

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

April 2, 2019

Present: Jim Cummings, Denise Kenney, Tiffanie Richardson, Janet Sutherland, Jayci Torrance, Linda Coburn – Clerk, and Bruce Rolfe – President

Absent: Brenda Borden – Treasurer

(Richardson/Sutherland) Motion to approve the agenda with additions. Unanimously approved.

(Richardson/Cummings) Motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2019. Unanimously approved.

(Torrance/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package of \$22,076.41 Unanimously approved - roll call vote with Rolfe abstaining.

Guests: Tom Brennan from Kalamazoo County Road Commission, TJ Gibson – DPW, Carolyn Kelly, Terry Strong.

Communications:

- 1) Acknowledged receipt of a letter of interest for the open trustee position. Council set April 30, 2019 as the dead line for interested parties to submit a letter to the clerk. Appointment to be decided at May 3 meeting.
- 2) Insurance company will be pay claim for the replacement of Main St. hydrant.

Public Works:

- 1) Mike is back to work full time as of April 1, 2019.
- 2) Water meters were read on March 26.
- 3) Streetsweeper coming next week.
- 4) Balkema Excavating will be coming to evaluate the leak in the road by the cemetery.

Water:

- 1) Issue of promptness regarding water bill mailing. Denise will follow up.
- 2) DEQ requirements are increasing which means a cost increase for all the sampling.
- 3) (Cummings/Richardson) Motion to accept the proposed bid of \$530/pump from Climax Electric. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
- 4) May be able to delay painting the water tower due to good maintenance.
- 5) Jim is continuing to follow up with Sprint regarding the loose metal on the water tower that needs to be fixed. Sprint has put in an expedited order for the work.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Cameras – putting in application before May 1 for a grant to help pay for new system.
- 2) We will be informed by May 1 if we qualify for the grant to pay 50% of the cost of paving streets in the village. This is a very competitive grant.
- 3) Will be getting quotes for repairing bike path and resurfacing the tennis/basketball courts.

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

- 1) Janet attended the library board meeting – below is a list of concerns from the board.
 - a. Heat/energy usage issue – thermostat has been reprogrammed. (Cummings/Kenney) In the interest of saving money the council directs DPW to purchase a lock box for each thermostat in the library. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.
 - b. Issue with toilet running – DPW has been checking and has not found an issue. They will continue to monitor water usage which is an indicator of a problem.
 - c. Insulation – there may be a need for insulation in the old part of the building.
 - d. Loss of heat through doors.
 - e. Window frames need maintenance.
 - f. Cameras – asked about the status of new system.
- 2) Banners are still be considered. Committee will meet and have more information next meeting.

- 3) Need new flower pots/barrels for the four corners. DPW will purchase and put in place before Memorial Day.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Investigating health insurance possibilities for full time DPW employees. Have contacted Decker Insurance, waiting their reply.
- 2) What is the protocol for returned mail in regards to taxes, water bills, etc. Denise will follow up with Brenda.
- 3) Established that the clerk will be responsible for picking up the mail daily.

Public Safety: No report

Ordinance:

- 1) Tickets have been received, Tiffanie is waiting on confirmation from the lawyer that everything is in place to begin using the citations. She has filed with the 8th District Court as required. (Richardson/Cummings) Motion to use Hencken Process Server to deliver municipal ordinance infraction citations at a cost of \$60 per incident. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Old business: Eldred House – a concerned citizen has made an offer on the house and is waiting a reply.

New Business: None

(Richardson/Sutherland) The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.
Linda Coburn – Clerk