

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
September 5, 2023

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

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

Absent: Kenney, Borden Guest: Laurie Bagwell

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

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve minutes from August 15, 2023. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve the bill package for a total of \$27,593.27 CARRIED – Roll Call 6-0

Guests: Laurie Bagwell – C-S Athletic Boosters/C-S Schools would like to put up banners promoting members of the senior class. Banners would be on school grounds and flow down Main St. as needed. Discussion followed. More research will be done regarding procedures/policy.

Communications: received quote for moving utilities to BS&A system. Clerk will provide detailed financial information at next meeting.

Public Works:

- 1) water samples/pumpage reports will be done tomorrow
- 2) Sidewalks and roads are done
- 3) Meter reading will start next week
- 4) Funeral Friday
- 5) Fuel tanks – looking to upgrade. Meeting with Crystal Flash.
- 6) Leaf Vac is done and ready to go for the fall.
- 7) Pay for Mike Gibson covering during vacations. (Miller/Kelly) Motion to pay Mike as a water certified DPW substitute for time spent working for the Village at a rate of \$25/hour. CARRIED - Roll Call 6-0
- 8) (Miller/Ludwig) Motion to pay an uncertified DPW substitute worker when it is necessary at a rate of \$16/hour. CARRIED – Roll Call 6-0

Streets/Sidewalks: Still working on RR Grant – Deadline is Sept. 29

Parks/Library/Cemetery: Glad to see lots of use of tennis/basketball courts.

Water:

- 1) Had 2 calls and both were positive
- 2) Volunteered to check water bills before they are sent to make sure the system changes are accurate.

Administration: Addressed an issue regarding miscommunication.

Public Safety:

- 1) Our second speed sign is here. DPW will be putting it together and setting it up by Maple Circle
- 2) More police presence in town – 11 directed patrols, 5 tickets in August.
- 3) Will be attending a local Hazard Mitigation Seminar on September 21.

Ordinances:

- 1) Several violations currently – 231 Snapdragon – installing fencing without a permit; 128 Maple Cir. hearing on 9/13 inoperable vehicle;
- 2) Lawsuit Bates v. Village of Climax, motion denied; order retained regarding \$25/day fee for not having proper permits.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: (Sutherland/Chaney) 8:05 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Coburn, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
September 19, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

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

Absent: None **Guests:** Sean Perrin

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve minutes from September 5, 2023. CARRIED

(Kenney/Ludwig) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$18,672.04 CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

(Kenney/Kelly) Motion to approve treasurer's report \$797,410.51 CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

Guests: Perrin/Smith – Stats for August – 16 runs including 5 medical in the village with 151 runs year to date; currently planning a community wide CPR training class – date to be announced

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Started reading meters; Kevin is off for a 1-2 weeks to help local farmer with crops
- 2) TJ & Forrest attending water class on Tuesday, October 3; Forrest is schedule to take 1st water test in November.
- 3) Hauling multiple loads of dirt out of the well field to an individual just outside the village who wanted fill dirt.
- 4) Flushing hydrants next week or two – water will be stirred up as we prepare for winter.
- 5) Need to upgrade the fuel tanks. Discussion. Total cost will be under \$5,000 which includes 2 new above ground tanks (300 gallons each), pumps, required concrete pads. **(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to upgrade fuel tanks not to exceed \$5,000. CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Received the bid for railroad track repair on Main St. Cost is \$432,080. The cost is split between the railroad and the village 40-60. Currently applying for a grant that would cover the villages 60%.
- 2) No word yet on the TED grant for Main St.
- 3) Still working on the Quiet Zone request regarding the train whistles.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Researching monument in the corner of the park – will contact the historical society.
- 2) Would like the picnic table in the middle of the park to be moved. DPW will take care of that.
- 3) DPW will also check out tennis nets.

Water: Brenda will be working on water bills. Carolyn will review and the bills will be sent by October 1.

Administration/Employee Relations: More discussion on switching utilities software. More information next meeting.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Keeping an eye on social media – egging on 44th St. – just be aware of what is happening around the village.
- 2) KCSO – issued an alert regarding an uptick in phone scams in our area.
- 3) Traffic stats – 22,162 vehicles traveled past the sign in August; Wed. & Thu. most traffic, peak hours 4-5:00 p.m.
- 4) Hazard Mitigation class is this Thursday.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Ordinance violations: 231 Snapdragon – vehicle w/expired tags; 128 Maple Circle went to court – ruled in favor of the village; 241 Columbine – vehicle, weeds, etc.; 329 W. Maple – referred back to court; 110 S. Main – another judgement for August – owner has pulled some of the required permits
- 2) Speeding vehicle in the village – turned information over to the Sheriff's office and they will follow up.
- 3) Food Trucks – according to Kalamazoo County Health Department – need to have a temporary permit.

Old Business: None

New Business: Some individuals in the area would like to decorate the sign and four corners for fall. They will set it up and care for it as needed. Council approved.

(Sutherland/Miller) Motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Linda Coburn, Clerk