

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

February 2, 2021

**Present:** Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, David Miller, Janet Sutherland, Jayci Torrance, Jim Cummings-President, Linda Coburn – Clerk, **Absent:** Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Anthony Bates, Bill Lewis

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve February 2, 2021 agenda with addition. Unanimously approved

**(Ludwig/Kenney)** Motion to approve minutes from January 19, 2021. Unanimously approved.

**(Ludwig/Sutherland)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$3,109.28 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests. Bill Lewis

- 1) Request approval/appointment of Jamie Camp to the library board through 2022.
- 2) (Kenney/Torrance) Motion to accept appointment of Jamie camp to the Library Board with a term ending 2022. Unanimously approved.
- 3) Requested information from Decker in regards library coverage
- 4) They may be changing the code at the library.

Communications: KATS Contributed Services Agreement – this will give the village another avenue in regards to funding.

Public Works:

- 1) Peeless Midwest was out for the annual inspection
- 2) Testing done including PFAs
- 3) Plow truck is at Gibson's truck repair. The county will put salt/sand on roads for us if needed.
- 4) TJ went over the DPW request for a new lawn mower – discussion followed about selling the old mower by sealed bid instead of using as a trade in.

Water:

- 1) Reviewed the costs regarding maintenance of the water tower for 2021-22 budget year.
- 2) Discussed utility disconnects. The current restrictions regarding water shut-offs for non-payment ends on March 31 at which time collections can resume. He is still searching for specifics in regards to this.
- 3) Requested that Brenda double check the charges on the water bills. It appears that the increase in administration costs has not been added to all of the water bills.
- 4) (Deller/Ludwig) Motion to approve \$121,730 for repairs to the water tower as presented by DPW to be done during the 2021-22 budget year. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Janet has been soliciting information in regards to resurfacing the tennis courts/basketball courts in the park. Received some verbal information from Spencer Whiteside at Racquet Sports located in Grand Rapids. If appears that their cost would be significantly less than an asphalt company. Janet will ask for a formal quote in writing.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Hopes to replace more sidewalks this year since we did not do very many last year. TJ reminded the council of the sidewalks that will need to be replaced when the culvert project is done this spring on Lovell/Maple.

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) President Biden did sign a mask mandate for all federal property.
- 2) Restaurants are open for dine in, unfortunately Bowman's BBQ will not be reopening.
- 3) Larceny incidents at the trailer park – 1 incident file was created.
- 4) Follow up to a previous question regarding the distance allowance of sex offenders from parks, schools, etc. As of December 30, 2020 the 1000 ft distance has now been changed due to a lack of ability to enforce due to clarity of how the measurement is done.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Requested two estimates for clean-up at 115 Watson. Received one bid from Bernie's Haul-Away for a cost of \$1,200. They need 24 hours notice. Waiting on a bid from College Hunks. We will use TJ Towing to tow the cars from the property. The goal will be to have everything done at the same time. We will need to have law enforcement present. (Miller/Ludwig) Motion to hire/approve bid from Bernie's Haul-Away to provide clean-up of 115 Watson pursuant to the court order dated December 21, 2020.

- 2) The process of updating the ordinances is off to a slow start – the attorney has been contacted to obtain the proper procedure.
- 3) Waiting on hearing dates for 2 more properties
- 4) Letters have been sent to several other properties.

Old Business:

- 1) HHW contract received for 2021. (Torrance/Miller) Motion to fund the HHW contract for \$600. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 2) Junk pick up dates have been set for 2021: May 22, 2021 and October 9, 2021.

New Business: None

**(Torrance/Ludwig)** Motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m.  
Linda Coburn - Clerk