

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

**Present:** Kelly, Kenney, Sutherland, Chaney, Ludwig, Miller, Cummings

**Absent:** Borden, Coburn

**Guests:** Roger Smith, Bill Lewis, Bruce Rolfe

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve agenda CARRIED

**(Sutherland/Kelley)** Motion to approve minutes from January 16, 2024 CARRIED.

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$6,034.56 CARRIED. Roll Call 6-0.

-Guests: N/A

-Communications: N/A

-Public Works:

Trucks are fixed and in working order. Cement mixer is ready for paint. Cemetery card file is done. Have sold two cemetery niches and selling 1-3 more Wednesday. Water samples and pump age reports done for February. Lysters came out to look at gutters on red barn/library that the ice broke. J&J glass fixed the broken shop window at the hall. Painting street signs and some of them are in rough shape. Going to burn brush piles/cut trees in park possible Thursday. Leaving with Forrest to Water Conferences in Lansing.

-Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

Larry Bowen estimate for train horn. Scope and fee review. TJ to order two new signs required to warn of tracks on Snapdragon & Maple.

**(Chaney/Kenney)** Motion requesting max of \$1,000 for quantity of 10-15 signs. CARRIED. Roll Call 6-0.

**(Chaney/Kenney)** Motion to designate TJ for street Administration for State of Michigan for Village of Climax. CARRIED. Roll Call 5-1.

-Parks/Cemetery Library:

Stormy Cook and Wendell Stoeffler nominated to Library board contingent on the resignation of current member David Miller. David will submit letter of resignation to Anthony Bates and Bill Lewis.

**(Sutherland/Kelley)** Motion to approve Stormy Cook and Wendell Stoeffler to the library board after David Miller resignation. CARRIED Roll Call 4-2.

End of columbarium interest for Gil Culver to engrave names of his parents. Discussion about price ensued.

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion for Gil Culver to be provided a space at the end of columbarium but will have to pay for engraving. CARRIED 6-0.

Trees coming down by memorial site end of February.

Pickel ball net: Package of paddles and nets to check out at library. Need to be 18 in order to check out.

Julie Tiller Memorial Day meeting: Cars are back, more vendors, but not motorcycles. Call if needed for help. Jim has Julies' phone number if interested. Closing off street is the largest obstacle but will be championed by retired police officer.

-Water:

All paid except two. Usual suspects.

-Administration/Employee relations:

Inquiring about getting Brenda and Linda percentage raise similar to DPW. What is stated in the ordinances....

-Public Safety/Fire:

Suspicious Vehicle reported to police. On the look out.

New Patrol Lieutenant to meet with Nick next week.

Reviewed Kalamazoo Crime Mapping statistics vs. Climax for January 2024.

-Ordinance/Zoning

2/21 Special Lawyer PowerPoint meeting about Solar legislation regarding social control. Kathryn Coffman will be coming at 6:30p to inform Village of options. Discussed protest signatures needed by May.

Conducted second reading of Ordinance Article IV Section 36-167 Amendments. Adopted 2/6/24. (Miller/Sutherland). Motion to adopt Article IV Section 36-167. CARRIED. Roll Call 6-0.

Gingerbread House: Out of compliance on many fronts.

Selby House: Basement/septic tear down. Prefer removal. Waiting for the second bid.

Roxanne Email: Murray spoke to attorney and told Roxanne filed for stay of execution to stay and not tear down. Rob went out to take photographs. Not fit for human living.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Jim Cummings read a letter of resignation. Last meeting is effective February 20.

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to Adjourn at 8:35p.

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February 20, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

**Present:** Chaney, Kelly, Kenney, Ludwig, Miller, Sutherland, Cummings, Coburn, Borden

**Absent:** None **Guests:** Isaac Valentine, Matt Casey, Bill Lewis, Sean Perrin

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to approve minutes from February 6, 2024. CARRIED

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$4,975.87 CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve treasurer’s report \$901,585.25 CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

Guests: *Isaac Valentine* – Sargent of Arms for the American Legion – requested permission to put a sign on the corner of MN & 44<sup>th</sup> street advertising the Legion. He was directed to speak with Charleston Township, owner of the property. He also requested permission to use the village streets for the parade on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024. **(Kenney/Chaney)** Motion to allow the American Legion to use the village streets for the Memorial Day parade on May 27, 2024. CARRIED. Isaac also commended the council on the addition of the speed signs.

*Matt Casey* – Inquired about citation regarding vehicle parked in yard & blight. Trustee Miller responded. Discussion.

*Bill Lewis* – Requested contact information for Stormy. Expressed interest in the open council position. Thanked David Miller for his time on the library board.

*Sean Perrin* – 21 calls in January, 4 calls were in the village – all medical, calls to the trailer park have increased. Short discussion on traffic flow for Memorial Day parade. Purchased 3 new thermal imaging cameras.

Communications: None.

## Public Works:

- 1) Cement mixer is finished: painted, new tires, engine tune-up
- 2) Trees in park are cut. Working with Janet on other items for the memorial area.
- 3) Trimming trees around well field #3
- 4) Adding gravel in approaches and mailbox edging along road
- 5) Some street signs are back up, some are on order.
- 6) Have installed 4 new water meters for meters that were not working
- 7) Thanked Jim for his service to the community.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Still working on Quiet Zone – received a quote for cost of evaluation (\$4,238). Will have representative come to a future meeting.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Working on the monument/memorial area in the park, considering adding a cement cornhole game at a cost of #1,228. Will be adding benches & looking into other landscaping ideas/additions.

Water: No shut-offs

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report

## Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Stats for January – 11 directed patrols in addition to the regular patrols.
- 2) B&E of catalytic converters in on the rise again – be aware
- 3) Citizen’s Police Academy is available for any citizen – Wednesdays Sept-Nov. Contact the Sheriff’s department for more information.
- 4) Will be attending a meet & greet for the new Captain of Patrol & will be reaching out to them for attendance at the Memorial Day event.

## Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) 329 W. Maple- owner requested a stay of execution regarding demolition. Court date is 2/26.
- 2) Reminder of special meeting tomorrow regarding solar.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Sign on front of old convenience store needs attention. David will speak with owner.
- 2) (Ludwig/Kenney) Motion to accept the retirement/resignation of Jim Cummings. CARRIED
- 3) Appointment of new president (until term expires November 2024) (Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to appoint current trustee David Miller to the office of president until November election. CARRIED – roll call vote 5-1 (Nay – Kelly, Abstain – Miller)

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Linda Coburn, Clerk