

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

July 11, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Kelly, Kenney Guest: Roxanne Seeber, attorney

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve agenda as is. CARRIED

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to approve minutes from June 20, 2023. CARRIED

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve the bill package for a total of \$5,759.97. CARRIED – Roll Call 5-0

Guests: Roxanne was introduced to the entire board and entertained questions from council members.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Main Street – due to condition of the road, the cost would increase by approx. \$13,000. (Total cost for crack fill, fog & chip seal would be near \$84,000) Considering that the village has applied for a grant for 2024 the recommendation from the road commission is to crack fill & surface patch this year at a cost of approx.\$14,000. (Chaney/Ludwig) Motion to have N. & S. Main St. crack filled and surface patched by RCKC at a cost of \$13,877. CARRIED -Roll Call – 5-0
- 2) Concern regarding a tree at 115 S. Main St. 2 quotes – WT Forestry \$4500, Romans \$5500. (Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to accept the bid from WT Forestry to remove the tree at 115 S. Main St. at a cost of \$4500.
- 3) Have changed a 25 water meters for residents. Still have plenty of new meters on hand.
- 4) Results of recent water samples are all good.
- 5) TJ & Forrest will be attending a webinar on Water System Finances on Thursday.
- 6) Cemetery is busy – funeral tomorrow, two next week, several headstones getting placed.
- 7) Would like to replace more sidewalks this year since we are not paving Main St.

Streets/Sidewalks:

- 1) TED grant – decisions will be made by mid September.
- 2) Working on another grant to have the railroad tracks on Main St. repaired.
- 3) Continuing to work on the quiet zone/no horn area for the train coming through the village.

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

- 1) New equipment being installed & lines painted on the courts in the park in the next few weeks.
- 2) Library meeting – a large number of citizens attended and expressed their opinions regarding the “library bill of rights” the board passed.

Water:

Discussion regarding the billing issue & solutions. Letters were sent to all households that were incorrectly billed. Cummings expressed his appreciation for Kelly, Borden, Coburn and others who spent extra time working on this.

Administration: No report

Public Safety:

- 1) Additional speed sign will be ordered as previously approved.
- 2) Stats from current sign: Sundays are the days with the highest average speed. Fridays have the most traffic.
- 3) Incidents in Kalamazoo have increased which does affect the number of contracted hours within our village. Assault & Larceny are at the top of the incidents occurring.

Ordinances:

- 1) Updated animal ordinance draft was sent out. Please review and send David your comments/input.
- 2) Two tickets are going to court Monday, July 17. 111 S. Main St. & 116 E. Maple St.
- 3) Rob posted a letter on 329 W. Maple St. – may need to be torn down.
- 4) Four more letters are going out this week.
- 5) Discussion regarding solar ordinance –allowing panels on roof only. No changes in current ordinance are planned.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: (Sutherland/Ludwig) 8:05 p.m. CARRIED