

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 19, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

**Present:** Chaney, Kelly, Kenney, Ludwig, Miller, Sutherland, Coburn, Borden

**Absent:** None **Guests:** Sean Perrin, Cody Lindhorst

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

**(Ludwig/Chaney)** Motion to approve minutes from March 5, 2024. CARRIED

**(Sutherland/Ludwig)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$4,207.24 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

**(Kenney/Chaney)** Motion to approve treasurer's report \$936,299.54 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: *Sean Perrin* – 20 calls in February, 6 calls were in the village. They have a lead on a truck.

*Cody Lindhorst* – purchased the old Crescent house – and is concerned about 2 trees within the right-of-way – one is dead. He would like both removed. Discussion followed. **(Ludwig/Kenney)** Motion to take down the dead tree at 150 N. Main Street at a cost of \$3,500 (WT Forestry). CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Communications: None.

Public Works:

- 1) Filled in gravel along roads
- 2) Village sign on E. Maple came down in the last storm. Will be replacing (approx.. cost \$1200) Will look at all village signs and consider updating as needed.
- 3) PFAs samples done – trace detected so now on quarterly testing which will increase expenses.
- 4) Spring equipment maintenance is getting done
- 5) Memorial in park – light is done, still working on details.
- 6) Methodist Church will be getting parking lot redone in 2025 would like to coordinate village sidewalk improvements with this project.
- 7) Project: walk through the village and prioritize/check all trees in order to plan & budget in the future.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Larry from OHM will attend April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with information on Railroad Quiet Zone.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Discussed memorial – benches are almost done. Miller requested detailed list of costs and a rendering for the council to review.

Water: Expected revenue is approx. \$22,000/quarter; discussed \$25 admin. fee - warrants more research.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Treasurer & clerk cost of living increase. **(Kenney/Chaney)** Motion to give treasurer & clerk a 3% cost of living raise & direct clerk to create a resolution stating the same to be voted on at next meeting. CARRIED-Roll call 6-0
- 2) Resignation of treasurer – Brenda Borden. Read letter to council. **(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to accept the resignation of Brenda Borden with her last day of May 31, 2024. CARRIED
- 3) Discussion followed regarding the need for a deputy clerk & deputy treasurer.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Catalytic converter theft is escalating again – especially trucks/SUVs
- 2) Mail thief has been apprehended
- 3) Memorial Day parade – sheriff will provide personnel for that event.
- 4) Requested meeting with Deputy Murphy (school liaison) and new captain of patrol.
- 5) Discussed moving one of the speed signs.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Discussed bids **(Kenney/Ludwig)** Motion to accept bid from Robert Bailey Contractors to demo 329 W. Maple St. at a cost of \$15,000. CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Old Business: Reviewed the budget approval process & stated that budget approval process was done correctly.

New Business:

- 1) Miller nominated Alyssa Schwili to fill the vacant trustee position. **(Kenney/Chaney)** Motion to appoint Alyssa Schwili to the vacant trustee position. CARRIED

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Linda Coburn, Clerk