

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

February 4, 2025

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

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

Absent: None

Guests: Kevin Decker, Decker Insurance

(Ludwig/Kelly) Motion to approve the agenda w/addition of Marquee Messages under new business. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Pyle) Motion to approve minutes from January 21, 2025. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to approve the bill package including Attorney bill on hold in the amount of \$6,827.40. CARRIED – Roll call – 6-1 (Kelly-nay)

Guests: Kevin Decker – Decker Insurance – presented information regarding volunteer accident insurance.

Citizen Time: David Miller – inquired about status of library lease, unnecessary distribution of data, ordinances not being enforced, village attorney gathering information on incompatible offices.

Communications: Lewis stated a summary document from the attorney will be given to council members; a letter regarding KATS membership was distributed to council members to review.

Public Works:

1. Tornado siren – best location is at the water tower. Working with Nick, electrician, Consumers to finalize.
2. Full funeral for Allen Case – very muddy in the cemetery.
3. 4-way light is finally working
4. Water samples and pumpage reports for February are done.
5. Working on water parts inventory/pump maintenance with Peerless Midwest.
6. 3 water shutoffs; one resident paid the reconnect fee of \$100 and had water back on by 2:30p.
7. Working on quotes & ideas for summer water tower project of cleaning/inspection and hydrant work.
8. Spoke with Denise about spring newsletter & water quality report. More requirements have been added to the report.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Waiting on quote from Mike Worden, RCKC

Cemetery/Parks: Noticed the corner of the cemetery near the school entrance is flooding. TJ will check it out. Also, waiting for more information regarding playground upgrades in the park.

Water/Recycling/Spring Clean Up: No Report.

Finance/Insurance/Administration:

1. Committee met – we are working on 2 leases: Library & T-Mobile. Library lease is priority.
2. Met with TJ regarding his job, employees, time reporting, evaluations. Will be working on reviewing/updating employee handbook, etc.

Public Safety/Fire/Law Enforcement/Disaster Planning:

1. Capt. Bishop has been promoted – Congratulations to him.
2. Working with Lt. VanZile now and will have stats at next meeting.
3. Siren: as stated it will be located in the park by the water tower.
4. Traffic stats from West Maple Street speed sign: 3254 vehicles, 25% on Thursdays, average speed entering village 36-40 and 31-35.
5. MSP have had 27 vehicles hit this year – remember the Move over law – slow your speed by 10 mph and move over for them.

Ordinance/Zoning/Planning & Development: ordinances are on hold, working on reviewing ordinances & comparing to the charter. Discussion followed regarding enforcing ordinances.

Old Business: None

New Business: Marquee Messages – discussion regarding the village policy for putting messages on the sign. Items put on the sign should be community information/announcements. Need to have a policy in writing.

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to adjourn at 7:37p.

Linda Coburn, Clerk

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February 18, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

Present: Kelly, Lewis, Ludwig, Moore, Pyle, Sutherland

Absent: Chaney **Guests:** Sean Perrin

(Ludwig/Pyle) Motion to approve agenda with additions of Sean Perrin as guest, KATS & Volunteer insurance to Old Business. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve minutes from February 4, 2025. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Pyle) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$7,490.78 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

(Ludwig/Pyle) Motion to approve January treasurer's report \$981,140.78 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: *Sean Perrin* – 26 runs in January with 7 in the Village (all medical), 4 out-of-village assist

Citizens Time: *David Miller* – Stated reason for investigating water bills, questions regarding legal bill (Lewis will research and contact him with answers.)

Communications: Request from Climax Township board of appeals to post meeting time on the village sign – (Pyle/Kelly) Motion to post Climax Township Board of Appeals meetings on the village sign. CARRIED (Pyle/Ludwig) Motion to also post on sign a notice for anyone needing help/assistance programs as village has information. CARRIED

Public Works:

- 1) Snow plowing is up 76% this year.
- 2) Propane for back-up generator filled.
- 3) Newsletter ides – get to TJ before Friday.
- 4) Trash cans – reminder to residents to pull trash cans away from the road when it snows so that they are not in the way of plowing.
- 5) Discussed roads up for repaving & chip sealing
- 6) Quotes received from Balkema's for fixing fire hydrants. \$23, 086
- 7) Multiple quotes regarding necessary maintenance for the water tower this summer totaling approx. \$75,000.
- 8) Discussed priorities – Pump 3 overhaul, VFD and all supporting equipment, Hydrants, Tank Cleaning/Overhaul. Plan for purchase of a generator next fiscal year.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Quotes for roads: N. & S. Main St. – Crack fill, chip seal, fog seal - \$55,121; N. Church St. between Cherry St & E. Maple St. – 2.0" Mill & Fill - \$41,000; Columbine St. – 2.0" Mill & Fill - \$23,750; Maple Circle – 2.0" Mill & Fill - \$51,300.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Committee meeting March 10, waiting on info for playground.

Water/Recycling/Clean-ups: No Report. One inquiry regarding contacting the local school board regarding students volunteering in the village.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) District Library Lease – ready to go to the attorney for review.
- 2) T-Mobile Lease – ready to go to the attorney for review.
- 3) Meeting with Decker Insurance March 5.
- 4) Working on budget – many increases due to current circumstances.
- 5) Employee info – met with TJ regarding part-time position. Would like to post this on the sign – 20 hours minimum/week, maybe more during busy times.
- 6) Wages – proposed increasing Forrest's salary to \$25 instead of the normal 3% raise; proposed paying for TJ's family insurance in lieu of a raise.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) KCSO is hiring a corrections clerk in Public Safety
- 2) Smishing Scams are happening – beware.
- 3) Nick thanked TJ for his diligence in overseeing the installation of the Tornado Siren. Should be done in March.
- 4) Lt. Megan Malz is our new village representative. KCSO was in the village 33 times/22 being directed patrols.

- 5) Lewis requested follow up on cars parking on streets between 3-6am.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Lewis & Coburn had training on accessing information on Safebuilt website.
- 2) Cherry St. plans to build a new house.
- 3) Committee met – reviewed 20 situations and now have it down to 3.
- 4) Reminder that we have a form for ordinance violations.
- 5) Village needs to have a Board of Appeals. Attorney is helping with this.
- 6) Suggestion by Pyle – try to solve things in a neighborly manner instead of going straight to a complaint.

Old Business:

Volunteer Insurance – discussion. (Lewis/Ludwig) Motion to go forward and add volunteer insurance to insurance policy.

CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

KATS – reminder to be reviewing this information.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Moore) Motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

Linda Coburn, Clerk