

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
October 19, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

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

Absent: Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Faye Cummings, Susanna Rojas

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

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve minutes from October 11, 2022. Unanimously approved

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$37,301.81. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

(Ludwig/Kenney) Motion to approve the September Treasurer's Report \$912,243.37. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests:

Faye Cummings – expressed concern regarding rezoning of farmland to accommodate solar farms within Climax Township and questioned if the Village of Climax had any land it was considering for the same rezoning. Discussion followed. Also suggested that there be an application on the website for the current job opening.

Susanna Rojas – concerned about ordinance citation and several ongoing issues with her property. She would like all issues to be resolved and not receive any citations in the future. Discussion followed.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Leaf pick up is in full swing – reminder we do not pick up mulched leaves as it can ruin our equipment
- 2) Concerned about the dirt piled against the village garage as it appears to be causing damage. Dirt is from septic job on the neighboring property.
- 3) Annual maintenance/inspection done on the furnaces.
- 4) The new house on Cherry Street will be hooked up to water soon.
- 5) Received more positive feed back regarding the speed sign and traffic slowing down when it is present.
- 6) Have not received any more applications for the part-time job opening.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: No Report

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Prices have been set for the columbarium niches.
- 2) Several other suggestions made regarding tracking income from columbarium and also allowing in memorium inscribing on the side of the columbarium.

Water:

- 1) Would like to see a quarterly newsletter send to each resident.
- 2) Discussed mail, late fees on water bills
- 3) Read & approved Resolution 2022-1 regarding increased water rates. (Chaney/Ludwig) Motion to accept the resolution as written with the exception of the date to be corrected. Motion carried 6-1.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Reminder to speak with Denise if there is an issue/concern with an employee. These matters need to be dealt with professionally and through the procedures that are in place.
- 2) Requested a meeting with TJ to discuss future needs of the DPW as Mike is retiring.
- 3) (Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to go with IT Right quote for a new office computer at a cost of \$1,570 and yearly service contract of \$960 with a three year contract. Total expenditure this year of \$2,530. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Gave reminders that as colder weather approaches vehicle theft increases so be aware.
- 2) Citizen Academy update – spent 3 hours at Central Dispatch and 3 hours working mock stops & simulated situations. Tomorrow will be working in Canine unit and S.W.A.T.
- 3) Will be looking at other locations for our speed sign so that it can be moved regularly.
- 4) Expect approximately 15-20 hours per month of sheriff patrols within the village with a potential for more hours after January 1, 2023.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Ordinance officer will be in town tomorrow checking on 4 properties.

Old Business: Sign is up and the final connections are being put in place so that it can be functioning soon.

New Business: Request made to change the time of the regular meetings.

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.

Linda Coburn - Clerk