

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting  
December 5, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Absent: None Guest: Roger Smith

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

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve minutes from November 21, 2023. CARRIED

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve the bill package for a total of \$3,054.99 CARRIED – Roll Call 7-0

Guests: *Roger Smith* – Inquired about the order of the agenda regarding time for guests

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Pumpage and water samples are done for the month.
- 2) Water meters are being read starting tomorrow
- 3) Looking into Budget items: Roads/new equipment/water infrastructure. Getting quotes to pass on to the council for consideration.

Streets/Sidewalks:

- 1) Did not get the grant to fix the railroad tracks. Will apply again.
- 2) Concerned about the missing caution lights on the curve on MN Ave.

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

- 1) Jim Swarhout resigned from the library board. The council will have to appoint another member to represent the village.
- 2) Park – discussed lighting, windbreak/fencing for courts, monument (still working on this)

Water:

- 1) Reviewed committee meeting notes regarding things to consider for improving billing/communication/reporting, etc.
- 2) Verizon has approached the village regarding an additional cell tower for coverage in our area.

Administration:

- 1) (Kenney/Chaney) Motion to give employees a 2% Christmas bonus. CARRIED – Roll call – 7-0
- 2) Budget amendments (Kenney/Ludwig) Motion to approve the proposed budget amendments as presented. CARRIED – Roll call – 7-0

Public Safety:

- 1) Eyes on 1-94 State police campaign between Marshall and Mattawan has concluded.
- 2) Tornado/emergency siren – still researching
- 3) Situation with individuals crossing personal property (from school to Climax Market) Officer Murphy & other patrol are being made aware.
- 4) Be aware of individuals stealing nativity or other items within the village
- 5) Several kids were caught trying to break the drinking fountain in the park. Will follow up.

Ordinances:

- 1) Revised animal ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. (Miller/Ludwig) Motion to adopt new animal ordinance/Chapter 6. CARRIED
- 2) Fees are still being charged to 110 S. Main St. until the final inspection is completed.
- 3) Waiting on an order regarding ~~375~~ 329 W. Maple St.

Old Business: None

New Business:

HHW Contract: (Miller/Kelly) Motion to approve HHW contract with Kalamazoo County for 2024 for \$600. CARRIED  
– Roll Call – 7-0

Christmas lights contest is taking a year off.

Motion to adjourn: (Sutherland/Kenney) 8:11 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Coburn, Clerk