

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
February 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

Present: Chaney, Kelly, Kenney, Ludwig – Pro-temp, Miller, Sutherland, Cummings-President Coburn – Clerk, Borden - Treasurer **Absent: Guests:** None

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve minutes from January 17, 2023. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$10,276.75. CARRIED Roll Call 7-0

Guests: None

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Pumpage & water reports done for February
- 2) Outbuilding at 114 painting – (Kenney/Ludwig) Motion to hire VanTuinen Painting to paint the out building at a cost of \$5,800 to be paid out of the 2023-24 budget. CARRIED Roll call 7-0
- 3) Road Administrator – need to appoint TJ instead of Mike so that TJ can sign reports/conduct business as needed. (Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to appoint TJ Gibson as Village Street Administrator for Village of Climax. CARRIED
- 4) Everstream told TJ they are done & 5G should be up and running within 24 hours.
- 5) Annual well inspection with Peerless tomorrow
- 6) Funeral today – weather has cooperated
- 7) Bathroom update at the village hall has been completed.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Attended the RR meeting – primary focus was safety; did make contact with an individual who may be helpful regarding grants regarding the railroad crossings.
- 2) To qualify for grants the village needs to have a Transportation study done at the cost of \$200. There appear to be several within the village currently, Joline will check on these to see if they will be sufficient.
- 3) TJ acquired a quote from the county for Chip sealing N. & S. Main - \$70,000. (5,000 hirer than last year.)
- 4) Lakeland will be coming to give a quote on the roads as well as the tennis court, bike path, basketball court. No firm quote will be given until March 1st as the market is currently so volatile.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Attended January library meeting
- 2) Library requested several repairs to be considered in the new budget including skylights closed, insulated & drywalled; air conditioner, antique door repaired & brought up to code for emergency exit; covers removed from thermostats. Will send a formal request in writing.
- 3) Council will obtain estimates/quotes on the above items for consideration in the 2023-24 budget.

Water: Shutoffs – 27 were issues but only 2 may be shut off; discussion followed on late fees, record updates, extensions.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Discussion regarding benefits for the DPW positions, updating of employee handbook.
- 2) Reminder that budget requests need to be made

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Kalamazoo county Cadet position available
- 2) Nick has stats from the speed signs including # of vehicles and average speeds entering the village.
- 3) Police presence has been noticeable; activity at the bank has decreased.
- 4) Requested police presence & Mounted Division for our Memorial Day Event.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Ticket issued for 132 E. Maple – car parked in the yard
- 2) Several properties have had letters sent – 135 Maple Cir., E. Maple St.
- 3) Following up on other properties/issues – W. Maple St., 110 S. Main.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

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

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Regular Meeting
February 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

Present: Chaney, Kelly, Ludwig, Miller, Sutherland, Cummings-President, Coburn – Clerk, Borden – Treasurer

Absent: Kenney **Guests:** Greg Moore, Consumers Energy; Doug, American Legion; Sean Perrin

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

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve minutes from February 7, 2023 with corrections. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$2,891.04. CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve the January Treasurer’s Report \$845,901.92 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: *Doug* – requested permission to use the streets for the Memorial Day parade. (Ludwig/Kelly) Motion to approve the American Legion to spearhead the parade and allow use of the village roads. CARRIED

Greg Moore, Consumers Energy – explained the renewal of the Gas Franchise Ordinance. (Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to accept the franchise ordinance for Gas Franchise with Consumers Energy CARRIED 5-1 (Nay-Miller)

Sean Perrin – updates – 15 runs for January (1 in the village), 15 so far for February.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) MiDeal – more information regarding items/services available
- 2) Tree in front of Langeland’s Funeral Home – diseased and dying – needs attention ASAP - quotes obtained (Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to hire WT Forestry to take down the tree in front of Langeland’s at a cost of \$2,800. CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0
- 3) Library Air conditioner quotes – obtained two quotes J & J Sheet Metal \$5,300-\$6,250 and Justin Denzick - \$4,800-\$5,300.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Working on quotes for Main St.
- 2) Transportation study – waiting until summer

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Working on quotes for skylights, front door.

Water:

- 1) Inspections on pumps are done
- 2) Starting on research study regarding water income vs. expected expenses.
- 3) TMobile is running all the lines working on the 5G
- 4) (Kelly/Miller) Motion to accept the HHW contract for 2023-24 in the amount of \$600. CARRIED – roll call – 6-0

Administration/Employee Relations: Clerk requested permission to attend a BS&A training webinar at a cost of \$200. (Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to allow clerk to attend BS&A webinar at a cost of \$200. CARRIED – roll call – 6-0

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Reported stats from January from Sheriff’s office
- 2) Followed up by email with his contacts regarding the bank and memorial day event. Still waiting on reply.
- 3) Researching speed cushions

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Annual Mowing Notice will be published in the Crescent.
- 2) 3 letters sent out regarding parking on the grass/yard
- 3) Two good results of cars being moved.
- 4) No court dates yet for 110 S. Main St.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk