

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

October 7, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:30p by President Lewis

Present: Chaney, Kelly, Ludwig, Pyle, Sutherland, Lewis

Absent: Moore **Guests:** None

(Pyle/Kelly) Motion to approve Village of Climax Council Meeting Public Participation Rules as written.

CARRIED

(Pyle/Sutherland) Motion to approve the agenda with additions of Approval of September Treasurer's Report & Approval of Supplemental minutes for 8/19/2025. CARRIED

(Pyle/Ludwig) Motion to accept Supplement to Minutes dated August 19, 2025 as proposed and written. CARRIED

(Pyle/Kelly) Motion to approve minutes from September 16, 2025. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve the bill package of \$56,163.60. CARRIED – Roll call – 6-0

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve the September 2025 Treasurer's Report for \$998,109.72 CARRIED – Roll call 6-0

Guests: None

Citizen Time:

Jim Cummings – Read statement – concern with nepotism, financial responsibility, transparency of current council

David Miller – commented on freedom of speech, breach of trust, various council actions

Brian Deller – statement regarding ordinance violation complaints, action taken, follow up.

David Dell – concern about 212, 216, 305 E. Main (understood that it should be E. Maple) concerning blight; inquired on empty lot located in Maple Circle as to purchase & intent.

Rita Beck – read statement supporting the current council – office hours – Lewis, extra effort/time – Kelly, DPW staff – care of village; in favor of just collecting costs incurred by Village not extra fines and moving on.

Roger Smith – concern about council discussion/action being considered regarding 110 S. Main St fines/fees that are owed to the Village by court order. All fines should be paid.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Pumpage reports & water samples are done for October.
- 2) 3 funerals this week/weekend
- 3) John Deere backhoe got worked on-tech said it's working for now but it could be a day or 2 years. Be prepared for it to break down.
- 4) New standby generator is getting installed today at Well #3. (next Wednesday propane will be run & generator will be tested.)
- 5) Rock work is scheduled for October 28th on Hall as there was a job before us to finish.
- 6) All hydrants have been maintained by DPW. Fire station one is still not working correctly and will be getting fixed at the price we already budgeted.
- 7) Leaf pickup has started and runs October 1 – November 24. Reminder – no pine needles or walnuts.
- 8) Library gas line has to be replaced from meter to furnaces, Bartholomew's has quoted \$1,800-\$2,400 and can fix this if approved tonight. (Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve & accept quote from Bartholomew Heating & Cooling not to exceed \$2,400. CARRIED – Roll call – 5-0 (Abstain – Lewis)
- 9) Prein & Newhof have given us a quote of not to exceed \$10,000 for Water System Reliability Study which needs done every 5 years, last time it was done in 2017. Our old district engineer stated that we were all good until John was hired. Now we need to do it. In 2017 the price was \$7,500 so it hasn't gone up much. Also, this company has all of our old information so it should be smooth to work with them. (Chaney/Ludwig) Motion to Hire Prein & Newhof to complete the Water System Reliability Study cost not to exceed \$10,000. CARRIED – Roll call – 6-0
- 10) We have not heard back from the grant on the roads yet.
- 11) We will be flushing hydrants this week.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Still waiting on notification of grant; bench & flowers outside Hall look nice.

Cemetery/Parks: No Report

Water/Recycling/Spring Clean Up: Fall clean up seemed to go well. Lewis noted that some items were not picked up that should have been. Joline will follow up with Best Way Disposal.

Finance/Insurance/Administration:

- 1) Planning Commission has started meeting. (Pyle/Lewis) Motion to appoint the following terms for the members of the Planning Commission.
 1. I move to clarify the initial appointment of Marcia Lewis to the Village of Climax Planning Commission is for a 1-year term beginning 8/19/25 and ending 8/19/26.
 2. I move to clarify the initial appointment of Cathy Weissert to the Village of Climax Planning Commission is for a 2-year term beginning 8/19/25 and ending 8/19/27.
 3. I move to clarify the initial appointment of Chris Boshaw to the Village of Climax Planning Commission is for a 2-year term beginning 8/19/25 and ending 8/19/27.
 4. I move to clarify the initial appointment of Haley Rice to the Village of Climax Planning Commission is for a 3-year term beginning 8/19/25 and ending 8/19/28.
 5. I move to clarify the initial appointment of Denise Munoz Pyle to the Village of Climax Planning Commission is for a term corresponding to her term as a member of the Village Council ending 11/2028 CARRIED
- 2) (Pyle/Sutherland) Motion to set stipends for the Planning Commission members: Chairperson/President \$75/meeting and all remaining members \$60/meeting. CARRIED – Roll call – 5-1 (Ayes – Pyle, Sutherland, Kelly, Ludwig, Lewis Nays – Chaney)

Public Safety/Fire/Law Enforcement/Disaster Planning:

1. Recent motorcycle accidents/incidents – please keep grass/leaves out of the street as this poses a danger.
2. Leaves – be aware – keep kids out of leaf piles along roads – as a safety precaution.
3. Holidays are coming – be aware of phishing scams especially gift cards

Ordinance/Zoning/Planning & Development: Reviewed violations regarding pools/requirements; working with National Honor Society @ Climax Scotts High School to help area senior citizens; 3 open ordinance violations. (Kelly/Ludwig) Motion to put it in the works to transfer 2 violations to the enforcement officer at Safebuilt. CARRIED – Roll call – 6-0. Kelly noted that she was able to obtain free bags for mattresses and handed out 5 prior to the bulk trash pick up.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to adjourn at 7:47p.

Linda Coburn, Clerk