access to the cameras that are at the well-field so that when he gets alerts, he can also see what is happening from his phone.
- 3) New light bars on the plow trucks. The big plow truck is getting checked out.
- 4) There is an issue at 365 S. Main St. it appears that the resident is trenching water, CTS & electric to a camper at the back of the property.
- 5) Lakeland Asphalt (as well as other asphalt companies) are slowing down and are looking to give quotes for jobs next summer. Joline will work on this.
- 6) Burial on Monday – first full burial (not cremation) funeral since last year.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Continuing to work with Rathco regarding stop signs. The bid did increase again. (Chaney/Kenney) Motion to approve the increase of \$344 making the total bill \$3,852.64 for 8 stops signs w/installation at the four corners (Main/Maple). Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 2) Discussed large trucks using their jake brakes within the village. This is contrary to the noise ordinance. TJ will follow up with some of the local businesses that have trucks regularly driving through the village. David will get the ordinance information to Sean Perrin so that signs can be made.

Parks/Library/Cemetery: No Report

Water:

- 1) Rode with TJ & learned about meter reading. Takes them several days to read all of the meters.
- 2) T-Mobile contract (bought out Sprint) will need to be reviewed. Clerk will give Carolyn a copy of the contract.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Update on Brenda. She is recovering & is back to work full time.
- 2) Remember to give your budget requests to Linda or Denise
- 3) Health insurance needs to be reviewed since it has been two years. TJ requested cost info for adding a spouse.
- 4) Regarding budget – ordinance enforcement needs to be greatly increased per Jim.

Public Safety:

- 1) Follow up: Regarding income from tickets that are written in the village: Normally tickets are written under state statutes therefore the income goes to the state & police since they incur the cost of enforcing the ticket.
- 2) Follow up: Regarding directed patrols: if we do this we will need to have a contract drawn up by the attorney. It was suggested that the patrols be a few hours, monthly at various days/times. Also, Nick will check to see if there is an existing contract that we can modify. Several suggestions were made regarding law enforcement.

- 3) County has suspended ride-alongs indefinitely.
- 4) Stolen mail, stolen catalytic converters, etc. be aware and watch for patterns, log information including dates and times. The more information you have when you call dispatch, the better the chances they can do something about a situation. Also, if situations arise with individuals within the village, call dispatch when it happens. Discussion followed.
- 5) Sheriff's department had 14 calls to the village in the last two months. They did respond to a report of shots fired in the field by Maple Circle. No reported results from that incident at this time.

Ordinance:

- 1) 375 E. Maple continues to be an issue. Will continue course of action.
- 2) Noise complaint about above residence. Also will be issued a cease and desist order due to not getting proper permits for building addition & fence. \$400 lien has been placed on the property for the cost of clean up.
- 3) Issues with 2 properties that have campers being used as dwellings which is an ordinance violation. 329 W. Maple and 365 S. Main. David & Nick will follow up.
- 4) Ordinances are still being worked on by the attorney. Both the attorney & our ordinance officer are very busy. Issues with ordinance violations are wide-spread throughout the county.
- 5) Overall concern with the age of the village. Many houses are in need of repair due to lack of regular upkeep and the cost to repair them becomes prohibitive. It is a cycle that the council is trying to stop by getting homeowners to be responsible for their properties. Suggestions was made to have Bruce put an article in the paper with the goals/plans of the council for the village.

Old Business:

Holiday Lights Contest – Joline, Janet, and Nick will be judges. Winners have been awarded prizes. They will be announced in the Crescent.

New Business: None

**(Sutherland/Ludwig)** The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk