

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 5, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

Present: Chaney, Kelly, Ludwig, Miller, Coburn

Absent: Kenney, Sutherland, Borden **Guests:** Andy Kerwin

(Ludwig/Kelly) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Kelly) Motion to approve minutes from February 20, 2024. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$3,906.68 CARRIED – Roll Call – 4-0

Guests: *Andy Kerwin* – Voiced his support for a quiet zone & thanked trustee, Joline Chaney for her work on this project.

Communications: None.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples/pumpage reports are done for the month
- 2) Forrest is studying for his test coming up on May 1.
- 3) Hauling compost/debris out from the wellfield
- 4) Will be reading meters soon
- 5) Post is up in the park for the new light
- 6) Will be sweeping the streets in a few weeks
- 7) The new truck is at the dealership
- 8) Newsletter & water quality report is being printed and should be in the mail by Friday
- 9) Benches for the memorial area are here; need a polyurethane coating.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Still working on Quiet Zone – hoping that Larry will attend April 2 meeting to explain details, cost, etc. and answer questions.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No Report

Water: No Report

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Reminder of Citizens Academy – 16 weeks, must be at least 21 years old.
- 2) Kalamazoo Dept. of Public Safety is also offering a one day overview on May 11, 2024.
- 3) Stats for February – 30 directed patrols
- 4) TJ suggested the speed sign may be helpful on West Maple due to more traffic because of Climax Market

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) February 26 – court order that the village could proceed with demolition of 329 W. Maple St. Currently have 2 bids. Homeowner did submit an application for a demolition permit after the court decision.
- 2) February 26 – court gave individual 30 days to provide proof of condition.

7:04 p.m. (Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to adjourn the regular meeting. CARRIED

7:05 p.m. (Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2024-25 budget. CARRIED

Short discussion – no comments on the budget. One comment on the wording of the motion made at 7:04.

7:07 p.m. (Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to close Public Hearing. CARRIED

7:08 p.m. (Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to reconvene the regular meeting. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to approve the budget for 2024-25 as presented along with a millage of 9.5 mils GF and 2.5 mils water (hydro) to support the budget. CARRIED – roll call – 4-0

Old Business: concern regarding a need for a deputy clerk and a deputy treasurer; briefly discussed online payments.

New Business: discussion about committee assignments – will be on next meeting's agenda.

(Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Linda Coburn, Clerk

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Regular Meeting

March 19, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

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

Absent: None **Guests:** Sean Perrin, Cody Lindhorst

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to approve minutes from March 5, 2024. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$4,207.24 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

(Kenney/Chaney) Motion to approve treasurer's report \$936,299.54 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: *Sean Perrin* – 20 calls in February, 6 calls were in the village. They have a lead on a truck.

Cody Lindhorst – purchased the old Crescent house – and is concerned about 2 trees within the right-of-way – one is dead. He would like both removed. Discussion followed. **(Ludwig/Kenney)** Motion to take down the dead tree at 150 N. Main Street at a cost of \$3,500 (WT Forestry). CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Communications: None.

Public Works:

- 1) Filled in gravel along roads
- 2) Village sign on E. Maple came down in the last storm. Will be replacing (approx.. cost \$1200) Will look at all village signs and consider updating as needed.
- 3) PFAs samples done – trace detected so now on quarterly testing which will increase expenses.
- 4) Spring equipment maintenance is getting done
- 5) Memorial in park – light is done, still working on details.
- 6) Methodist Church will be getting parking lot redone in 2025 would like to coordinate village sidewalk improvements with this project.
- 7) Project: walk through the village and prioritize/check all trees in order to plan & budget in the future.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Larry from OHM will attend April 2nd meeting with information on Railroad Quiet Zone.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Discussed memorial – benches are almost done. Miller requested detailed list of costs and a rendering for the council to review.

Water: Expected revenue is approx. \$22,000/quarter; discussed \$25 admin. fee - warrants more research.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Treasurer & clerk cost of living increase. **(Kenney/Chaney)** Motion to give treasurer & clerk a 3% cost of living raise & direct clerk to create a resolution stating the same to be voted on at next meeting. CARRIED-Roll call 6-0
- 2) Resignation of treasurer – Brenda Borden. Read letter to council. **(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to accept the resignation of Brenda Borden with her last day of May 31, 2024. CARRIED
- 3) Discussion followed regarding the need for a deputy clerk & deputy treasurer.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Catalytic converter theft is escalating again – especially trucks/SUVs
- 2) Mail thief has been apprehended
- 3) Memorial Day parade – sheriff will provide personnel for that event.
- 4) Requested meeting with Deputy Murphy (school liaison) and new captain of patrol.
- 5) Discussed moving one of the speed signs.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Discussed bids **(Kenney/Ludwig)** Motion to accept bid from Robert Bailey Contractors to demo 329 W. Maple St. at a cost of \$15,000. CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Old Business: Reviewed the budget approval process & stated that budget approval process was done correctly.

New Business:

- 1) Miller nominated Alyssa Schwili to fill the vacant trustee position. **(Kenney/Chaney)** Motion to appoint Alyssa Schwili to the vacant trustee position. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Linda Coburn, Clerk