

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

July 20, 2021

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:** Anthony Bates, Sean Perrin, Bruce Rolfe

Swearing in of newly appointed trustees – Chaney & Kelly

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve the agenda with additions. Unanimously approved.

(Ludwig/Kenney) Motion to approve July 6, 2021 minutes. Unanimously approved.

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$3,533.27. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve June Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$735,975.73 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests: *Anthony Bates* – Inquired about land owned by the village. He know an individual looking for 35,000 square foot lot to put up an 6,000 square foot commercial building. The village does not own any parcels that size. Discussion followed.

Bruce Rolfe – asked if the village would be applying for the federal money available (ARPA) – clerk will be working on the application this week. The deadline is for submitting the request is July 27, 2021.

Communications: Situation with 240 N. Main St.: An individual by the name of Josh Parker visited Safebuilt and suggested that there were 2 underground storage tanks on the property. Stated that the office in Climax had sent him to SAfebuilt. Jim Cummings investigated contacting multiple parties including the historical society.No one he contacted is aware of tanks on this property. According to the historical society the use of that lot has been the lumber company and baseball fields. The new owner, Mark Gernsback, although not required, is having a phase I EPA study done on the property. Discussion followed.

Public Works:

- 1) Burkett Signs said they are working on our sign
- 2) Sidewalks on south Lovell have been poured and we just need to work on top dirt and seeding.
- 3) Lyster Contracting gave us a bid on the three pump house roofs. It wa the same amount as last year's bid that was the cheapest bid.
- 4) Library basement tiles have been removed and w have been bleaching the walls that have some mold on them before we move stuff back.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: No report.

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

- 1) Drinking fountain in the park is fixed.
- 2) Jim is working on an ad for the paper regarding donations for the tennis courts/basketball court

Water:

- 1) Carolyn will be working with Brenda during the October water billing to learn more about that side of the water system. She also spoke to DPW so that she can begin observing the meter reading, water testing and maintenance involved with the water system.
- 2) **(Kenney/Miller)** Motion to accept the bid from Lyster Contracting for the reroofing of 3 pump houses at a cost of \$4,225 with a completion deadline of August 31, 2021. Unanimously approved – roll call vote

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Requested that the clerk track hours worked for the next 3 months.

Public Safety:

Sean Perrin

- 1) Gave the council an update from the fire department. June had 11 runs, 1 medical call in the village. July there were 10 runs as of the meeting date. Addressed the concerns of the council regarding the intersection at Michigan/Watkins & Mercury. Another fatal accident occurred recently. Discussion followed and Anthony Bates will talk with Roger Tunier & KCRC.
- 2) Still waiting to hear on their grant applications.
- 3) Discussed the tornado siren located in the village. It is not in working order and has not been for several years. There is a discrepancy regarding responsibility for the upkeep of it. Some follow up will be done.

Nick Ludwig

- 4) Nick has been in contact with Capt. Christianson in regards to the marijuana situation. He will be investigating the situation – he did confirm that the marijuana should not be seen from the road.
- 5) We have some video evidence of the dirt bikes, mopeds, four wheelers tearing through the streets in the village.
- 6) Be aware that vehicle theft (stealing items from vehicles and stealing vehicles) has increased 10 times from last year. There were 4 incidents within the village in June.
- 7) Will be researching grants or programs for speed signs, tornado siren, etc.
- 8) Cameras are check regularly there have been 2 times in the last 6 months that they appeared to be frozen but Mike Betzold has taken care of the situation promptly.

Ordinance:

- 1) We are moving slowly on several issues. Working to keep the cost down but still follow through on all letters sent & tickets issued.
- 2) Church Street – has cleaned up his property
- 3) Columbine owner called regarding the situation. We are waiting on a court date.
- 4) 150 N Church St. needs to be mowed again
- 5) We need to adopt a new grass ordinance which would allow us to publish a notice once a year instead of having to send individual letters every time. David also interjected that we need to update several of our other ordinances including limitation of animals, recover of fees & costs for ordinance enforcement and several others.
- 6) 305 E Maple – we do have a court order to tow the unlicensed vehicle & boat.
- 7) Sent letter to 138 Sheldon a letter regarding trash by the road.
- 8) Jim requested a letter be sent to Climax Solar regarding grass needing to be mowed.
- 9) 127 Ebinger does have a ticket outstanding.
- 10) Several other addresses discussed that need to have violation letters. Much discussion followed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Linda Coburn - Clerk