

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
January 2, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Kelly Guest: Wendall Stoeffler, Bill Lewis, Jamie Camp, Roger Smith

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to approve agenda as is. CARRIED

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve minutes from December 19, 2023. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve the bill package for a total of \$1648.67 CARRIED – Roll Call 6-0

Guests: *Bill Lewis* – introduced Wendall Stoeffler as a possible candidate for the open board position within the village. He has the needed skill set to cover the tax/treasurer position. Also gave an update on the library including an increased patronage and an overall growth of programs/materials, etc.

Wendall Stoeffler – gave his background and qualifications for the position expressing an interest to give back to the community by using his expertise in finance.

Jamie Camp - Agreed with Bill that Wendall would be a good fit for the current needs of the district library

Roger Smith – concerned about a neighbor who is not following zoning rules.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) TJ listed a number of improvements/highlights within the village in 2023 including resurfacing basketball/tennis/pickle ball courts, speed signs, new employee, etc. Very positive year.
- 2) Working on equipment repair/maintenance since there has been a lack of snow.
- 3) Still working on updating cemetery records
- 4) Painting/cleaning wells
- 5) Repainting street signs
- 6) Working with Janet regarding memorial in park.
- 7) Budget items: recommends holding back on roads in 2024-25; will be working on a long term plan for all funds similar to the water projections, a new generator for the wells is not practical use of tax money, would like to concentrate on updating equipment that is aging out starting with the village work truck.

Streets/Sidewalks: No report

Parks/Library/Cemetery: Will meet with committee regarding the memorial in the park.

Water: Running numbers/looking at variables regarding water fees

Administration: Reviewed budget draft briefly. Interested in giving annual cost of living increases to all employees including clerk and treasurer.

Public Safety:

- 1) Dep. Murphy indicated that trespassing on Thistle from school to town was addressed at the school. Will continue to follow up in the future.
- 2) KCSO indicated an increase in mail theft in the area.
- 3) State police & local sheriff had a 'SWATting incident in Fulton

Ordinances:

- 1) Couple problems with properties – owner seems to be responding. A second letter has been sent.
- 2) Waiting on Rob to issue 2 tickets
- 3) Thistle – appears that homeowner has acquired permits

- 4) Still working on updating several ordinances
- 5) Did receive the order for W. Maple property regarding demolition.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: (Sutherland/Kenney) 8:15 p.m. CARRIED
Linda Coburn, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
January 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

Present: Chaney, Kelly, Ludwig, Miller, Sutherland, Cummings, Coburn

Absent: Borden, Kenney **Guests:** Roger Smith, Stormy Cook, Bill Lewis, Sean Perrin, Carol Brock-Cook

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve minutes from January 2, 2024. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$1,452.95 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve treasurer's report \$902,649.07 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: *Stormy Cook* – expressed interest in the open trustee position on the district library board; gave general qualifications including organizational skills, promoting – social media/newsletters, etc. Will send resume/info.

Bill Lewis – Expressed concern about getting a trustee in place as soon as possible and reiterated the library boards previous recommendation of Wendall Stoeffler. Discussion followed. Informed the council that installation of the front exit door is complete. Installation went as planned with the addition of rebuilding the threshold. He will forward bills to the village email.

Carol Brock Cook - Expressed her desire as a current library board member to have the best candidate for the position. More discussion followed.

Village council will vote on appointing a village resident to the library board at the next village meeting – February 6, 2024.

Sean Perrin – Ended the year with 229 runs. Will have a more detailed report in February. December there were 30 runs – 3 in the village for medical. Currently at 12 runs for January.

Communications: None.

Public Works: Spending lots of time plowing/salting/sanding. Issue with the plow truck getting looked at tomorrow. Would like the council to approve a letter of intent to purchase the new village truck. (Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve the purchase of a new truck in fiscal year 2024-25 at a cost of \$48,347 and to issue a letter of intent to purchase. CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0. Reviewed need for more lighting in the park – to be done along with the rehab of the war memorial.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: No Report

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No Report

Water: No Report

Administration/Employee Relations: Brief discussion on the budget.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) 2023 Stats - 155 citizen initiated calls; officer initiated calls included 143 directed patrols & 34 traffic stops.
- 2) Reminder that anyone can call Silent Observer 343-2100 and remain anonymous.
- 3) Multitude of job opportunities from deputy to cook – see county website for details.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Two tickets issued last week.
- 2) 329 W. Maple – reviewed course of action over last year after property was purchased through tax auction. Multiple letters sent beginning October 2022 with no response from the owner, ticket issued Aug. 2023 owner did not appear/call in; process continued with three more opportunities for the owner to appear. Owner failed to appear. December 2023 village obtained a court order allowing demolition. Bids are currently being obtained.
- 3) First reading of parking ordinance.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Linda Coburn, Clerk