

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
November 2, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

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

(Kenney/Kelly) Motion to November 2, 2021 agenda with date correction from Nov. 3 to Nov 2. Unanimously approved

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

(Ludwig/Kenney) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$1,302.33 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests: *Terry Strong* – Inquired about correct steps to take regarding the Cease & Desist notice he received regarding his fence. The council clarified for him that he needed to obtain a permit through Safebuilt.

Communications: The village received notice of approval of ARPA funds in the amount of \$81,955. Half of the payment will be made to the village from the state by November 23, 2021. The remaining half will be paid to the village one year from the first payment date. The clerk informed the council that a multitude of reporting requirements are attached to the money and the allowable uses are still to be determined. The money needs to be used by 2026.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pumpage reports are done for the month of November
- 2) Dioxin water samples were taken last week and we are waiting on results.
- 3) Motor Shop Electric has been out several times working on the water system computer. They say that the UPS units at both the pump house and water tank are failing. The battery packs usually need changing every 3-4 years and ours are over 6 years old. Quote included for replacement \$2,460. (Ludwig/Kenney) Motion to accept the quote from Integrated Automation Solutions and approve replacement of UPS units in the pump house & water tower at a cost of \$2,460. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Three quotes received regarding new stop signs at Main St. & Maple St. crossroads. Much discussion followed regarding the cost, removal of old signs, enhancing of speed limit signs to increase visibility and the general traffic situation. Nick Ludwig also gave the council detailed information including quotes on speed signs that the village can purchase. After obtaining quotes from two companies he is recommending Trafficlogix for several reasons including less expensive, better service and mobility of the sign. More discussion followed regarding a multifaceted approach to our speeding problem in the village. The first step will be better signs along with Nick looking into the possibility of paying for directed patrols at specific times within the village. (Ludwig/Miller) Motion to accept the bid from Rathco Safety Supply, Inc. for 8 new stop signs. Cost not to exceed \$3,500. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No Report

Water: There were no shut offs this quarter. DPW did have trouble with leaf vac muffler which has been fixed.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) It is time to consider bonus' for the DPW and would also like to consider a bonus for the Clerk & Treasurer.
- 2) Discussed increased responsibility/requirements/changes in the clerk position. Will evaluate and propose an increase in the clerk salary for next year's budget. Discussion followed.
- 3) Briefly discussed DPW health insurance.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Officer Proxmire body cam video has been released
- 2) Officer West passed away – Nick sent condolences on behalf of the village.
- 3) Attended a Township Fire Department meeting
- 4) Made council aware of a Michigan State police mobile app which has a large amount of information.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) More letters are ready to send. Two have already been sent
- 2) Continuing the process of updating the ordinances. They are not ready for review. David is working on them and communicating regularly with the attorney. When the updates are ready he will bring them to the committee first and then to the council in full.
- 3) Several residents have been working on houses in response to letters and/or court orders
- 4) Discussed concerns about several other properties.

Old Business:

- 1) Crematorium is on hold. May consider in 2022-23 budget.

New Business: Joline requested/inquired about a Christmas Light Contest for residences within the village limits. Council gave unanimous support for the idea. Joline will organize the event – she will have more details next meeting.

(Kenney/Kelly) Motion to adjourn at 9:19 p.m.

Linda Coburn - Clerk