

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

June 21, 2022

Correction at July 5 meeting – Kenney was absent, Borden was present.

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

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

Absent: Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Carol Cook, Marcia Lewis, Cheryl Bates, Ingrid Purk, Bill Lewis

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

(Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to approve minutes from June 7, 2022 with correction. Unanimously approved

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve minutes from Special meeting June 14, 2021. Unanimously approved

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$47,110.61. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

(Ludwig/Sutherland) Motion to approve the May Treasurer’s Report \$786,330.86. Unanimously approved

Guests: Public comments regarding the library contract:

Carol Brock Cook – Seems neither side is listening to each other. We should be able to amend/change the contract and not hold the lease/contract hostage over the other.

Marcia Lewis – Yes, we want to see the library to a district library millage on the ballot. It is in the best interest of the community. There has been a great increase in patrons to the library in recent years and does not want to see the library fail.

Cheryl Bates – Supports the library whole-heartedly, community needs it. A District Library will be a benefit to the community. Let the district vote on how it should be run.

Ingrid Purk – Library volunteer since 1975. There have been lots of changes & growth. Projects/community involvement is up over the last 3-4 years for both kids and adults. We need better funding, no one wants to take anything from anybody. Let the public vote.

Jim Cummings response – There is no disagreement from the council regarding any of those comments. Everyone on the council wants to see the district library succeed. The problems/issues that the council has are not connected to any of the above statements. The issues are with the two documents in question: the contract & the lease which started out simplistic but have become very complicated. The council was also informed that there could be no changes to the agreement that had been presents. Much discussion followed regarding several points on the contract agreement. After an extensive discussion with concerns expressed from both sides it was determined that the lawyers from both the library and the council will work together to come to an equitable solution for both parties. The village council concerns will be submitted to the lawyers for review/changes.

Sean Perrin – updated the council – 17 runs in May (3 in the village) which puts them at 109 for the year. They have one individual in fire class.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Contacted Balkema’s regarding the work needed on Main Street. They will be out near the end of July. We may need to contact individual households depending on the work that is needed. EGLE will help with that.
- 2) Striping roads after chip sealing – recommended that we consider including glass beads in the paint. This allows the striping to last longer. There is an extra cost.
- 3) TJ will be gone for the next 2 weeks
- 4) They have changed several meters (12) and still need to change about 15 more.
- 5) Mowing is slowing down.
- 6) Peerless will be fixing the well (already in the budget)
- 7) RCKC will be chip sealing E & W Maple some time between the end of June and mid-July.
- 8) Having an issue with the chlorine pump
- 9) Continue to discuss the need for fixing sidewalks which happens in the fall.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: No Report

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No Report

Water:

- 1) Bills going out the 1st of the month

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Seeing more presence of Kalamazoo County Sheriffs in the village.
- 2) Noted a black SUV speeding through town on M-F. Sheriff will be watching. If you witness something like this please note time and regularity, this will be beneficial to the sheriffs on patrol.
- 3) TrafficLogix – 4-6 weeks. Reminder that it will be mobil – let Nick know where you think it will be helpful.
- 4) DNR was in town last night visiting some individuals in the village regarding dirt bikes on the road, speeding through town, etc.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Spoke to the people on Sheldon with the motorhome.
- 2) 365 S. Main – may need to hire someone to investigate the camper. It appears to have someone residing in it.

Old Business: Village Sign – still waiting on the LED lights that are needed.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Ludwig) Motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Linda Coburn - Clerk