

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 19, 2019

Present: Jim Cummings, Denise Kenney, Tiffanie Richardson, Janet Sutherland, Jayci Torrance, and Bruce Rolfe – President, Linda Coburn – Clerk, Brenda Borden – Treasurer **Absent:** None **Guests:** Sean Perrin, Jose Rojas

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

(Richardson/Torrance) Motion to approve March 7, 2019 minutes. Unanimously approved.

(Torrance/Sutherland) Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$5,851.96 Unanimously approved – roll call vote

(Richardson/Torrance) Motion to approve February Treasurer’s Report \$613,970.50. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests: Sean Perrin – gave regular report for fire department – 16 runs in January. Jose Rojas – informed board of progress made regarding ordinance violation and requested a short extension to comply. The council expressed appreciation for his efforts and timely communication and granted a short extension.

(Richardson/Cummings) – Motion to adjourn regular meeting and open public hearing. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC MEETING – Discussion of proposed budget.

(Richardson/Torrance) – Motion to approve 2019-20 budget as presented with 9.5 mils for general fund, 2.5 mils for hydro system for a total of 12 mils. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

(Richardson/Sutherland) – Motion to close public meeting and resume regular meeting. Unanimously approved

Communications:

- 1) Request from Village Council to Lawrence Memorial Library Staff regarding strategy to reduce energy costs. Janet will follow up with the Library council.
- 2) Kalamazoo County Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Council regarding their “Be a Lifesaver” campaign.
- 3) Acknowledged receipt of a letter of interest for the open board position.

Public Works:

- 1) Reading water meters.
- 2) Mike is back to work – part-time as of March 18, 2019.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Submitted the grant for roads – had to resubmit with a start date of September.
- 2) Will be submitting grant for surveillance cameras.

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

- 1) Working on costs for replacing the flower barrels in the village. Also considering banners for main roads.
- 2) Will check on cost of replacing picnic table in the park.

Water:

- 1) Moving forward with new water billing. Cost increase effective April 1, 2019. New rates will be billed in July.
- 2) After TJ investigated the top of the water tank there are several issues including a missing lock, trash, broken items. Jim will add these concerns to the letter he is sending to Sprint regarding current contract.
- 3) We have a case # regarding the loose metal on the water tower – they are supposed to fix it in the next week.

Administration/Employee Relations: Looking at suggestions from the DPW regarding benefits for the full time workers.

Public Safety: No report.

Ordinance:

- 1) Letters continue to be sent out. The letters have been reworded and include the full ordinance for clarification.
- 2) Requesting a sign to be posted at the well field/brush pile area.

Old business: None

New Business: None

(Sutherland/Kenney) The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Linda Coburn - Clerk