

# *Village of Climax*

Regular Meeting

March 1, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

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

**(Ludwig/Kelly)** Motion to approve agenda with change – move Ordinances above Communications. Unanimously approved

**(Kenney/Kelly)** Motion to approve minutes from January 18, 2022. Unanimously approved

**(Kenney/Ludwig)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$6, 403.25. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests: Murat Bates – brought to the attention of the village a company giving away house painting services. He will forward information to the clerk.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Busy getting quotes on the roads for this summer. Noted the importance of maintaining the roads properly. Some discussion followed regarding 5 year plan for road maintenance.
- 2) Water tests & pumpage reports are done for the month
- 3) The water shut-off valve was found for the residence on Sheldon St.
- 4) Water building is in need of a new roof – will get a quote.
- 5) Street sign on Ebinger was run over and is being replaced.
- 6) Discussed frustration with CN workers driving across the well field property. Wondering what our options are for stopping it. Brenda will do a search for any right-of-ways that have been granted.
- 7) Mike & TJ need to renew their water certification. Paperwork is done, taking a class for the necessary CEUs.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Working with TJ to acquire more knowledge about the roads.
- 2) Received quote for striping including railroad markings & crosswalks. The quote is approximately \$4,700. Discussion followed.
- 3) Discussed replacing sidewalks and TJ gave a rundown on the procedure. Sidewalks are assessed in the summer and usually replaced late summer/early fall. The builder on S. Main indicated he would like new sidewalks in front of the residence and would be willing to cover costs.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Gave clerk \$125 to cover half of the cost of the Title Search
- 2) Presented the council with a Memorandum of Understanding for approval. Council will review, consulting village attorney if needed.
- 3) They have found an individual that works in restoration who will do repairs on the front door to make it usable. The cost will be substantially less and will maintain the historical value of the door.
- 4) Bill Lewis expressed his appreciation for the council and stated that he was glad to have an understanding and good working relationship between the village and the library.

Water:

- 1) UPS was a necessary upgrade
- 2) Well head protection program/insurance – approached by a company to purchase. While it may help with grant writing it does not include protection from farmers (nitrates), not recommended by our DPW.
- 3) Confirmed that we have the roof for the water building in the budget for 22-23 as well as pump #2.
- 4) As a follow up to a question regarding water usage for fighting fires – it is a common practice/courtesy for municipalities to use/make available the nearest water source.

Administration/Employee Relations: Working on the budget, copies will be emailed to you within a week. Introduced several proposed changes in salaries & benefits. Any comments or questions should be directed to Denise.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Contacted Vandyke about their presence until a contract is completed. Waiting for a return call.
- 2) Also, discovered that if purchase a speed sign the location(s) must be approved by KCRC.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Noxious Weed Ordinance was published. Now we need to post this.
- 2) Properties at 329 W. Maple St. & 125 Cherry St. have been condemned due to lack of water and sewer.
- 3) Hearing on March 11 for 329 W. Maple St. ticket
- 4) Hearing on March 11 for 375 E. Maple St. ticket; a letter was also sent to owner encouraging them to direct the resident to comply and correct ordinance violations.

Old Business: Clean up dates for this year? Clerk will email dates to the council.  
Denise contacted Burkett regarding more cost effective options for a village sign.

New Business: None

**(Chaney/Kenney)** Motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.  
Linda Coburn - Clerk