

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

April 4, 2023

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

**Present:** Chaney, Sutherland, Kenney, Miller, Ludwig, Cummings-President

**Absent:** Kelly, Borden, Coburn **Guests:** Crystal Rolfe, Bruce Rolfe, Roger

**(Chaney, Sutherland)** Motion to approve agenda CARRIED

**(Kenney, Sutherland)** Motion to approve minutes from March 21, 2023 CARRIED

**(Sutherland, Chaney)** Motion to approve special meeting minutes from March 30, 2023 CARRIED

**(Kenney, Sutherland)** Motion to approve bill package for total of \$10,850.85. CARRIED. Roll Call - 6-0.

Guests:

Communications: None

Public Works:

1. TJ sold 13 cemetery lots paid for in cash @ \$250 each.
2. Flush hydrants = dirty water.
3. Sent water quality report and newsletter.
4. Forrest Cope's first day will be 4/10/2023.
5. Street sweepers will be in the Village next week 4/10/2023.
6. Water classes 4/15 and 4/16.
7. Ray Pierce driveway permit. Granted based on specifications.
8. Seeking date from Lakeland for chip seal in the village.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

1. Chip seal list: Sunflower and Watson
2. Mill and Fill: Cherry
3. Smith: Cherry St. installing new driveway and sidewalk.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

1. Michigan microgrant zoom call 4/13 to sit in to observe and ask questions.
2. Lakeland: Basketball resurface two inches. Will cost \$24,377. Lines will be an additional cost.
3. Discussion followed about pricing for nets and posts. Miller to have a conversation with Kevin Langs regarding Pickel Ball classes and use of C-S facilities to the public.

Water: No Report

Administration/Employee Relations:

- Forrest's first day will be 4/10/2023.

Public Safety/Fire:

1. Relocated speed sign to East Maple Street. Relocations will be quarterly.
2. Re-sent e-mail to KCSO requesting Memorial Day presence. Have not heard back still.
3. Reported mail theft in surrounding areas. Be on alert and call non-emergency (269)488-8911.
4. Will look into additional camera and pricing for basketball court. Will request information from Captain Bishop about how camera footage can be used to deal with issues.

Ordinance/Zoning:

1. Have sent out letters to 4 of 13 properties that are on our radar.
2. Speaking with Roxanne about continued solar ordinance prohibiting use of commercial solar in the Village limits since moratorium is set to expire.
3. Rob has some properties he plans to stop by next week.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to adjourn at 7:40p.m.

Nick Ludwig

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Regular Meeting

April 18, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

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

**Absent:** Borden **Guests:** Jamie Morrison, Sean Perrin

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

**(Sutherland/Ludwig)** Motion to approve minutes from April 4, 2023. CARRIED

**(Ludwig/Kenney)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$37,989.28. CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

**(Ludwig/Kenney)** Motion to approve treasurer's report \$805,875.74 CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

Guests: Jamie Morrison – Requested permission to use the village streets for the Run to Climax event on Monday, May 29, 2023 all courses are the same as last year. One-mile run begins at 8:00am, 7k at 8:30am. (Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to allow the roads to be used for the Run to Climax event on May 29, 2023. CARRIED

Sean Perrin – stats/update – Feb. 29 runs (12 runs in 48 hours – during ice storm), Mar. 12 runs and 10 for April. Informed council that there has been an increase in drug overdoses and deaths in the area.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Officially introduced Forrest Cope to the council.
- 2) Streets have been swept. Will be swept again before Memorial Day event
- 3) TJ & Mike continue to take water classes to maintain their certification
- 4) Rec'd flags for the cemetery. Will get with Legion to put them out.
- 5) Will be doing a live tap into the water system to hook up new residence on West Maple St.
- 6) Purchased trees from the Rotary for the village – suggestions for where to plant?
- 7) Library AC quotes will be expiring soon
- 8) Water testing – PFAS & Nitrate done & results are good.
- 9) Discussed accessibility/signage of brush/leaf piles at the well field

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Received a quote for striping N & S Main and E & W Maple – PK Contracting \$4,599.50 (Chaney/Kenney) Motion to approve and accept the estimate of \$4,599.50 from PK Contracting for striping N & S Main St. and E. & W. Maple St. CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0
- 2) Working on TED grant
- 3) Concerned about an incident of RV being towed through town and what appeared to be sewage leaking from it.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Bridge Building Grant – attended a zoom meeting – it is not a fit for our village.
- 2) Discussed donations for the striping of the new courts in the park. Donations cannot be done through the municipality. Jim will contact Climax Rotary to see if that is an option.
- 3) (Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to accept the bid from Bartholomew Heating & Cooling not to exceed \$4,200 to replace the air conditioner in the library. CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

Water:

- 1) Water bills went out. Concerned that the software is not allowing for the necessary changes. An email will be composed and sent to the company seeking action.
- 2) Requested clerk obtain a quote for changing utilities to BS&A software.
- 3) Still working on getting information to do an analysis on water usage.
- 4) Had several positive remarks regarding the village sign & information being posted.

Administration/Employee Relations: working on getting new signs to advertise the annual village yard sale.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Have noticed more patrols in the village at various times and in various places.
- 2) Still no confirmation from the sheriff's office regarding the parade.
- 3) Uptick in fentanyl activity – Be aware – it is very hazardous to users and bystanders.

- 4) Discussed options for cameras in the park: relocate/repurpose an existing camera, purchase a new camera, upgrade one of the existing cameras. Waiting for some answers regarding the usefulness in the event of a prosecution.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) More letters being sent – these are addressing violations such as inoperable vehicles, tires, junk in yard, buildings in disrepair, etc.
- 2) Three tickets will be issued due to non-compliance
- 3) Ordinances – solar ordinance and clerk/treasurer salary ordinance are done and ready to review/read/public hearing
- 4) Will be following up on property at 111 S. Main – dirt piles and 110 S. Main – all permits have not be obtained as was directed by the court.

Old Business: None

New Business: Some parts of the website do not appear to be updated/current. Clerk will follow up.

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk