

August 6, 2019

Regular Meeting

Roll Call - Present: Jim Cummings, Nick Ludwig, Jayci Torrance, Janet Sutherland, Denise Kenney, Bruce Rolfe

Absent: Tiffanie Richardson

Agenda unanimously approved.

Bill Package: Unanimously approved

Guests: Anthony M. Bates, who is running for a Kalamazoo County 7th District seat, and his wife Cheryl, introduced themselves.

- The Council unanimously approved to accept a bid for \$850 from Martin's Tree and Stump to remove the remainder of a tree in front of 126 North Main Street that is in the village right of way after a large portion of the tree fell in a recent storm.

Water

- It is anticipated that the pump that is being rebuilt will be completed this week.

- 29 water shut off notices were distributed and all 29 invoices were paid.

- New water meters continued to be installed in village homes and businesses.

Parks/Cemetery/Library

- The Council unanimously approved the purchase and installation of new playground equipment from Miracle Midwest for \$31,602. Streets/Sidewalks/Census

- The Council unanimously approved a motion to purchase surveillance camera system from Mike Betzold for \$7,700.

- Streets/Sidewalks/Census Chairperson Jayci Torrance said the state grant approved for repaving Ebinger, Sheldon and North Church Streets that was anticipated for this fall, will likely have to be pushed back to next spring. She will obtain estimates to repave Sunflower, S. Lovell, Thistle, and if funds are available in the budget, one of the roads will get repaved. If the estimates come in higher, a decision will be made which road to repave next year.

- Torrance informed the Council a \$2,500 grant the Village Council applied for was denied because there was a high number of applicants, including many municipalities who have had a significant higher number of calls for service to the police for incidents where a surveillance camera could be helpful.

No old business

No new business

Adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Bruce Rolfe

Village President

Joint Meeting With Lawrence Memorial Library Board

The Climax Village Council and Lawrence Memorial Library board held a joint meeting prior to the Council's regular meeting Tuesday.

Lawrence Memorial Library Board Vice-President Bill Lewis and new Library Director reviewed some requests for improvements on the library building the village owns,, some of the Library Board's goals, programming currently taking place at the library and other services offered at the local library.

Lewis told the council the Library Board will be requesting more funding from the Council in the 2020-2021 budget because of increased costs to the library.

The Library Board is requesting a plan to update an older air conditioning unit, a pull down menu spot on the village web site banner. This will allow for additional and better information and access for updates and allow for better patron access and recognition for people visiting the village web site.

The Library Board would also like the Village Council to provide electric and gas bills on a monthly basis in an effort to monitor energy usage and expenses.

Lewis reviewed a program offered by Consumers Energy that helps pay for performing energy reduction measures.

The Library Board is also requesting a break down of professional fees expended by the Village of Climax on behalf of the Lawrence Memorial Library.

A free walk through of the library by Bartholomew Heating and Cooling to determine options for energy savings was performed. Some energy savings ideas included heating and cooling enhancements or replacing both units along with additional insulation.

The Library Board also told the Council it is researching into grants that would enhance the library building and go towards purchasing new materials.

Lewis also reviewed the Library Board's budget.