

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
May 2, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

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

Absent: Kenney, Borden **Guests:** John Gisler (7:15p)

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

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

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$6,843.17. CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: None

Communications: Opportunity for Kalamazoo County residents to scrap tires for free – flyer sent to all council members.

Public Works:

- 1) Prepping for Memorial Day, edging sidewalks, planting flowers, burned the brush pile
- 2) Leveled off dirt on 114 E. Maple property by garage.
- 3) Will be putting flags on graves at the cemetery approx.. 2 weeks prior to Memorial Day
- 4) Lakeland is here working on the streets and the park
- 5) Leaf wagon is getting welding & fabricating done.
- 6) Forrest is starting to study for the water test – the first one he can take is Nov. 6.
- 7) Will need to do some repairs to one of the well houses in the future

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Working on sidewalk replacements
- 2) Working on TED grants
- 3) Mr. Gisler suggested getting in contact with the RCKC regarding the large cost of maintaining Main St. Joline will write a paragraph for Mr. Gisler for him to help look into the issue.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Breaking ground on the tennis/basketball courts tomorrow. Fence is down for access. Rotary Club will be heading up donations for the striping of the courts.
- 2) Some damage was done to the cemetery
- 3) Library – Jamie Camp's husband will be submitting a quote for fixing the front door

Water:

- 1) Still working on Asyst issues – no letter written yet.
- 2) Explained the loss of money due to the billing program issues; discussed contacting the company, writing a letter, etc. Will look for results – Mr. Gisler also offered assistance.
- 3) Still working on getting a report with the information that will allow an analysis to be done on water usage.

Administration/Employee Relations: no report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) RV issue followup – have ID, no malicious intent, may help with cost of clean-up if necessary.
- 2) Sheriff will have officers here for the Memorial Day parade.
- 3) Cameras – confirmed with Capt. Bishop that we need to have clear footage to ID, 3 options regarding cameras: 1- purchase an additional camera (\$300 plus installation/set up could be near \$2500), 2-move one of the existing cameras to a post near the courts (very vulnerable to vandalism) 3-change angle of an existing camera and possibly add a better lens (minimal cost comparatively). Will test new angle first to see if this solves the problem.
- 4) Blue truck – owner identified, correspondence sent to sheriff. Sheriff emphasized that to make a case every incident needs to be reported as soon as possible with details including who viewed it, cost of damages, time of day, etc.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Several letter sent out
- 2) Called Josh Thompson regarding the dirt piles in his yard/driveway; voicemail was full, Climax Solar said they would pass on the message to him.
- 3) Read Solar Ordinance
- 4) Read Compensation Ordinance
- 5) Show Cause hearing on May 15@1:30p for 110 S. Main St. for not getting required permits.
- 6) House on Cherry has been bought and new owner is refurbishing and planning to rent it out.

Old Business: Memorial Day event/parade were discussed.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk

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Regular Meeting

May 16, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

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

Absent: Cummings **Guests:** Andrew Kerwin, Sean Perrin, Roger

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to approve minutes from May 2, 2023. CARRIED

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$12,127.72. CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve treasurer’s report \$755,528.93 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: Andrew Kerwin – 260 N. Main St. – explained the change in his driveway as he changes the property back to a residence from a business. Also suggested that the council looks into a ‘no horns’ rule for the trains passing through the village.

Sean Perrin – stats/update – April runs 15, 2 in village – total of 78 for the year. Pride Ambulance will be closing which leaves only one ambulance service for the entire county.

Roger – consider implementing an ordinance for mowing grass into the street.

Communications: None

(Kenney/Chaney) Motion to open public meeting 6:37p. CARRIED

Read proposed Solar Ordinance

Read proposed Compensation Ordinance

Received public comments.

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to accept the solar ordinance as read. CARRIED 6-0 Roll call

(Kenney/Chaney) Motion to accept the compensation ordinance as read. CARRIED 4-1 (Miller, Nay; Kelly, abstain)

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to close public meeting At 6:54p and resume regular meeting. CARRIED

Public Works:

- 1) Leaf vac is done – would like to sell one of the old ones by sealed bid.
- 2) Had to use 10 yards top dirt to fix fence.
- 3) Tasks for Memorial Day event – dumpsters, portajohns, cemetery is being blocked off from parking, painting curbs on Thursday, street sweeper here next Wednesday.
- 4) Barn will be getting painted on Thursday
- 5) Funeral for resident next week
- 6) New weed whip purchased
- 7) Still need volunteers for parade/event.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Continuing to work on grants.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Paving is done on the tennis/basketball courts. Rotary Club is handling the striping. Janet will meet with rotary club and discuss the needed lines – basketball, tennis, pickle ball.
- 2) Discussed the proposed concrete pad for moving the return book bin for the library. **(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve the proposed concrete pad. CARRIED
- 3) Library also requested to use the park for at least 4 movies in the park over the summer. **(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to allow the library to use the park for at least 4 movies in the park over the summer. CARRIED
- 4) A replacement door has been found & purchased for the front of the library. Need to get it installed. Janet will follow up on this.

Water:

- 1) Will work on contacting Assyst; Carolyn has been working on getting information. Reps name is Keegen Wentzel. Suggesting that hand written bills might be an option if there is still a problem with the billing software.
- 2) 13 residents were listed on the shutoffs and all except one paid. Discussion.

Administration/Employee Relations: Ordered 8 new yard sale signs from Burkett’s.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Blue truck – followed up with amount of damage & filed a report. Encouraged everyone to file a report/complaint with the sheriff if something like this happens as it will help build a case that can be pursued.
- 2) Received a signed copy of the contract back from the Sheriff's office.
- 3) Received confirmation that they will be present at our Memorial Day event.
- 4) Received April #'s – 6 tickets issued, 5 directed patrols.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Check on the house on Cherry St.
- 2) Still attempting to make contact with Josh Thompson regarding the piles of dirt next to the village property.
- 3) Will be following up on 7 letters that have not been resolved. Possibly issuing tickets.
- 4) 110 S. Main St. has until June 1 to get permits to be in compliance or there will be a fine of \$25/day.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk