

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
September 6, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

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

Absent: Ludwig, Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** None

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve agenda. Unanimously approved

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve minutes from August 16, 2022. Unanimously approved

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$101,303.57. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests: None

Communications: Agricultural Tire Collection at Perkins Tire, Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting

Public Works:

- 1) There were several issues with the water tower grounds due to work done by ATT & Consumers. All issues have been resolved.
- 2) Have heard lots of positive comments on the speed sign. Several would like to see it placed by the school.
- 3) Working on water valves which is done once every 3 years.
- 4) Busy with foundations in the cemetery – we just did 3 more.
- 5) Received a quote from Rowe to do cement work for the electronic village sign installation. It was approx. \$1500. Cost for digging the foundation will only be about \$150 as Sean Perrin will be donating equipment & time. The cost for an electrician will be about \$1500. The sign will be done this week so we need to get everything prepped. **(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to delegate \$3500 to finish installation prep for the electronic village sign. This includes cement and electrical work. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 6) Sidewalks – do we need to hold off because of finances?
- 7) Pumpage reports & water samples are done for the month.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Would like to see some sidewalks get repaired. Will follow up with clerk & TJ regarding budget.
- 2) Still concerned about N. Main St bump near culvert. Would like to get it fixed . cost to mill & pave is approx. \$7500. Will discuss next month.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Discussed possible lawsuit. Much discussion followed. Would like to see the issue resolved prior to filing a lawsuit.
- 2) Question arose regarding insurance on the new columbarium – clerk will contact insurance company to verify.

Water:

- 1) Shared research done regarding water rates/fees. Discussion followed. **(Kelly/Chaney)** Motion to increase water fees by raising the base rate from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per quarter, usage rate from \$3.61 to \$3.80 per thousand gallons and increasing the late fee from 5% of bill to \$25 flat fee effective beginning October 1 (January bill). Passed 5-1 (Miller) Will vote on resolution next meeting.
- 2) Some discussion followed regarding payment of late bills in the drop box & by mail and who is responsible for checking the boxes.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Discussed several items including job descriptions and responsibilities.
- 2) Requested that Dorian fill out an Notice of Intent to Retire so that we have a solid date for hiring a replacement.
- 3) Suggestion made regarding increasing the salaries of the council members. Discussion followed.

Public Safety/Fire: No Report

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Nothing from the court yet regarding the Pyle case.
- 2) 392 Thistle – fence permit has been paid.
- 3) An inspection has been requested for 221 S. Main St.
- 4) 365 S. Main St. progress being made with items that need to be fixed.
- 5) Old salon – some complaints that the house is a mess. Following up on this.
- 6) Much happening at 110 S. Main St. will be observing due to increased construction/renovation
- 7) Several homes appear to be in violation of the lawn ordinance (height of grass/weeds/etc.)

Old Business: The village has not yet obtained a credit card.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
Linda Coburn, Clerk