

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

May 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

Present: Joline Chaney, Carolyn Kelly, Denise Kenney, David Miller, Janet Sutherland, Jim Cummings-President, Linda Coburn – Clerk **Absent:** Nick Ludwig, Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** John Gisler

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

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to approve minutes from April 19, 2022. Unanimously approved

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$5,717.58. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

(Kenney/Chaney) Motion to approve March Treasurer’s Report for \$679,038.25. Unanimously approved – roll call vote

Guests: John Gisler, Kalamazoo County Commissioner – introduced himself and shared information about how he does his job and represents our community on the commission.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Water tests & pumpage reports are done for the month
- 2) Chip sealing for E & W Maple will be some time in June.
- 3) Lakeland will be here by the end of June to redo N & S Lovell. It will take 5-10 business days to complete.
- 4) Foundation slab for the new library food box is completed. They will also be replacing the landscaping on the north side of the building, repainting back library steps as they prep for Memorial Day.
- 5) Filling pot holes as needed
- 6) Completed the grant request for 2023
- 7) Dorian is still planning to retire the end of November. Discussion on the needs of the DPW and some possible changes in the hours and duties of the part-time replacement.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: Grant is done – deadline is June 15, will be informed of acceptance in the fall.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Waiting for lawyer to finish the library contract; discussed the actual need for the contract as it can be negated by any party for any reason.
- 2) Several headstones tipped over in the cemetery. DPW was able to fix/reset two but will need to use a tractor to fix the third one. Discussed the sign for the cemetery, trimming the pine trees for better visibility.

Water:

- 1) Samples done
- 2) Working on quality report – waiting on approval from state
- 3) Dickerson engineers came and looked at the top of the water tower regarding the amount of items on it.
- 4) Discussed the renewal of T-Mobile contract. Clerk will get the file to Carolyn for review.

Administration/Employee Relations: No Report

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) More funds have been allocated to rural communities due to the money generated through taxes on alcohol during COVID quarantine over the last two years. (Kalamazoo Gazette)
- 2) Sign has been ordered from Mark Gilmer through Traffic Logix. He will be reaching out to Linda for payment. Expected time of delivery is roughly four weeks.
- 3) Have not received the contract draft from KCSO yet. Follow up email sent on 4/25. Waiting for reply.
- 4) Police presence in the village has increased. KCSO has been in the village a minimum of three times this week alone and has stopped cars on each visit. Unknown if tickets were written or reasons for the stops.
- 5) Truck and camper on Lovell by the apartments: reached out to Christensen – waiting to hear back.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Four letters sent out. 2 initiated by DPW – 335 & 329 S. Main – cars parked over the sidewalk

- 2) Blight/junk letters sent.
- 3) Valentine – worked with Rob and multiple tickets are being issued for the residence.
- 4) Camper on Lovell has been moved.
- 5) Very overwhelmed with this process & keeping up with the number of cases; listed a number of properties that need to be dealt with. Discussed the needs and that he doesn't want to spend as much time doing this as he has been. He will check with Alton at Safebuilt regarding code enforcement and what they offer.
- 6) We need to have solutions for the residents that are repeat offenders – i.e. they bring things just up to code and then over time end up with the same violations. Questions: Do we need help from an ordinance committee? Do we need an employee who handles this? Much discussion followed. We have made some good progress but it is still an overwhelming task ahead.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kelly) Motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.
Linda Coburn - Clerk