

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
December 7, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

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

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

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve minutes from November 16, 2021 with spelling correction. Unanimously approved

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$74,664.57 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests: None.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pumpage reports are done for the month of December.
- 2) Christmas lights are up and timer is working.
- 3) Picked up eight dump truck loads of leaves after the Monday before Thanksgiving deadline. Had to get equipment ready for winter. Definitely done picking up leaves. They now are the homeowners responsibility and we do not pick up leaves in the spring.
- 4) Gave Burkett Signs a \$50 gift card to Applebee's for putting up lights.
- 5) DPW crew want to thank you for the Christmas bonus. It is greatly appreciated.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Still in contact with Rathco regarding a time frame for installing new stop signs at the main/maple intersection. They are waiting on parts but have not been helpful with a time line.
- 2) Discussion regarding other options being considered including speed signs (next year's budget) & hired sheriff patrols. Two questions – do we need a contract from our attorney if we do this? And Will we receive some of the ticket income for tickets written within the village?

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No Report (Clerk has contacted Flash Sanitation multiple times regarding picking up the portable toilet in the park.)

Water:

- 1) Possible issue with one of the pumps. Getting it checked out.
- 2) Will be learning how the water meter reading works.
- 3) Will be working with Brenda this quarter to learn about the water billing process

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Spoke with Capt. Christensen regarding current issues within Kalamazoo County. One major current issue is catalytic converters being stolen. Also vehicle thefts within the city are up. Be aware when you are warming up your car during these winter months. Report suspicious activity.
- 2) There was a dog attack near the village, a bicyclist was injured. Animal came out immediately and took the dog into custody. The dog was quarantined for 10 days and will be exterminated. This is the normal procedure.
- 3) Concern that there are 2 dogs being kept outside at 206 S. Main St. Animal control will be contacted.
- 4) Beware of theft of packages during this time of year. Again, report any suspicious activity to the sheriff and also to the postal inspectors.
- 5) The sheriff's office is hiring for a variety of positions.
- 6) Planning to schedule a ride-along with a deputy in the near future.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) According to Safebuilt the overhang issue at 115 Watson has been removed so there is no longer a violation.
- 2) Cherry St. resident has cleaned up the junk that was in front of the garage.
- 3) 206 S. Main St. has been ticketed regarding the camper being used as a residence.
- 4) 212 E. Maple St, 132 S. Church St. & 214 Church all need to be ticketed for violations.
- 5) Discussion followed regarding several other concerns.
- 6) Ordinances are continuing to be updated.

Old Business:

Christmas Light Contest. Judging will take place on December 17. Winners will be announced at the village council meeting on December 21. Several businesses and individuals have donated gift cards/items for prizes.

New Business:

- 1) Concern regarding piles of leaves in residences that are not being taken to the compost. Two council members will follow up on this as it is the homeowners responsibility
- 2) The American Legion is promoting their restaurant and would like to put up some signs advertising hours.

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Linda Coburn - Clerk