

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

July 5, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

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

Absent: Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Atty..Bob Soltis, Atty. Ann Seuryneck, Bill Lewis, Pat Harvey, Marcia Lewis

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

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve minutes from June 21, 2022 with correction. Unanimously approved

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$2,043.55. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests: All statements from guests were in regards to business with Lawrence Memorial Library concerning the District Library Agreement.

Jim Cummings read a statement summarizing the current concerns of the council and requested that all parties present be respectful of one another.

Bill Lewis reviewed and summarized the need for the memorial library to become a district library to obtain funds that will sustain/stabilize the current dire financial situation of the library. Also emphasized the pressing need to be on the November ballot.

Pat Harvey representing the Prairie Historical Society expressed concern that it appears that this contract could greatly hinder the PHS.

Marcia Lewis, village resident, stated that she is hoping to move forward to get this request on the ballot so that we all can support the library.

Denise Kenney speaking for the library committee – listed several concerns with contract as it has been presented:

1-Financial aspect is a concern (interim period)

2-The current draft removes oversight & control of the building from the village & gives it to the District Library.

It appears that if the village does not fix everything requested by the district library that it could be a breach of contract.

3-Concerned about the contention between the library & the historical society

4-Financial obligation is essentially doubled for the village during the interim period as it requires an additional \$10,000 per year be given to the library for the interim period.

5-The contract offered from the village to the library should be sufficient – the current draft from the library is overly complicated and lengthy.

Atty. Seuryneck stated that becoming a district library will be a benefit not only to the library but also to the village financially. All points can be negotiated. There are some simple fixes that can be made to accommodate all parties. The complexity of the document is not meant to be oppressive but comprehensive. Much discussion followed.

Atty. Soltis Discussed concerns stating that the village has and will continue to support the library. One point of concern is that there is not an end to the interim period. After discussion it was agreed that the interim period would be the length of the contract which would now be through December 31, 2024. Also, requested that a multi-use joint agreement be included as an exhibit in the agreement.

Much discussion followed.

Conclusion: Attys will work together to make changes to satisfy both parties. A special meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. to review changes and potentially vote on signing the agreement.

Communications: None

Public Works: No Report

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Sidewalks on Cherry St. have been broken due to construction on new house. Owner is aware of his responsibility to make all repairs at his expense.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No Report

Water: No Report

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) No more fireworks after today.
- 2) Following up with DNR regarding their encounter with the individuals riding dirt bikes on the roads
- 3) Traffic Logic sign has been delivered. There is webinar training available for all council members and DPW.
- 4) Capt. Amy Price is retiring. Congratulations to her and her services to our village. She will be missed.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) 114 Ebinger was issued a ticket for junk cars in the backyard. Ticket was posted on the property.
- 2) 125 Cherry St. has a public notice posted.

Old Business: Concern from some council members regarding upset residents. Hoping this will calm down soon.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

Linda Coburn - Clerk