

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
December 19, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30p

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

Absent: None **Guests:** Roger Smith, Pat Kelly

(Ludwig/Kelly) Motion to approve agenda. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to approve minutes from December 5, 2023 with changes. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$5,579.09 CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

(Kenney/Chaney) Motion to approve treasurer's report \$907,879.62 CARRIED – Roll Call – 7-0

Guests: Smith – shared information regarding solar, bill recently passed by governor.

Communications: None.

Public Works: No report

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Quiet Zone for RR is more complicated as well as more expensive than anticipated with a multitude of requirements including barriers, risk assessment, software, etc. Joline is working with a resource person and will continue to gather information to present to the council.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Monument – received a go ahead from the American Legion; Roger Smith volunteered to help with clean up & landscaping. Committee will meet and discuss; TJ is working on lighting possibilities for the park.

Water:

- 1) Kelly read a statement to the council declining to resign.
- 2) President Cummings reorganized committees as follows: Water/Recycling/Cleanup: Kelly, Miller, Ludwig – no chairperson; Public Safety/Fire/Law Enforcement: Ludwig – chairperson, Kenney, Miller; Cemetery/Parks/Library: Sutherland-chairperson, Kelly, Chaney all other committees remain the same. Kelly voiced her disapproval of the changes.

Administration/Employee Relations: Turn in budget requests as soon as possible.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Thistle trespassing – students – have not been too many kids since first report; also have not seen much police presence at the time requested.
- 2) Latest scam: fake QR codes which require a code or payment which then allows access to personal information. Be aware there are lots of scams this time of year.
- 3) Attend the monthly meeting of the Climax Township Fire Department. Staffing: recently rehired one individual, have one beginning academy in January & another interested.
- 4) After much research concluded that ARPA money cannot be used to fix the emergency siren.
- 5) Continue to follow up on repeat speeders in the village.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) Had several complaints regarding the Eldred house. Spoke with owner who has made some effort. May need to write a letter.
- 2) Working on clearer language for ordinances including parking in yards.
- 3) Order on 329 W. Maple – have not received – still waiting on status/judgement.
- 4) Several letters being send for violations.

Old Business: (Kenney/Ludwig) Motion to approve 2024 meeting dates. CARRIED; short discussion on Verizon antennae and library board vacancy.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Linda Coburn, Clerk