

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
October 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chaney, Kelly, Kenney, Ludwig-pro temp, Miller, Sutherland, Coburn

Absent: Cummings, Borden Guest: Bill Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Stoeffler

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

(Sutherland/Kenney) Motion to approve minutes from September 19, 2023. CARRIED

(Kenney/Kelly) Motion to approve the bill package for a total of \$5,323.06 CARRIED – Roll Call 6-0

Guests: Stoefflers – requested a variance at 287 Thistle Ave. Pproposed structure leaves 4’ set back instead of 10’. Discussion followed. (Miller/Chaney) Motion to approve the zoning application for a variance at 287 Thistle Ave. conditional upon receipt of a written statement from owner of adjacent property stating acceptance. CARRIED 6-0.

Bill Lewis – Updated the council regarding improvements taking place at the library: having new carpet installed, purchasing new book shelves to bring front room into ADA compliance; working on a grant for items including surge protectors & fire proof file cabinets (2); issued a formal thank you to the DPW and council for the assistance in relocating the library return book drop. Still waiting on quotes for installation of the front library door.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) TJ & Forrest attended the fall regional water meeting today
- 2) The new fuel tanks are on site – working on getting the old tanks out, concrete pad done
- 3) Tested the new leaf vac and it works great.
- 4) Analysis of water bills showed 7% difference in billable & pumped water, probably small leaks, flushing hydrants, fire department usage.
- 5) Catch basin on Lovell St. has been repaired.
- 6) Interested in VFDs (variable frequency drives) for the wells. Better for grid, parts. \$3000 rebate available.

Streets/Sidewalks: grant for the railroad tracks was submitted; still no decisions on the TED grants (Main St.).

Parks/Library/Cemetery: table in middle of park was removed; there was some damage possibly from misuse. Tennis net was also broken/vandalized. Nick will check cameras.

Water:

- 1) Water bills sent out on time & were accurate.
- 2) Received a helpful report comparing billable water to amount of water pumped. Would like it quarterly.
- 3) Worked some with post office regarding P.O. Boxes/address changes. Welcome packet might be helpful.
- 4) Discussion regarding updated meters, changes in billing: eliminating admin fee, increasing cost per gallon.

Administration: working on budget, needed budget amendments/updates; it appears that the water budget may be able to handle the cost of new software for utilities. Electronic payments will be considered after completed software change.

Public Safety:

- 1) Hazard Mitigation Seminar cancelled, recording sent online. Not as helpful as anticipated.
- 2) Fire Prevention Day in Oshtemo on 10/14 form 9a-1p.

Ordinances:

2 cases going to hearing later this month, Rob is looking at a couple more, Received complaint on Watson St.

Old Business: None

New Business: Trick or Treating will be on October 31.

Motion to adjourn: (Sutherland/Kenney) 7:39 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Coburn, Clerk