

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
December 3, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30p by President Lewis

Present: Joline Chaney, Carolyn Kelly, Nick Ludwig, Denise Pyle, Janet Sutherland, Bill Lewis, Linda Coburn - Clerk

Absent: Ben Moore **Guests:** Jamie Camp

(Ludwig/Pyle) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Kelly/Ludwig) Motion to approve minutes from November 19, 2024. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Kelly) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$3,034.99 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: *Jamie Camp, Pres. District Library* – Requested reappointment of village representatives, Wendall Stoeffler & Constance Cook, to the Lawrence Memorial District Library Board. (Kelly/Pyle) Motion to accept & appoint Wendall Stoeffler & Constance Cook to library board. CARRIED (Lewis abstained.)

Citizen Time: David Miller – concerns regarding code enforcement & incompatible public offices (Lewis holding Director of Library and Village President).

Communications:

- 1) Committee Assignments – Lewis gave suggestions for committee assignments to begin after this meeting if accepted. Discussion. (Pyle/Ludwig) Motion to accept committees as presented. CARRIED
- 2) Household Hazardous Waste Contract 2025 – (Ludwig/Kelly) Motion to go forward with HHW contract for 2025 in the amount of \$760. CARRIED – RC – 6-0

Public Works:

- 1) Water & Pumpage reports are done for the month.
- 2) Yearend reports started – different this year – state is requiring more/different information.
- 3) Christmas lights are on the tree in the park – ready for lighting at Saturday event.
- 4) Rotary club with help of Burkett Signs put up the Christmas decorations. A couple are not working. Don Cochran will be coming up to see if we can get them fixed.
- 5) Leaf season went well.
- 6) Requested reminder letters be sent to homeowners that have basketball hoops in/near the road. These are in the way of snow plowing. Also, requested that everyone present remind neighbors not to park on or near the roads and sidewalks as it makes it very difficult to clear streets & sidewalks safely.
- 7) Two funerals this week.
- 8) Backhoe has a flat tire. Need to replace both tires and it will cost approximately \$2,000. Must be fixed since we need it for funerals. (Lewis/Kelly) Motion to approve replacing the tires on the backhoe for a cost up to \$2,500. CARRIED – RC – 6-0

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Did not get accepted for the RR crossing grant.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No report

Water/Recycling/Spring Clean up: No report

Administration/Employee Relations: Need to get budget requests turned in. Lewis expressed the need to retain a new attorney for the village. Ludwig – commented on considering increasing the budget for trees. Kelly noted need to update software for water billing.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) More winter weather is on the way. Reminder to be safe on the roads.
- 2) Continuing to work on all the details for the installation of the tornado siren.
- 3) Reminder that if you hear or see property damage call the dispatch non-emergency number 488-4911.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Not much happening. Handed out a complaint form for the council to review. Discussion followed. Give input to committee members.
- 2) Requested copies of ordinance letters from David Miller. Discussion followed. Miller stated he did not have anything in his possession and said it is the Village's duty to enforce the ordinances. More discussion.

Old Business: Christmas Bonus: (Ludwig/Pyle) Motion to grant employees of the Village of Climax a 2% Christmas Bonus. CARRIED – RC – 5-0 (Chaney abstained.)

New Business:

- 1) Office Hours: Lewis explained that he will be setting some regular office hours. He also requested that the clerk & treasurer consider being open for a portion of the time. Will need to purchase an open/closed sign. Also, noted there is a state statute that we must be open 8-5 one day for tax collection. Normally the last day to pay taxes without a penalty.
- 2) Locks – Kelly noted she would like to see the locks changed at the administration building. Discussion followed regarding how many keys would be needed; possibly numbering the keys. TJ will obtain costs.

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.
Linda Coburn, Clerk

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
December 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

Present: Chaney, Kelly, Lewis, Ludwig, Moore, Sutherland, Coburn

Absent: Munoz Pyle, Cope **Guests:** None

(Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to approve agenda with addition to new business. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve minutes from December 17, 2024. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$5737.90 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

(Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to approve November treasurer's report \$1,001,914.57 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: *None*

Citizens Time: *Sean Perrin* – November - 9 calls (2 in village), 8 calls so far in December with 246 for the year.

Murat Bates – Submitted a request to review permitting fees judgement as the conditions have been met.

David Miller – addressed council stating his concern regarding Trustee Kelly, Incompatible Offices –
Library Director/Village President

Communications: Address needed for Verizon Tower – Discussion. (Ludwig/Kelly) Motion to proceed to have Verizon contact Climax Township to secure a permit for an address. CARRIED

Public Works:

- 1) Donny (Cochran) came and fixed lights on the Christmas tree, road lights and helped with the library power issue
- 2) Tires for the loader are in and are getting installed today.
- 3) Thank you Carolyn for getting all the basketball hoops moved for winter plowing.
- 4) Water meters are read for January billing.
- 5) Trent Piper on behalf of the school stopped and asked if the Village would be willing to pay for the trees next to the new baseball field to be removed. 12 trees total. They are right on the line of the 33 foot right-of-way and all are in good health. Discussion. (Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to decline the request for removal of trees at Village expense on 44th Street in front of the school. CARRIED
- 6) Thanks again from all of us for the Christmas bonus.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: No Report – Working on getting information and learning this new position. Lewis requested clerk forward copies of study proposals on the Lovell St/W. Maple street drainage to all council members.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No Report

Water/Recycling/Clean-ups: Meters have been read.

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Be aware of SPAM emails.
- 2) Reports from the Scotts area of packages being taken. Be aware – track your packages.
- 3) A vehicle was taken from Climax Market Parking lot. Individual has been identified. Ongoing Investigation.
- 4) Disaster plan is on file in the Village hall.
- 5) No parking ordinance from 3a-6a has been put on the sign. Lewis requested that officers issue tickets.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) BB hoops were moved – individuals were very helpful.
- 2) Opened discussion on new complaint form. Offered another option. Discussion. (Kelly/Moore) Motion that we accept the second form presented with cosmetic corrections. CARRIED
- 3) Contacted MML and received General Village Law handbooks for each board member to use while in office. Requested approval for 2 individuals to get ordinance training. Lewis noted that specific information would need to be obtained and cost would need to be put in the budget.
- 4) Reviewed need to previous ordinance documents.
- 5) Noted ordinances need to be updated.

Old Business:

- 1) Office Hours – Lewis will post available hours once he knows them.
- 2) Fireproof file cabinets – Insurance agency will help write grant. Par Plan grant window opens in February.
- 3) Lease for library is in committee. Village needs to obtain an attorney ASAP.

New Business:

2025 Meeting Dates. Discussion. (Moore/Ludwig) Motion to approve the meeting dates as presented. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Moore) Motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Linda Coburn, Clerk