

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 4, 2025

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

Present: Chaney, Kelly, Ludwig (arrived at 6:45p), Moore, Pyle, Lewis

Absent: Sutherland **Guests:** Atty. Craig Rolfe

(Pyle/Kelly) Motion to approve the agenda. CARRIED

(Pyle/Moore) Motion to approve minutes from February 18, 2025. CARRIED

(Kelly/Pyle) Motion to approve the bill package of \$6,973.84. CARRIED – Roll call – 5-0

Guests: Atty. Craig Rolfe – reviewed a summary/status report on pressing subjects

(Lewis/Ludwig) Motion to approve Resolution #2025-001 renumbering certain ordinances and restoring chronological consecutive numbering system for village ordinances. CARRIED 6-0

Citizen Time: David Miller – commented on several points Atty. Craig Rolfe addressed including Moore, Bates, Murray, Zoning appeals, library lease.

Communications: email received from citizen on Main Street concerned about the brightness of the village sign. Lewis, Gibson & Coburn will look into this matter.

Public Works: No Report

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: No Report

Cemetery/Parks: Committee Meeting changed to 11th.

Water/Recycling/Spring Clean Up: No Report. Lewis – will be attending the school board meeting on 17th regarding student volunteering.

Finance/Insurance/Administration:

1. T-Mobile Contract (Pyle/Ludwig) Motion to accept the T-Mobile contract as written regarding communications site lease. CARRIED 6-0 roll call vote.
2. Lawrence Memorial District Library Lease Agreement. Discussion. (Pyle/Moore) Motion to approve the lease with amendment regarding village council use, Prairie Historical Society use and a start date of January 1, 2025. CARRIED – Roll Call Vote – 3 – 2 (Ayes – Pyle, Moore, Kelly; Nays – Ludwig, Chaney; Abstain – Lewis)

Public Safety/Fire/Law Enforcement/Disaster Planning:

1. Consumers Energy will be out Thursday or Friday to work on the 60 amp/240 volt electric for the siren.
2. Reached out to Lt. Malz regarding the Memorial Day Parade as well as Chief Smith at the fire department. (Lewis/Ludwig) Motion to allow meeting to go beyond 2 hours. CARRIED

Ordinance/Zoning/Planning & Development: Forms are available at the hall.

Old Business: KATS – (Lewis/Ludwig) Motion to not sign up with KATS for 2025. CARRIED

New Business: None

(Moore/Kelly) Motion to adjourn at 8:34p.

Linda Coburn, Clerk

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

Absent: None **Guests:** Sean Perrin

(Lewis/Ludwig) Motion to approve the agenda with additions. CARRIED

(Pyle/Kelly) Motion to approve minutes from March 4, 2025. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve the bill package of \$13,353.32. CARRIED – Roll call – 7-0

(Ludwig/Pyle) Motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report \$979,297.05 CARRIED – Roll call – 7-0

Guests: Sean Perrin – 16 call for February with 6 in the village (all medical); noted that Climax Township has signed an agreement with Wakeshma Township for fire & medical first responder services effective 2026.

Citizen Time: None

Communications:

1. Run to Climax requested use of the roads for their Memorial Day race. (Lewis/Chaney) Motion to allow Run to Climax to use the streets for the Memorial Day race as they have done in the past. CARRIED
2. New Girl Scouts troop requested permission to plant flowers around the village. (Pyle/Ludwig) Motion to allow Girl Scouts to plant flowers around the Village of Climax. CARRIED

Public Works:

1. Water meters are read for the quarter.
2. Had 2 funerals, also starting to clean cemetery for spring.
3. Changed sign to static display 10p-6a to accommodate a citizen request.
4. Water samples & pumpage reports are done for March.
5. Routine PFAS, Carbamates, Herbicides, Pesticides, Nitrates have been tested. Waiting on lab results. Waiting to hear from NSF Labs to come sample Gross Alpha (Rad) and Radium at plant tap.
6. Power hook up in the park for the tornado siren has been started.
7. Getting equipment ready for spring.
8. Newsletter and Water Quality Reports have been mailed and will also be in Climax Crescent.
9. Flushed water hydrants on 3/10-3/11 to clean out the system.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Waiting on quotes from J. Allen; met with someone about street grants – cost to hire them would be expensive; Lewis added that the village is looking into Category 3 grants which are for smaller municipalities.

Cemetery/Parks: Will be checking in to moving the Park Rules sign closer to the front of the park & perhaps updating the wording if needed. Also considering moving the cornhole boards.

Water/Recycling/Spring Clean Up: April bills will be sent out next week. Lewis met with school board regarding students doing community service within the village. School is interested in this starting fall 2026.

7:00p (Lewis/Ludwig) Motion to suspended regular meeting to begin Public Hearing on Budget. CARRIED
Citizen comments – regarding small budget for tree removal/maintenance; cost of library maintenance expenses

7:08p (Lewis/Pyle) Motion to close the public meeting and reconvene regular meeting. CARRIED

(Lewis/Pyle) Motion to approve budget amendments as a batch as presented by clerk – General Fund - \$36,771, Major Streets - \$10,529; Local Streets - \$4,233; and Water Fund - \$7,966. CARRIED – Roll call – 7-0

Council discussion on 2025-26 budget included need to watch the budget and increase items if needed including trees and sidewalks. (Lewis/Pyle) Motion to draw 9.5 mils for General Fund and 2.5 mils for water fund to support the 2025-26 budget. CARRIED – Roll call – 7-0

(Lewis/Ludwig) Motion to approve the following budget:

General Fund Revenues \$374,192, General Fund Expenses \$374,192, Major Streets Revenues \$146,264, Major Streets Expenses \$146,264, Local Streets Revenues \$49,000, Local Streets Expenses \$49,000, Water Fund Revenues \$169,976, Water Fund Expenses \$169,976 for 2025-26. CARRIED – Roll call 7-0

Finance/Insurance/Administration:

1. T-Mobile Contract – waiting for a signed copy from T-Mobile
2. Lawrence Memorial District Library Lease Agreement. Signed contract has been received along with payment in full for 2025.

Public Safety/Fire/Law Enforcement/Disaster Planning:

1. Kalamazoo County Sheriffs agreed to be here for the Memorial Day parade this year.
2. Tornado siren installation update – sign is ordered and will be installed; waiting on next permit to be issued with a hope of installation next week.
3. Received report from KCSO 10 citizen initiated calls and 26 officer initiated calls.

Ordinance/Zoning/Planning & Development: one form was filed regarding unpermitted roof work. Reminder to citizens that they should check with SafeBuilt regarding permits prior to beginning work. Committee is also working on updating initial ordinance violation contact letter.

Old Business: Planning Commission – Lewis reviewed the options for the council – A. create & seat a village planning commission, B. Pursue a joint planning commission with another municipality, C. Allow the village to become an unzoned community. Discussion followed. (Pyle/Kelly) Motion to do more research regarding our own village planning commission and then evaluate cost, process, etc. CARRIED

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Moore) Motion to adjourn at 7:42p.

Linda Coburn, Clerk