

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

July 6, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

**Present:** Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, David Miller, Janet Sutherland, Jim Cummings-President, Linda Coburn – Clerk

**Absent:** Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Carolyn Kelly, Joline Chaney, Anthony Bates

**(Ludwig/Sutherland)** Motion to approve July 6, 2021 agenda with addition. Unanimously approved

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve minutes from June 15, 2021. Unanimously approved

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$28,003.40 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

**(Ludwig/Kenney)** Motion to approve May Treasurer’s Report in the amount of \$761,269.49 Unanimously approved - roll call vote

Guests: Anthony Bates – Invited all in attendance to a community BBQ July 17, 4:00p address: 7145 S. 40<sup>th</sup> St. Also made a suggestion for promoting community – Summer Fest or September/October Fest event.

Carolyn Kelly – Questions regarding a neighbor’s fence that is not completed; clarification of requirements for growing medical marijuana; beehives within the village. David will research. She is also interested in the council vacancies. She gave some background and expressed her desire to be more involved in the community.

Joline Chaney – Interested in the trustee position that oversees the roads. She also gave some background information.

**(Ludwig/Kenney)** Motion to appoint Carolyn Kelly to the open trustee position that oversees the water. Unanimously approved.

**(Denney/Sutherland)** Motion to appoint Joline Chaney to the open trustee position that oversees the roads. Unanimously approved.

Communications: MML letter regarding the annual meeting in Grand Rapids; Received Final Road Accounting for the 2020 grant project. Based on the cost and the initial bid the village will need to return \$147 to MDOT.

## Public Works:

- 1) Lovell Street Culvert – M. Coville Excavating has completed their portion of the job. Now waiting on the concrete – company will be starting tomorrow to frame and hope to pour on Thursday – weather permitting. After they are done the DPW will seed the area and will replace shrubs that had to be removed for the excavating.
- 2) Water tower painting has been delayed due to pressure trucks unavailable. New start date is August 6, 2021.
- 3) PFAs testing is done for the quarter.
- 4) Mower – had an issue with the new mower but everything is covered under warranty. It will take 2 weeks to get the part so they are making due with one mower.
- 5) 2 lots in the village have been mowed with the charges added to the owners’ tax bill.
- 6) TJ inquired about Juneteenth as a paid holiday. Denise will follow up.
- 7) Mower Bids – 4 bids were received for the Kubota mower – 2 bids were \$2200. Clerk will contact each party to see if they would like to increase their bid. Council approved the sale to the party that bids the highest.
- 8) The water buildings need to be re-roofed. TJ will work on getting bids.

Water: No Report

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No report. Jim will write an ad to put in the Crescent regarding donations for improving the basketball/tennis court in the park.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: No Report. TJ is following up on the new village sign.

## Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Suggested that we purchase new yard sale signs with wording such as ‘Last Saturday in June’ and also have a scheduled rain date.
- 2) Asbestos needs to be removed from the library – it will come from building & grounds
- 3) Linda is researching % we should keep in fund equity. This will allow us to have a better understanding of what we should/could be spending out of each fund.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Nick distributed a Crime map for Kalamazoo County for June 1, 2021-June 30, 2021. He discussed both the positive and negative that could be gleaned from this information.
- 2) He has contacted the police regarding the motorcycles, quads, etc. that are driving throughout the village. Try to get it on camera or if it happens in town, note the time and let Nick know so he can check the security cameras. He is also waiting for the spreadsheet from Capt. Christianson listing the actual patrols in the village.
- 3) Fireworks season is now over. If you observe any being set off on public property, call the non-emergency dispatch number 488-8911.
- 4) Discussed the tornado siren – Nick will check with the fire department.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) 3 tickets have been issued – Columbine, Ebinger & N. Church. The tickets were issued after letters were sent but no response or abatement took place.
- 2) Kalamazoo has a weed ordinance that we need to adopt for the village. David will follow up on this.
- 3) Several issues regarding individuals attempting to avoid fines/towing by moving vehicles.
- 4) Still looking for solutions in regards to the speeding traffic within the village. Nick will look for any grants available for traffic control devices.
- 5) Suggestion made to directly contact some of the companies that have semis traveling through the village.

Old Business:

- 1) **(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to spend up to \$3000 to hire Tapplin to remove asbestos from the library basement. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

New Business: The drinking fountain in the park was brought up. The current fountain is not fixable. TJ will research the possibilities for a replacement.

**(Sutherland/Ludwig)** Motion to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk