

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 15, 2022

Call to Order 7:30pm

**Present:** Joline Chaney, Carolyn Kelly, Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, David Miller, Janet Sutherland, Jim Cummings– President, Linda Coburn–Clerk, Brenda Borden–Treasurer **Absent:** None **Guests:** Julie Tiller, Doug (Legion) Sean Perrin

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

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve March 1, 2022 minutes with correction - Kenney instead of Sutherland should have been the first on motion to approve minutes & motion to approve bill package. Unanimously approved.

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$5,009.46 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

**(Ludwig/Chaney)** Motion to approve February Treasurer’s report of \$856,622.02. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests:

*Julie Tiller* – Provided the council with a detailed report of the Memorial Day/Founder’s Day event. The goal for the event is to work together for an amazing event for our community. All information reported is on the FaceBook page ‘Climax Memorial Day & Founder’s Day May 30, 2022’. Events include parade, craft booths, food trucks, cornhole tournament, games, face painting, balloon shaping, music in the park, motorcycle & tractor displays, book & plant sale, Run to Climax, etc. Printed examples of the promotions on facebook were shown. Multiple businesses and individuals from the area are making donations to help cover costs. Discussed placement of portable toilets – clerk will secure these through Flash Sanitation.

*Doug (from the American Legion)* – As the sponsor of the Memorial Day parade, he made a formal request to use the streets for the parade which will begin at 10:00 am. **(Ludwig/Chaney)** Motion to allow the American Legion to use the streets within the village for the parade on Memorial Day 2022. Unanimously approved.

Jim Cummings suggested that the village donate \$1000 to the event. **(Sutherland/Chaney)** Motion to donate \$1000 to the Memorial Day & Founder’s Day Event on May 31, 2022. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

*Sean Perrin* – Updated the village with stats: 29 runs in January with 19 in February (4 in village – all medical) and at 7 for March. So far in the area this year there have been 4 barn fires. Still having an issue with manpower. Discussed fuel budget. Recapped that they will be purchasing 6 new sets of gear. A question was asked regarding how things work with water usage during a fire. He explained to the council that is there is negligence or no permit that the township can choose to bill the individual/business responsible. This rarely happens. Municipalities simply share water with each other as needed for the safety and well being of all citizens.

Communications: None

## Public Works

- 1) There was another funeral (cremation burial) at the cemetery.
- 2) Requested that the council consider paying for Bill Sackrider to maintain water certification. He serves as a back-up if needed. **(Kenney/Kelley)** Motion to cover the cost of water certification renewal for Bill Sackrider in the amount of \$200. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 3) Zero-turn mower is not running correctly. It is getting repaired under warranty.
- 4) Met with Crystal Flash regarding pre-buying fuel. Based on the amount we use and the current higher price of fuel, pre-buying was not recommended.
- 5) Meter Reading starts tomorrow
- 6) Working on getting Clean Earth scheduled to clean out drains. Ideally we will schedule the last week of March and the first week of April.
- 7) Keeping an eye on the leak near the high school. We will not know the cost of repair until the area is excavated and the pipes can be seen. TJ wondered if our insurance would cover something like this. Clerk will check with Decker.
- 8) Gave input of DPW regarding which roads should be redone this year. Their recommendation is to redo N & S Lovell St. and chip seal/fog seal/crack fill E & W Maple St.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) (Chaney/Ludwig) Motion to accept the bid from Lakeland Asphalt for N & S Lovell St. in the amount of \$37,037. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 2) Discussed cold patching some of the small spots on the village roads. TJ said that it could be done but it would have to wait until all the frost is out of the ground in order to be effective.
- 3) Discussed putting the cost of chip seal/fog seal/crack fill of E & W Maple St. in the 2022-23 budget.
- 4) Discussed making better use of the council committees to research and make decisions to present items to the council as a whole.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: MOU presented at previous meeting will be sent to the village attorney for review.

Water:

- 1) All samples are done.
- 2) Reviewed some details regarding Pump #2 and upcoming maintenance.
- 3) Reviewed shut-off for non-payment there was only one
- 4) Discussed future business development within the community.

Public Safety:

- 1) During a discussion the Sheriff's office indicated that we needed permission from RCKC on placement of a speed/radar sign within the village. RCKC's response was that we could place the sign anywhere within the village but it must be 20 feet from any other signs.
- 2) Applied for a grant from AAA which may help pay for the speed sign.
- 3) Still waiting for a response for the Sheriff's office regarding getting some patrols prior to a contract being in place. Jim may make a call to see if he can get a response.
- 4) Update: 2 suspects were apprehended in the mail theft case.

Ordinance:

- 1) Selbee & Linderman both had hearings scheduled for March 11. Had an opportunity to meet with the owners of Linderman property. There has been some progress made on that clean up. Also appears that clean up is being done on the Selbee property. We do have orders on both cases.
- 2) Regarding issue of CN workers driving across village property – happened to meet with an individual who is a supervisor and he said that he would instruct the workers to not go across the well field. There is not an easement on record so the village could put up a gate or barrier of some kind.
- 3) ARP funds – a final rule for usage has been issued. Sent copy to clerk.
- 4) David will also look into funds from federal government for use in public safety.
- 5) Discussed 3 properties with Rob for going forward. Hoping people will comply more quickly after the last year.
- 6) House on Church Street is being worked on to comply with the need to be painted.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Discussed budget amendments needed to balance the budget. (Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve \$9,648 in budget amendments in order to balance 2021-22 budget. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 2) (Chaney/Kenney) Motion to accept quote from RCKC for \$58,000 to chip seal/fog seal/crack fill E & W Maple St. to be done in 2022-23 budget year. Unanimously approved.
- 3) (Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to call a special meeting on March 29 at 7:30 to discuss/approve the 2022-23 budget and also to have a public hearing regarding the budget at 8:00 p.m. for public comment on the budget. Unanimously approved.
- 4) (Ludwig/Miller) Motion to extend the regular meeting past 10:00 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk