

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

January 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

Present: Chaney, Kelly, Kenney, Ludwig, Miller, Sutherland, Cummings-President, Coburn – Clerk, Borden – Treasurer

Absent: None **Guests:** None

(Ludwig/Kenney) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve minutes from December 20, 2022. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$4,646.11. CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

Guests: None

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples & pumpage reports done
- 2) Funeral Friday @ noon
- 3) Purchased new chain saw and old one is good for a back up
- 4) Checking out MIDeal
- 5) Trees: (Ludwig/Kenney) Motion to approve trimming of oak tree in cemetery by WT Forestry not to exceed \$2500. CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Attending a meeting on January 19 with CNN Railroad; Committee is exploring grants

Parks/Cemetery/Library: continuing to monitor any loitering near the bank and inappropriate activity at the park; also working on grants

Water:

- 1) Sent copy of annual water report to concerned citizen; worked with Heather Bishop (EGLE rep)
- 2) Researching a stand by generator for the water system. Need of a new leaf vac.
- 3) Established a log system for mail pick up from post office box & drop box.

Administration/Employee Relations: Prepping for new budget year including employee wages, budget items, etc.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) No reports received for Sheriff in November or December. Very little communication responses. There has been more noticeable presence recently. Put in a request for patrol to park at the bank instead of the fire dept.
- 2) Communicated meeting time changes as well as meeting dates to the law enforcement representatives that attend the village meetings.
- 3) Obtained a quote from Traffic Logix for another speed sign – no increase in cost.
- 4) A new village resident expressed interest in serving on the Fire Dept.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) 3 letters sent out on vehicles parked in yard.
- 2) Received complaints regarding 110 S. Main St. & 11 S. Main St.
- 3) House on Cherry St. (purchased at public auction) is for sale again
- 4) House on W. Maple appears to be getting cleaned up.

Old Business:

- 1) Reminder to inform Jim or TJ about info to put on the village sign.
- 2) Moratorium – Solar ordinance – draft will be sent to all council members for review.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Linda Coburn - Clerk

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Regular Meeting
January 17, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

Present: Chaney, Kelly, Kenney, Ludwig, Miller, Cummings-President, Coburn – Clerk,

Absent: Sutherland, Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Cheryl Bates, Marijo Elwell

(Ludwig/Chaney) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Kenney/Kelly) Motion to approve minutes from December 6, 2022. CARRIED

(Kenney/Ludwig) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$3,121.49. CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

(Ludwig/Kenney) Motion to approve the December Treasurer’s Report \$850,465.72 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: Cheryl Bates – FOIA request follow up; concern about complaint on 110 S. Main St.

Marijo Elwell – complaint regarding dog barking at 216 E. Maple St.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Requests for several budget items to consider for 2023-24
 - a. Generator – quote for \$32,000
 - b. Leaf-vac/dump trailer – quote for \$60,000 but would prefer to get one custom built which would only cost \$20,000. (Kenney/Chaney) Motion to approve the purchase of leaf-vac/dump trailer and fabrication necessary up to the amount of \$20,000 to come out of 2023-24 budget. CARRIED roll call – 6-0
 - c. Painting of outbuilding at 114 E. Maple St. quotes \$3,000 - \$8,000. Tabled until next meeting.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Attending a RR meeting on Thursday
- 2) Discussing roads that need to be done next budget year: N & S. Main St. will need maintenance (chip, fog seal, etc.) Cherry, Sunflower, & Watson need to be resurfaced.
- 3) Concern about damage being done to a portion of Cherry St. due to heavy equipment usage.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No Report

Water: DPW is working on updating the bathroom at the village hall, will have report next meeting on late payers of water bills, had several conversations with residents regarding water bill changes.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) (Kenney/Chaney) Motion to increase clerk salary to \$18,304/year beginning with the 2023-24 budget year. CARRIED roll call 5-1 (Kelly – Nay)
- 2) Kenney/Ludwig) Motion to increase DPW supervisor pay to \$28/hour beginning with the 2023-24 budget year. CARRIED roll call 6-0
- 3) (Kenney/Chaney) Motion to set starting pay at \$16-19/hour commensurate of experience for the new DPW full-time worker with pay increases of \$1.50/hour upon completion of 1st water certification test/level and an additional \$1.50/hour upon completion of the 2nd water certification test/level both to be passed within 2 years of hire date. CARRIED roll call 6-0
- 4) (Kenney/Ludwig) Motion to increase board member wages: Trustees from \$75 to \$100 per meeting; President from \$100 to \$200 per meeting beginning 2023-24 budget year. CARRIED roll call 4-1 (Miller – Nay, Cummings – abstain)

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Capt. Bishop – gave council updated stats for the village. 26 directed patrols, 32 tickets issued with 19 so far for January.
- 2) Sean Perrin – gave council updated stats – annual report total calls were 215.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Learned about Metro Act and that permits are required for telecommunications providers. (Miller/Kenney) Motion to approve the METRO Act Right-of-Way Telecommunications permit with EVERSTREAM GLC HOLDING COMPANY LLC, with the understanding that the permit is not approving any new supporting poles or any distributed antenna systems (DAS) antennas. CARRIED roll call 5-1 (Chaney – Nay)

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Miller/Chaney) Motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk