

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting  
August 18, 2020

**Present:** Jim Cummings, Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, David Miller, Janet Sutherland, Jayci Torrance, Bruce Rolfe – President, Linda Coburn – Clerk, Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Absent:** None **Guests:** Sean Perrin, Bill Lewis, Anthony Bates, Cheryl Bates

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

**(Ludwig/Kenney)** Motion to approve August 4, 2020 minutes. Unanimously approved

**(Kenney/Torrance)** Motion to approve bill package of \$2,919.28. Unanimously approved, Miller & Rolfe abstaining, roll call vote

**(Torrance/Sutherland)** Motion to approve July Treasurer's Report \$776,177.88. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests: *Sean Perrin* – presented quarterly stats: July runs were average with 14 runs – 4 in the village – all medical. Roof repairs are done. They have had an opportunity to do some extra training. Due to dry weather they are expecting a busy fall. *Bill Lewis* Library report – budget/income is at \$23,000. Millage will wait until the next election due to COVID & other circumstances. His deadline for certification has been extended until next year. The library is open and doing their best to serve the community. Cheryl Bates – Introduced herself and informed the council that she will be seeking an open trustee position on the township board as a write-in candidate.

Communications: In September, the bike club will be using our park as a rest point during their annual ride.

## Public Works:

- 1) Martin Tree Service has taken down another tree and has one left to take down on East Maple St.
- 2) Mitchell Knowles has looked over the ditch problem on Lovell & West Maple but hasn't submitted a bid. (Note – bid was received via email today at 4:41 pm) Swarthout Excavating will be coming to look at it on Wednesday.
- 3) Balkema Excavating still hasn't gotten the hole on South Main fixed. Mike will give them to the end of the week and then he will try someone else.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Working on plans for next year since the budget for this year has been spent.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No Report

Water: All tests are done, 13 late payers for the water bills.

## Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Fall Newsletter- Asked all council members to submit article to Clerk within the next two weeks.
- 2) (Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to allow village to obtain a business credit card from Sturgis Bank & Trust and to continue following the current purchase limits. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

## Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Speeding through town – we are on the list for at least one speed trailer.
- 2) Human trafficking follow up – there is not a task force for this within the sheriff's department, however information to be aware of – human trafficking is very broad and does not only include sex trafficking but can also include such situations as individuals (legal/illegal) being forced to work on farms.
- 3) We have been advised to encourage those who witness potentially illegal incidents to take pictures or note the time of the incident if it is within the range of the village cameras. We can then submit those to be added to case files.

## Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Mattress in the yard has been taken care of.
- 2) The roll-off dumpster is now gone and some clean up has taken place on the property.
- 3) Continuing to send violations and follow up as needed.
- 4) One ticket is ready to be filed with the courts.
- 5) Will be researching speed signs that include cameras which would allow tickets to be issued for speeders. Commercial vehicles as well as autos, and motorcycles are not observing the speed limit.

Old Business: Jim questioned the longevity & quality of the striping on Main Street. Jayci will follow up on this.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: (Sutherland/Ludwig) at 8:37p.m. Unanimously approved.