

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

October 1, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

**Present:** Chaney, Kelly, Ludwig, Miller, Sutherland, Arlene Von Hout, Coburn

**Absent:** Schwili **Guests:** Josh Fleisher, Kevin Harvey

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

**(Sutherland/Von Hout)** Motion to approve minutes from September 17, 2024. CARRIED

**(Von Hout/Ludwig)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$2,939.65 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: *Josh Fleisher* – introduced himself as a write in candidate for the 2 year term on the council

*Kevin Harvey* – sought permission to set up a food truck on the corner lot for a pre-homecoming game tailgate style event. Goal is to encourage community and support for the local school. Event is contingent on receipt of a temporary license. (Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to approve & grant permission to Kevin Harvey to use the old Harvester lot on October 11, 2024 2:30-6:30 p.m. for a food truck. CARRIED

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Leaf pick up has begun. Reminder no pine needles will be picked up. Leaves only.
- 2) New light for the four corners has been ordered.
- 3) High school senior banners are being hung up.
- 4) Installed some new water meters. Will be flushing hydrants soon.
- 5) Water in the cemetery & park have been shut off for the winter.
- 6) Snow plow has been serviced for winter use.
- 7) October 17 Forrest & TJ will be at a water class in Lansing.
- 8) Thursday will be meeting with an engineer regarding the Lovell/Maple drainage.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Obtained two estimates for repaving Columbine, Maple Circle. Waiting until 25-26 for funding.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No report

Water/Recycling/Spring Clean up:

- 1) Bills sent out
- 2) Discussion on on-line bill payments. Now available but evolving as needed.
- 3) Saturday, October 5 is fall clean up.

Administration/Employee Relations: No report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Vandalism – followed up with Capt. Logan who made several suggestions and will have a deputy follow up with Nick. Noone is aware of any further vandalism or destruction.
- 2) Tornado Siren – Reviewed the unit being considered indicating that ARPA funds may be used. (Ludwig/Kelly) Motion to move forward with the purchase of the tornado siren with ARPA funds. Installation to be no later than March 31, 2025. CARRIED – 5-0 (Sutherland left meeting – ill)
- 3) Kelly stated that people have seen two deputies in town who appear to be parked and talking, not paying attention.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Working on 3 spots – people putting stuff out early for the clean up
- 2) Cherry St demo is going well.
- 3) 291 Columbine put stuff out early for clean up and won't answer the door when she stops by.
- 4) Had a committee meeting that was productive.

Old Business: Miller shared information to clarify/rebut information presented by Rita Beck in a previous meeting & in a letter to the editor.

New Business: None

(Ludwig/Von Hout) Motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Linda Coburn, Clerk

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Regular Meeting  
October 15, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

**Present:** Chaney, Kelly, Miller, Schwili, Sutherland, Von Hout, Coburn

**Absent:** Ludwig, Cope **Guests:** Joshua Fleisher

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

**(Sutherland/Chaney)** Motion to approve minutes from October 1, 2024. CARRIED

**(Sutherland/Schwili)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$9,529.15 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

**(Schwili/Sutherland)** Motion to approve September treasurer's report \$1,009,952.53 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: *Joshua Fleisher* – write in candidate for 2 year term on village council

Communications: None; Discussion regarding moving some funds out of Sturgis Bank & Trust as recommended by auditor due to FDIC insurance. Clerk is researching MI Class as an option.

Public Works:

- 1) Leaf pick up starting to ramp up
- 2) Flushed water hydrants last week for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- 3) Getting equipment/building ready for winter
- 4) Looking into updating water monitor software. The hardware is updated just need a newer software downloaded to make some changes.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: No Report

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Researching what maintenance the carving in the cemetery needs to maintain it. Contacted original carver who will do an assessment for us.
- 2) Received a quote from Lakeland Asphalt on redoing the bike path on W. Maple St. Desire is to use ARPA funds. Clerk will check remaining balance and obligations for accurate balance.
- 3) Playground – still investigating toddler play area.

Water/Recycling/Clean-ups:

- 1) Village Wide pick up went well. 1 resident at 281 Snapdragon put items out after pick up was done.
- 2) Met with engineers regarding drainage issues Lovell/Maple. Report received late this afternoon. Miller will forward quote for assessment to council members. Initial cost for assessment would be \$6,800.

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Stats for September from Capt. Bishop: 7 Citizen initiated calls, 24 officer initiated (20 directed patrols)
- 2) Discussed speed bumps/humps for slowing down traffic.

Ordinances/Zoning: Discussed process of locating names of property owners; 281 Snapdragon items by curb

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Best Way Contract due for renewal. Discussion. (Schwili/Von Hout) Motion to approve contract with Best Way Disposal 2025-2027 with 4 % increase in year 2 and 4% increase in year 3. CARRIED Roll Call – 6-0.
- 2) Read letter from Peace Community Christian Church thanking council for the work they are doing for the village and offering support and encouragement to each member.

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Linda Coburn, Clerk