

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting  
December 20, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

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

**Absent:** Chaney, Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Joan Haynes

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

**(Sutherland/Ludwig)** Motion to approve minutes from December 6, 2022. CARRIED

**(Sutherland/Kelly)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$10,806.89. CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

**(Ludwig/Kenney)** Motion to approve the November Treasurer’s Report \$864,962.16 CARRIED – Roll Call – 6-0

Guests: Joan Haynes – Sturgis Bank & Trust – expressed concern with children parking at the bank during bank hours and engaging in questionable behavior including underage drinking, smoking, possible drug sales. Specific information has been gathered including names, license plates, times, etc. Much discussion followed. Suggestions given included continued calls to towing company, police both state & sheriff as well as calls to Liquor Control. Nick will also reach out to his contacts within the Sheriff’s department.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Thank you for the Christmas Bonus
- 2) Light in the park has been fixed – appears to have been destroyed intentionally. Monument light timer was fixed.
- 3) Quotes for trimming several trees in the cemetery.
- 4) RCKC will be sending a quote for N & S Main chip sealing. Other roads to consider Sunflower, Watson & Cherry.
- 5) Now have an account with NAPA in Athens
- 6) Equipment reports are done – TJ is learning this
- 7) Water reports will be transitioning to online
- 8) Would like to redo the bathroom at the hall sometime in the first quarter.
- 9) Need a new chainsaw. Will try to get the old one fixed enough to be a back up and purchase another chainsaw.
- 10) New employee is doing great.
- 11) All meter reading is done.
- 12) Encourage people to not park on the road.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: No Report

Parks/Cemetery/Library: Requested money in next year’s budget to redo the basketball/tennis courts

Water: Stated the importance/necessity of having a certified water operator; continuing to monitor the bill currently in the state house regarding water shut offs.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) TJ & Mike will be swapping positions/pay beginning January 1, 2023.  
(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve the job change beginning January 1, 2023. CARRIED 6-0
- 2) Would like to get files organized at the hall.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Recapped info regarding the bank issues
- 2) Shared OEM – storm warning information
- 3) Kalamazoo County Sheriff’s office will be changing uniforms as of 1-1-23; approved 1<sup>st</sup> mounted division.

Ordinances/Zoning:

- 1) (Kenney/Kelly) Motion to approve Ordinance 2-19(a) regarding the change of meeting time. CARRIED 6-0
- 2) Discussed SafeBUILT contract regarding ordinance enforcement.

Old Business:

- 1) Christmas Lights winners announced: 344 Prairie Drive, 127 Watson, 352 Prairie Place. Prizes will be delivered this week.
- 2) Requested that a copy of the library contract/lease be sent to all council members.

New Business: None

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk