

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

April 20, 2021

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

(Miller/Sutherland) Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve April 6, 2021 minutes. Unanimously approved.

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$18,983.19. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests

Sean Perrin – gave quarterly stats; Johnson memorial service was well attended; Fire Department will do something during the Memorial Day Parade Festivities.

Communications: Newsletter is done and will be sent out by clerk; Informational communication from Sprint/T-Mobile regarding equipment on the water tower/contract.

Public Works:

- 1) Lots of foundations & mowing happening
- 2) Culvert project – supplies are getting ordered and they expect to begin soon. Miss Dig has already been out.
- 3) Working on roads – Snapdragon issues
- 4) 120 S. Church St. – still getting quotes on tree removal
- 5) DPW has new apparel with an identifying logo.
- 6) Upcoming project – will be redoing the rails at the library
- 7) New rules & fees for the cemetery
- 8) Concern about 216 E. Maple St.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Getting estimates on roads – the estimate for the fix it on Snapdragon is about \$1500. This will need to be done prior to chip sealing.
- 2) Grant application – discussion regarding what roads to include due to budget. (Torrance/Ludwig) motion to apply for a grant to include North & South Lovell St. in the amount of \$34,087 this include approval of a resolution to show council support of said grant. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 3) (Torrance/Sutherland) Motion to hire Wyoming Asphalt Co. for repair on Snapdragon at an approximate cost of \$1500. Repair to take place prior to chip sealing. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 4) Jayci is in the process of laying out her position including all contacts, etc. She will be resigning from the council as of May 31, 2021 due to relocating.

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

- 1) Resolution 2021-01 regarding changes to current fees. (Torrance/Miller) Motion to remove fees for cremation sites because the village only sells regular cemetery lots. Unanimously approved.
- 2) (Torrance/Ludwig) Motion to approve resolution 2021-02 with above changes. Unanimously approved.
- 3) Still working on plant donations through Wenke greenhouses.
- 4) Discussion regarding playground improvement funds being rolled over each year to accommodate large projects/maintenance. Also discussed promoting donations to the park for improvements.

Water: No Report

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report

Public Safety:

- 1) April 15 a walk through was done on 115 Watson to obtain an estimate on clean up cost. Estimate: \$2,650 Clean-up scheduled for April 28 with Bernie's, Kalamazoo County Sheriff, Miller, Ludwig, Cummings.
- 2) Requested more directed patrols from Sheriff. Capt. Christianson will send Nick a draft of the schedule. We will also have the speed trailer coming and some attention to speeding vehicles within the village.
- 3) Reported monthly stats
- 4) (Ludwig/Torrance) Motion to hire Bernie's Haul Away for the clean up at 115 Watson in the amount of \$2,650. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Ordinance:

- 1) Discussed several details regarding 115 Watson
- 2) Pyle trial coming up on Thursday. Everything is in order and we may be able to enter into a stipulated agreement.
- 3) Show Cause documents prepared for 305 E. maple & 375 E. Maple
- 4) Several other properties are in line to receive violation notices.
- 5) Trying to move forward in a paced manner.

Old Business:

- 1) Memorial Day Parade & Festivities
 - a. School will not be hosting any of the event this year due to large number of restrictions
 - b. Opportunity to promote the village during the parade – Jim Cummings will be organizing
- 2) Working on another event to take place during the garage sales

New Business:

- 1) Mark Gernsback is interested in purchasing the old lumber company property to use as a storage facility for his marine transmission business. (Torrance/Sutherland) Motion to accept \$2,500 + cost of fees for the property. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

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(Miller/Sutherland) The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk