

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting  
September 7, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

**Present:** Joline Chaney, Carolyn Kelly, Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, David Miller, Janet Sutherland, Jim Cummings-President, Linda Coburn – Clerk **Absent:** Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Rob McCain, F/LT Scott Ernstes, Mark Klingenberger

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to September 7, 2021 agenda. Unanimously approved

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve minutes from August 17, 2021. Unanimously approved

**(Ludwig/Kelly)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$7,539.16 Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests: F/Lt. Scott Ernstes – New post commander in Paw Paw for the Michigan State Police. Introduced himself, gave contact information. His goal is to visit each municipality one time per year & give a report and some face time. He responded to several questions, indicated MSP is hiring.

Rob McCain, ordinance officer – Summarized the work done/progress made over the last year in the village. Only 8-10 properties have been cited although a larger number have received initial letters – many have complied therefore avoiding a ticket/citation. He believes things are going well, progressing in a positive direction. He explained the importance (financially, legally, & physically) of following through once a ticket has been issued. Discussion followed.

Mark Klingenberger, Brutsche – Gave a presentation/proposal regarding a Columbarium for the village cemetery. Much discussion followed, Clerk will contact Mark via email so that all council members will have the information in print to review/consider.

Communications: Village received a FOIA from Linda Miller. Clerk will fulfill the request. Jim had information regarding the use of the ARPA money. Clerk will distribute information currently available to the board.

## Public Works:

- 1) Backhoe front end is shot – estimate is about \$2000. (Kenney/Ludwig) Motion to approve fixing the backhoe at a cost of \$1,978.48 by Carleton Equipment. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 2) Snapdragon & Thistle are done. Did receive information from Jayci showing that we only signed a contract for Snapdragon at a cost of \$10385.
- 3) Main Street near the high school is looking quite bad
- 4) Still waiting on parts for the dump truck to be repaired.
- 5) Burkett sign completed and reinstalled the village sign near MN Ave.
- 6) Water tower is up and running, the pressure truck has been removed & all required water samples have been done to put the tower back on line. All of the bills should start coming in now that the job is complete.
- 7) Meters will be read over the next two weeks.
- 8) Well testing is now beginning.
- 9) Leaf pick up will begin October 1 so DPW is prepping for fall.

Water: Observed some of the process of painting the water tower. She will be observing the meter reading this month.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Library board accepted a resignation and two appointments to the board. Discussed a movie in the park event – scheduled it for September 18. Jim will put it in the Crescent. We will have popcorn & cotton candy. Start time will be about 7:30 p.m.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Waiting on some information from Jayci. Was supposed to meet with Mark Wordon from KCRC regarding an assessment of the village roads but he was unable to make the meeting. Spoke briefly on the phone with him and he gave some input regarding the sue of speed bumps, rumble strips and weight limits. Prior to having parking spots painted along Main Street we would need to have an engineer come out since the spots have never been painted. Discussed the state of several of the local streets including Cherry.

Administration/Employee Relations: We need to send out the Fall Newsletter. Also, indicated that the website is in need of updating and asked council members to make sure updates are forwarded as requested.

## Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Continue to have conversations with Capt. Christiansen and Price. The department is working on a reduced crew due to lack of applications and also several officers still off who were involved in the recent shooting incident.
- 2) The Citizens' Academy has been canceled again this year.

- 3) KDPS is dealing with a large number of juvenile incidents throughout the county so the various incidents in our village are not unique to our area. Several pastors in the area are riding along with officers in an effort to aide in de-escalating situations involving teens.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) 6 more letters have been sent.
- 2) Need to follow up on fine for Moore – billed? Paid?
- 3) Ordinances – waiting to hear from Roxanne

Old Business: None

New Business: None

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to adjourn at 9:36 p.m.

Linda Coburn - Clerk