

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
February 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 **Absent:** Brenda Borden–Treasurer **Guests:** Charles Smith, Lt. Jim Vanzile, Capt. Amy Price, Jamie Morrison, Anthony Bates, Bill Lewis

(Kenney/Kelly) Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Move Ordinance after communications. Unanimously approved.

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve February 1, 2022 minutes. Unanimously approved.

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$6,154.91 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

(Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to approve January Treasurer’s report of \$861,994.77. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

(Ludwig/Kenney) Motion to approve February Treasurer’s report of \$852,422.67. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests:

Charles Smith – Seeking a variance from the council for 122 Cherry St. Presented the board with drawing of proposed house explaining that he was denied a permit because the required set back from the road causes him to violate the requirements for the back yard. Discussion followed. **(Miller/Ludwig)** Motion to approve a variance allowing the home at 122 Cherry Street to be built with a set back from the front sidewalk of 26’. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Jamie Morrison – representing the Run to Climax committee. They are seeking permission for the 27th year of the run to use the streets within the village of Climax for the 1 mile fun run and the 7K run on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022.

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to allow the Run to Climax committee to use the village streets on Memorial Day for their event. Unanimously approved.

Communications: None

Parks/Library/Cemetery: A meeting took place on February 8 with the library board and the council library committee. A list of maintenance concerns did evolve out of the discussion including a leak in the back corner of the building, front door that is currently unusable but appears to be an exit (much discussion on possible solutions followed), air conditioner replacement needed (Bill Lewis interjected that Consumers Energy has rebates available for upgrading old equipment), old skylight needing insulation, outside light not working, sidewalk outside of building – clearing ice/snow.

Anthony Bates & Bill Lewis representing the library requested that the village consider either selling the building or leasing the building to the library stating that it would be a benefit to the library as it attempts to become a district library. Much discussion followed including the financial ability of the library to maintain the building, the legality of the village selling the building, etc. It was decided that if necessary for the library to pursue the district library status, the village would agree to lease the building to the library if it is something within their legal right.

Public Works: No Report

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

Working on finding grants for funding. There may be some possibilities through Upjohn Institute. The village would need to have an updated Master Plan.

Water:

- 1) Peerless did check all pumps. Pump #2 needs to be in the budget for this year.
- 2) DPW is working on the cross-connection report
- 3) Brenda will be working on shut offs tomorrow
- 4) Question – how does it work when there is a fire and water is used from the water tower? Will check with Mike.

Administration/Employee Relations:

Working on the budget

Public Safety:

Capt. Amy Price – Update/stats – January we had 13 calls within the village. Stated that she appreciates Nick and the regular communication. Discussed the contract for public safety that is being worked on. She said the undersheriff will work with the village on the contract & hourly hiring until the time that the contract is in place. She also explained the general process/time line that takes place after an individual is arrested. The council also informed Capt. Price about the Climax & Scotts Community facebook pages that might be a good resource for pictures in the on going mail theft situation. She confirmed that the courts are behind due to COVID restrictions and are in the process of working through the backlog of cases. It will take time for them to do their job. She also reminded the council that Silent Observer is a great way to report incidents if an individual does not want to be identified.

Ordinance:

- 1) Read Noxious Weed Ordinance (Miller/Ludwid) Motion to adopt the Noxious Weed Ordinance as an addition to the village ordinance code and allow publication of said ordinance this week in the Climax Crescent. Unanimously approved
- 2) Anderson case – received an order to comply. Mrs. Anderson met with the ordinance officer and is working to comply with the order.
- 3) Warner case – received an order of 30 days to remove blight and 60 days to paint the house.
- 4) Upon advice from the attorney, a form was completed for Safebuilt to inspect 125 Cherry St. and 329 W. Maple St. Waiting for reply
- 5) Waiting on tickets to be issued for 329 W. Maple St. and waiting for Notice of Hearing for Linderman case.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk