

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 3, 2020

Call to Order: 7:30p

Present: Jim Cummings, Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, Janet Sutherland, Jayci Torrance, Bruce Rolfe – President, Linda Coburn – Clerk **Absent:** Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Jen Richardson, Kelly Leach, Anthony Bates, Max Nicolai, Martin Janssen, Sam Urban, Bill Lewis

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve February 17, 2020 minutes. Unanimously approved.

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$1,574.10. Unanimously approved – roll call vote

Guests:

1. Jen Richardson introduced herself. She is running for Congress in the 6th District.
2. Kelly Leach, Climax Rotary – requested permission for the Rotary to use the old Harvester lot during the Memorial Day events. The Rotary will be selling breakfast & lunch options during the day as well as providing some music & adult beverages. All permits/insurance would be taken care of by the Rotary or Rotary member businesses. It is understood that the Rotary will be responsible for all clean up to the lot. (Torrance/Cummings) Motion to allow the Climax Rotary to use Harvester lot during the Memorial Day events. Unanimously approved.
3. Anthony Bates/Max Nicolai – Waiting for council to finish inquiries regarding use of the Harvester lot for a political banner. He is also sponsoring another small business event at the Galesburg/Charleston Memorial Library on March 28th.
4. Martin Janssen & Sam Urban from Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority presented information on the services available for residents of Kalamazoo County. MetroConnect is a scheduled ride service that individuals can use for transportation within Kalamazoo County. Information can be found online at www.kmetro.com
5. Bill Lewis gave an update on the library. He needs copy of insurance, heating bills. The library board decided to pay the director an annual salary of \$500 to be made as a one-time payment from their budget. They are working toward a millage for the library that would be put on the August ballot. There are several considerations regarding this including the possibility of becoming a district library. He will keep the council informed as their research progresses.

Communications: None

Public Works: No Report

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Waiting on the next phase of the road grant.

Parks/Library/Cemetery: No Report

Water:

Presented Council with a handout regarding health concerns surrounding 2G & 5G. Do the benefits outweigh the risks? The contract will be reviewed to check on several questions that arose. Contact will be made with the CenturyLink representative and the council will plan to make a decision thereafter.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Budget Amendments were presented. (Torrance/Sutherland) Motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 2) Budget was distributed for council consideration. Public Hearing will be held March 17, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. Notice will be published in the paper March 6 and 13.
- 3) Discussed Spring Newsletter and Website and keeping both up to date for all residents.
- 4) Phone message needs to be changed. Clerk will follow up on this.

Public Safety:

- 1) Presented council with 2 reports summarizing locations of activity reported to the sheriff. He will prepare these reports quarterly.
- 2) There was an incident at the well field and we are in the process of obtaining the camera footage in order to move forward.

Ordinance:

- 1) Continuing to make contact with residents that need to take care of ordinance violations.
- 2) One ticket has been issued
- 3) In communication with the County regarding several residences.
- 4) Need to consider updating the ordinance books – council members will begin reviewing.

Old business: None

New Business: None

(Cummings/Sutherland) The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.
Linda Coburn – Clerk