

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

June 6, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

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

Absent: None **Guests:** Roger, Joe Audette

(Ludwig/Kelly) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve minutes from May 16, 2023. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$84,411.70. CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

Guests: Roger – following up to see if the village has already or is considering an ordinance regarding mowing/blowing grass onto the roads. Would like to see people informed. Discussion followed. Will include in the next newsletter & on sign.

Joe Audette – concerned about unpermitted work being done at 136 S. Church St. Safebuilt will be contacted again regarding this matter.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples, some annual tests & pumpage reports are done.
- 2) Forrest has registered for water classes and exam.
- 3) Met with Dan from Lakeland
- 4) Since mowing is slow the DPW has been cleaning lots of sidewalks as a courtesy to the residents.
- 5) City of Kalamazoo has applied for a grant for water systems in Michigan. If received, Climax will get a portion of the money to use for improvements, maintenance, etc. of the water system.
- 6) Funeral coming up.
- 7) Will be reading meters in the next couple weeks
- 8) Due for the quarterly flush of the hydrants.
- 9) Water usage has been up significantly since we haven't gotten any rain.
- 10) Sealed bids for the leaf vac: 1 bid received for \$501. (Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to accept the bid for \$501 for the leaf vac. CARRIED – roll call – 7-0.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Working on quiet zone for the train whistles. It is a complicated process and will take approximately 6 months to implement. Requested help from public safety.
- 2) Working on TED grants – requesting money for Main St. 2nd Mill & Fill – current quote is \$263,800. The grant, if received pays for half the cost.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Library board discussed the replacement of the front door. Currently checking in to licensing needed to install. Janet will check on the status. Next Library meeting is on June 27, 2023 at 6:30p in the library.
- 2) Striping of the courts in the park – Rotary has applied for a grant. Appears that it will be August or September before the work will be done/grant awarded.

Water:

- 1) Brenda was able to get the water bills corrected.
- 2) Would like the council to seriously consider converting the utilities to BS & A software.
- 3) Requested and now waiting for a copy of the T-Mobile contract from our contact at T-Mobile.

Administration/Employee Relations: Read a statement regarding an incident with an employee.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Sean Perrin will be reaching a milestone of 25 years at the fire department.
- 2) Contacted an individual who will give training/information regarding Narcan through a 2 hour course. Will be setting up a time for the training.
- 3) Postal theft has already in 6 months reached the anticipated annual level. Be aware.
- 4) Sheriff patrol stats: 14 traffic stops, 5 tickets last month.
- 5) Sheriff's office continues to hire/train individuals for their department, however, some of those individuals are being hired by outlining municipalities that have or are establishing their own safety patrols.
- 6) Will be ordering a second speed sign.
- 7) Requested that burn permit information be posted on the village sign.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Requested some information on quiet zone/train whistles from Roxanne
- 2) 110 S. Main St. – to our knowledge has not applied for any of the permits that the court ordered them to get. According to the paperwork as of June 1st there is now a \$25/day fine being assessed.
- 3) Will be reviewing 10-11 properties with Rob regarding tickets that may be issued.
- 4) Thompson property – dirt is still not moved; will be taking further action
- 5) Discussed several items of concern
- 6) Driveway permit application for 240 North Main St. (Miller/Sutherland) Motion to approve & accept the driveway permit application for 240 North Main St. for driveway as presented in permit & attachment. CARRIED

Old Business: Memorial Day event/parade were discussed. There will be a follow up meeting soon, please get your comments turned in to Jim Cummings or Julie Tiller.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk

Village of Climax

Special Meeting

June 14, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:00p

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

Absent: Borden, Kelly, Ludwig **Guests:** None

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Chaney/Kenney) Motion to approve the Resolution as presented supporting road grant application.

(Chaney/Sutherland) Motion to adjourn at 5:03 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
June 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

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

Absent: Kenney **Guests:** Sean Perrin

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve agenda with the date correction. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve minutes from June 6, 2023 with the date correction. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve minutes from June 14 Special meeting. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$4,912.36. CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

(Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to approve treasurer’s report \$814,636.12 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: Prior to Sean giving updates the council recognized Sean for his 25 years on the Fire Department, thanking him for his dedication and service to the community.

Sean Perrin – stats/update – May runs 12, 1 in village – total of 96 for the year.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Interest water information: June 1 – 20 the village has pumped 1.5 million gallons of water. As a comparison the village pumped 1.4 million gallons of water the entire month of May.
- 2) There are 14 meters that need to be replaced.
- 3) Forrest is working on water certification classes.
- 4) Hydrants have been flushed.
- 5) Meters have been read.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Grant application was submitted.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Library meeting is June 27th at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Park – area near tracks was cleared per a request from the railroad.
- 3) Cemetery – looking nice – received several compliments from the public.

Water:

- 1) Bills will be mailed this week; all corrections have been done so hoping all bills are correct.
- 2) Would still like an itemization report for income vs expenses study.
- 3) Reminder that July 1st is junk day.

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Thanked Sean again for his service and his assistance to the council.
- 2) Noted that the Narcan training with Nancy was informative.
- 3) There have been more Sheriff patrols in town at various hours.
- 4) Obtaining a quote from Traffic Logix for another speed sign. Data gathered in May: 2:00p.m. & noon - busiest traffic times, speeds: 0 exceeding 50 mph, 9 traveling 46-50 mph with most traveling at speeds of 26-30 mph.
- 5) Reminder to be aware of phone scams in the area.
- 6) The Hands Free Cell Phone Law for Michigan begins on June 30, 2023.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Discussed safebult and the billing. Clerk will send copies of bills to David & Jim.
- 2) Tracked time spent on ordinances – it is extensive.
- 3) Issuing tickets with Rob this week for several properties.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk