

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
February 18, 2020

Present: Jim Cummings, Denise Kenney, Nick Ludwig, David Miller, Janet Sutherland, Jayci Torrance, Linda Coburn – Clerk
Absent: Bruce Rolfe – President, Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Guests:** Sean Perrin, Anthony Bates

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

(Cummings/Ludwig) Motion to approve February 4, 2020 minutes. Unanimously approved.

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$6,645.34. Unanimously approved – roll call

(Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to approve January Treasurer’s Report \$677,712.40. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests:

- 1) Anthony Bates – his small business meeting went well, reminded council about his request to put a sign on the corner lot at Main & Maple.
- 2) Sean Perrin
 - a. Presented fire department stats for January. 10 runs with 6 being medical. He noted that for 2019 medical runs were only 53% of total calls which was a lower percentage than expected.
 - b. John VanMiddlesworth retired from the department after 25 years.
 - c. Working on some grant opportunities through Firehouse Subs.

Communications: Village wide junk days have been scheduled for July 11, 2020 and October 10, 2020.

Public Works: Waiting to hear back on insurance claim for hail damage. Claim has been reopened.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census: All documents have been mailed back to MDOT and we are waiting for the go ahead.

Parks/Library/Cemetery: Mike has contacted MKnowles about the demolition of the small building in the cemetery.

Water:

1. All tests are done for the month.
2. A county representative will be in the village all day tomorrow assessing the water system.
3. Quarterly water billing went well – He is requesting that the village hall number be put on the shut off notices instead of his personal number. We ended this quarter with only 3 shut-offs.
4. Reviewing contract for Sprint – presented his concerns regarding microwave technology & possible health issues. Has been investigating 5G technology which appears to pose an increase in radiation exposure. Requested that the board do some research for next meeting to discuss income vs risk to our water/citizens.

Administration/Employee Relations: Continuing to work on new budget. Recommendations will be ready by next meeting.

Public Safety:

1. Distributed 2019 4th Quarter stats and 2019 Annual stats from the Sheriff’s office.
2. Follow up regarding recurring dirt bike disturbance issues gained the following information:
 - a. Can call 911 for this but it may not be the best way to handle it.
 - b. Gather information – preferably an address of the individual involved. Officers can then make a visit.
 - c. Nick has signed up for Civilian Police Academy. It is free & gives an overview of the law enforcement system. Any citizen can enroll.

Ordinance:

1. Working on several different properties – concentrating on abandoned/inoperable/unused/unlicensed motor vehicles right now. He has made several visits to individuals with varying results.
2. A letter has been drafted for use with violations as needed.
3. Requested business cards. Clerk will follow through with this.
4. Noted that a regular newsletter from the village could be a very good tool for our residents. Council determined to begin sending Quarterly newsletters consistently. Each council member will address the area that they oversee.

Old Business: Jim is continuing to look into the cost of a sign for communicating with the general public.

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. Linda Coburn - Clerk