

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting  
February 4, 2020

## Call to Order: 7:30p

**Present:** Jim Cummings, Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, Janet Sutherland, Jayci Torrance, Linda Coburn – Clerk, Brenda Borden – Treasurer   **Absent:** Bruce Rolfe – President **Guests:** Anthony Bates, Carolyn Kelly, David Dell, Mike Gibson

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

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to approve January 21, 2020 minutes. Unanimously approved.

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$2,574.06. Unanimously approved – roll call vote

## Guests:

Carolyn Kelly: Inquired about dates for Village Garage Sale & Trash Pick Up with input for scheduling it during summer months instead of spring. (Kenney/Ludwig) Motion to establish the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in June as annual date for Village Wide Garage Sale

Anthony Bates – will be conducting a small business round table at the 1904 Room. He will send invitations via email.

David Dell – concerned about the amount of blight within the village. It drives down the values of our homes and he would like to see something happen. Discussion followed with assurance from the council that actions will be taken to help improve this situation.

Communications: HHW Contract due – will be set at \$600 instead of \$700

## Public Works:

- 1) TJ took care of a funeral while Mike was on vacation.
- 2) Concerned about the roof situation. Adjustor indicated that all paperwork was submitted but we haven't heard from the insurance company. Mike will follow up to get a claim number for further investigation & follow up.
- 3) Inquired about a decision on the cemetery buildings. He would recommend to demolish the small building and keep the block/rock building. (Cummings/Kenney) Motion to approve demolition of small building and re-roof the block/rock building costs not to exceed \$4,000. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

## Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

1. Received grant information in the mail. Clerk will execute resolutions as requested and return all signed/completed documents as requested.
2. Reminder: the bid received was lower than expected, we will be required to return excess funds to MDOT.

## Parks/Library/Cemetery:

Will continue to investigate the cost of renovating the basketball/tennis courts

## Water:

- 1) Samples are done for the month.
- 2) Cleaning of the water tower is scheduled.
- 3) DPW did a review of the water system with only a few minor suggestions for improvement
- 4) Continuing to review the contract from CenturyNet. Requested clerk to inquire about a proof of insurance.

## Administration/Employee Relations:

1. Working on the budget – reminder to forward any budget change requests to Denise or Linda for consideration.
2. (Kenney/Cummings) Motion to accept the following changes in payroll:
  1. – Update longevity bonus voted on 4/1/2008 to the following: 3-9 years 5%, 10-14 years 6% with the other tiers remaining the same;
  2. – Change Mike's normal 3% cost of living raise to 4% this year;
  3. – change TJ's normal 3% cost of living raise to 10% this year;
  4. – Change the clerk's monthly salary of \$575 to \$675/month.

Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Public Safety:

- 1) Expressed his appreciation for the DPW and all of their hard work.
- 2) Will be meeting Capt. Price for lunch to obtain more Stats, Data and insight how to use it for the villages benefit.
- 3) Will be requesting the speed monitor for other areas within the village.
- 4) If something happens within the village that you are aware of please make a note of the date/time in the event that we need to look up the information on the cameras.

Ordinance:

- 1) Discussed several aspects of ordinance enforcement.
- 2) Would like to begin by informing/reminding the public about the current ordinances within our village.
- 3) There are many issues that need to be brought into compliance with the village ordinances so it will be a process. If we are consistent and keep everyone informed the goal is to make our community a desired, attractive area where people want to live.

Old business:

1. Information continuing to be gathered regarding an electronic sign for the village hall to keep public informed.
2. Corner lot usage – what can be done to make good use of this area?

New Business: none

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.  
Linda Coburn – Clerk