

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

August 1, 2023

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

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

Absent: Kenney, Ludwig, Borden Guest: John Gisler

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

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to approve minutes from July 18, 2023. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve the bill package for a total of \$7,449.59 CARRIED – Roll Call 5-0

Guests: Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler shared information on several items of interest including a new boat wash station at Long Lake, information on Avelo Airlines out of Kalamazoo & Kalamazoo County Youth Fair Aug.8-12.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) water samples/pumpage reports done for the month
- 2) Replaced a number of water meters
- 3) Working on tree trimming
- 4) Three funerals this week
- 5) Worked on cameras

Streets/Sidewalks:

- 1) Waiting on bids for sidewalk work. Assessing replacement needs.
- 2) Waiting on notice regarding TED grant

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

- 1) Pine tree in the park was trimmed
- 2) Signs for the park will be done tomorrow and installed by DPW
- 3) Thank you to TJ & Forrest for painting the pickle ball court
- 4) Will work on cleaning up the WWII Memorial in the park

Water:

- 1) Received email from Brenda – 62 people on the late list
- 2) Committee is working on some changes in fee structure – more information next meeting

Administration: No report

Public Safety: No report

Ordinances:

- 1) Four tickets schedule to go to hearing on August 11
- 2) Litigation – regarding 110 S. Main St., Mr. Anthony Bates. Recap: required permits not obtained by property owner, court order issued to owner to obtain permits by a specific date with daily fines if noncompliant, stop work ordered issued due to noncompliance. Documents received by the village/village attorney regarding a lawsuit. Village attorney is handling the case.
- 3) Read Resolution to authorize Village Council President to appoint qualified individuals to the Village Construction Board of Appeals. (Miller/Chaney) Motion that the Village president appoint Mike Alwine, Scott Paddock, and Randy Schmeling to the Construction Board of Appeals effective August 28, 2023,

that the CBA meet only as needed upon application and that each member be compensated \$150 plus mileage at the current IRS rates for those meetings he attends. CARRIED – Roll Call – 5-0

- 4) Read resolution; (Miller/Chaney) Motion to set fee as this resolution provides, set application fee at \$500 and establish that said Board will only meet as needed. CARRIED – Roll Call – 5-0.
- 5) Discussion on solar energy, township master plan. Township planning committee meeting on September 25.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: (Sutherland/Kelly) 8:04 p.m. CARRIED

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August 15, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

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

Absent: None **Guests:** Sean Perrin, Scott Smith

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve minutes from August 1, 2023. CARRIED

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$17,901.28 CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

(Ludwig/Kenney) Motion to approve treasurer’s report \$779,434.61 CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

Guests: Perrin/Smith – Stats for July – 24 runs including 11 medical, 4 power lines, 3 structure fires; 130 runs for the year

Communications: Flyer for a Municipal Law Seminar on September 13, 2023 in Battle Creek.

Public Works:

- 1) Signs are up in the park
- 2) Road striping is completed
- 3) Sidewalk project – would like to get it completed before vacation (Kenney/Chaney) Motion to approve sidewalk improvement up to \$10,000 accepting Regional Concrete, LLC bid of \$7,190. CARRIED – Roll Call 7-0

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Filling out application for RR tracks repair; waiting on commitment letter & estimate.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No Report

Water: N

- 1) Worked with 13 people so that they could understand water bills. Much discussion but all seems to be worked out.
- 2) Has received complaints about no office hours & return phone calls.
- 3) Water fees should be correct next quarter.

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Two year anniversary of Srgt. Proxmire’s death.
- 2) Kalamazoo County used the school for some emergency training
- 3) Received the traffic sign
- 4) State for July – 19 patrols, 3 tickets for traffic stops
- 5) Discussed the situation with loitering in the bank parking lot.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) 4 cases going to hearing on Friday
- 2) Continuing to work on West Maple Property
- 3) 2nd reading of the ordinance regarding Construction Board of Appeals (Miller/Ludwig) Move to adopt the ordinance regarding permanent appointment to the board of appeals rather than appointment to a two year term. Carried 7-0

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Linda Coburn, Clerk