

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
November 7, 2023

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

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

Absent: None Guest: Commissioner John Gisler, Charles Smith, Kevin Harvey

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

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve minutes from October 17, 2023. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve the bill package for a total of \$9,872.60 CARRIED – Roll Call 7-0

Guests: *Comm. Gisler* – Spoke out in support of the Veteran’s Millage; State is offering a 4H license plate; Avelo coupons extended to June 2024.

Charles Smith – Requested permission to use/reserve the village park for a family reunion August 2024.

Kevin Harvey – reconnecting with community, involved with Prairie Historical Society, Climax-Scotts Digital Network

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Fuel tanks done, slight increase in cost due to power/electrical needs.
- 2) Water samples/pumpage reports done for the month
- 3) Leaves are crazy but the new leaf vac is a big help
- 4) Forrest took his water test on Nov. 1; takes 40 days to get results
- 5) Water shutoffs were put on doors today – 18 of them
- 6) C-S Banners are all up – 24 in total.
- 7) Consider purchasing a stand by generator for the water system. (whole system). Pulling money from ARPA which must be used by end of 2024. Cost roughly 25-40K this would include the VFD which saves energy/money on the grid from Consumers. Much needed in my opinion & good use of ARPA money.

Streets/Sidewalks: Working on quiet zone

Parks/Library/Cemetery: Researching monument still. (Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to approve the quote from Sundance Builders to replace the existing door for \$600 not to exceed \$1,000. CARRIED – Roll Call 7-0

Water: Shut off notices sent out – some being on the list could have been avoided. Would like to meet with the water committee regarding admin fee, rates and several other items.

Administration: Review of Year End 2023 has been completed.

Public Safety:

- 1) Continue to follow up on requests for camera footage including broken table in the park (nothing conclusive), suspicious vehicle in back of the bank (cameras were down at the time), second report of suspicious vehicle/persons/activities in the bank parking lot (info given to patrol. School officer will circle through that area regularly)
- 2) October Stats from speed sign on E. Maple St. 7,705 vehicles entered the village, average speed was 34 MPH, Wednesday & Friday were busiest days. All info given to Sheriff to assist with patrols.

Ordinances:

- 1) 2 letters sent for blight, weeds; Anonymous complaint about and E. Maple property was resolved
- 2) Following up on Watson St. property; Hearing on November 20th on W. Maple St. property
- 3) Revised animal ordinance needs to be read, consider next meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: (Sutherland/Kenney) 7:53 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Coburn, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
November 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

Present: Chaney, Kelly, Ludwig, Miller-pro temp, Sutherland, Cummings, Borden, Coburn

Absent: Kenney **Guests:** Sean Perrin, TJ Gibson

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve minutes from November 7, 2023. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$5,348.30 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve treasurer’s report \$911,252.55 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: Perrin – Stats for October – 22 runs including 9 in the village and 3 car accidents; upswing in car accidents; still lacking staff – maybe put this on the sign.

Communications: Rec’d. request from Rotary to put information about Help Line – 998 on the sign.

Public Works:

- 1) Leaf pick up is done – residents may still take their own leaves to the well field.
- 2) NW camera at the four corners is not working. Mike Betzold will come and check it.
- 3) Getting quotes on a new generator/installation
- 4) Working on snow equipment
- 5) Updating cemetery files to digital format
- 6) Forrest & TJ will both be gone December 12-14
- 7) Getting set for putting up Christmas lights

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Should hear on railroad grant within the next week; getting more information from her contact, Alexis regarding the quiet zone.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Still working on the memorial/monument in park. According to information from the historical society, it appears that three trees were planted along with the placing of the monument. Work has not yet begun on the door installation.

Water: Several changes coming to the USPS procedures so we may need a longer lead time for mailing water bills; met with the water committee and will be meeting with Jim.

Administration/Employee Relations: No report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Inclement weather is on the way – be mindful.
- 2) Wednesday begins the 2nd most deadly time of the year regarding alcohol, driving/travel, accidents, etc.
- 3) Kalamazoo County Sheriff’s office will be offering a snowmobile safety course in December.
- 4) Thefts have been increasing (porches/doorsteps) – especially packages/Black Friday deals delivered to homes

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Watson property has been cleaned up some – the order issued is still in effect.
- 2) West Maple property – expect judgement on demolition soon.
- 3) First reading of amended animal ordinance.

Old Business: None

New Business: Concern about school kids cutting back & forth across corn field and private property after school.

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Linda Coburn, Clerk