

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
September 3, 2019

Present: Jim Cummings, Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, Tiffanie Richardson, Janet Sutherland, Jayci Torrance, and Bruce Rolfe – President, Linda Coburn – Clerk **Absent:** Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Matt Roebuck, Bill Lewis, Anthony Bates, Carolyn Kelly

(Richardson/Cummings) Motion to approve the agenda with additoin. Unanimously approved.

(Sutherland/Richardson) Motion to approve August 20, 2019 minutes. Unanimously approved.

(Richardson/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$28,097.74. Unanimously approved – roll call vote

Guests:

- 1) Matt Roebuck – clarified concern brought to the council’s attention regarding medical marijuana
- 2) Bill Lewis – regular update from the library
- 3) Anthony Bates – candidate for Kalamazoo County Commissioner 7th District – proposed an event in the park for Halloween, Bill Lewis suggested using the library as well. (Sutherland/Richardson) Motion to grant Mr. Bates permission to use the village park on October 31, 2019 for a Halloween event in conjunction with the library. Unanimously approved.
- 4) Carolyn Kelly – Inquiry on
 - a. Leaf pick up dates - council will follow up on this with DPW. Information will be published in the Crescent and posted at the village hall.
 - b. Ebinger Road repaving – council is waiting to receive grant money that was awarded, anticipating it will be in Spring 2020. (Grant awarded was for the 2020 fiscal year which runs October 2019-October 2020)
 - c. Trash pick up date – September 28, 2019
 - d. Playground Equipment – Shipping this month

Communications: Insurance claim regarding hail damage to cemetery buildings: Cost of north roof on shed #1 \$1,349.95 will issue check to village for \$849.95 (\$500 deductible).

Public Works:

- 1) DEQ will be doing regular Sanitary Survey on September 26, 2019.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Continuing to wait on grant funding to be received, anticipating it will be Spring 2020.
- 2) Quote to repave Thistle came in high.
- 3) Will concentrate on improving sidewalks this year. DPW is assessing.
- 4) Cameras – cable is run, equipment will be installed within the next two weeks. Installer recommended 2 cameras at the well field. (Torrance/Cummings) Motion to add an additional camera at the well field for a cost of \$300. Unanimously approved. Roll call vote.

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

- 1) Playground equipment is shipping. Jayci will follow up regarding invoice, installation dates
- 2) Picnic table for park needs to be ordered. Janet will follow up.

Water:

- 1) Bill for rebuild seemed high. Clerk will forward copy of the bill to Jim Cummings.
- 2) Continuing to follow through with the power washing company.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) TJ submitted information from surrounding comparable municipalities for the board to consider. Information included State average hourly rate for DPW & Limited Treatment Water Works, 401K & insurance stats. Council will be considering and evaluating information over the next several months.

Public Safety:

- 1) Nick attended the Climax Fire Dept. meeting. He gained insight into the workings of the department and these two reminders to the public:
 - a. Clear display of house numbers is crucial to quick response time. If houses are not marked clearly valuable time is lost searching for correct location.
 - b. Overgrowth of trees/bushes can damage equipment & prohibit or slow down access to homes.

- 2) Concern regarding possible prostitution, underage drinking at a residence. Information regarding the situation has been given to Captain Price. She will forward information and have it assigned for follow up.
- 3) Captain Price suggested looking into more patrols in the area, perhaps partnering with Climax Township. She will help facilitate information regarding pricing and procedures.

Ordinance:

- 1) Fireworks ordinance – (Richardson/Kenney) Motion to accept the proposed Fireworks ordinance written by the council’s lawyer in accordance with the State of Michigan fireworks regulations. Ordinance 51 will replace any & all previous ordinances regarding fireworks in the village limits. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 2) Working on updating the village animal ordinance.

Old business: None

New Business: None

(Richardson/Sutherland) The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Linda Coburn – Clerk