

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting  
September 20, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:30p

**Present:** Chaney, Kelly, Kenney, Ludwig, Miller, Sutherland, Borden – Treasurer, Coburn – Clerk,

**Absent:** Cummings-President **Guests:** Sean Perrin

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

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to approve minutes from September 6, 2022. Unanimously approved

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to approve bill package for a total of \$2,282.46. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

**(Kenney/Sutherland)** Motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report \$845,349.16. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Guests:

*Sean Perrin* – updated the council – 17 runs in July, now at 154 for the year. Two guys passed schooling an are on board.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Will be attending Fall Regional Meeting for Water
- 2) October 3 begins leaf pick up. Discussed a newsletter. Hoping electronic sign will be in place.
- 3) Applications are coming in for the part-time position.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

- 1) Attended a railroad safety meeting at Road Commission of Kalamazoo County.
- 2) Learned about a grant/capital programming allocation – not sure we will qualify but will be checking into it.
- 3) Working on another grant application which needs to be completed by the end of the month. It is for next year.
- 4) Decisions for the grant applied for this summer have been delayed.
- 5) Bump on N. Main St. – will obtain a new quote and reassess the condition of the road in two weeks

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Continuing to look for grants for the park. We do not qualify for the CN grant.
- 2) (Sutherland/Chaney) Motion to publish letter written by Jim on behalf of the village explaining our side of the story. Unanimously approved

Water:

- 1) Meters have been read and bills are done. Will be sent out next week.
- 2) The resolution to increase water rates will be presented at the next meeting.
- 3) Discussed the usage of ARPA/COVID Relief funds.
- 4) There was an error in the paper regarding the increase in water rates. The paper has printed a correction.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Discussed the need for a new office computer. Clerk has contacted a company to start the process.
- 2) Checked in to the mail situation and determined that the mail is being picked up from both the post office and the drop box on a regular basis by the treasurer, clerk and DPW.
- 3) Received an Intent to Retire from Dorian Holcomb. (Kenney/Sutherland) Motion to accept the Notice of Intent to Retire from Dorian Holcomb stating a retirement date of November 30, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) An email from Gisler to the Sheriff's office prompted the speed sign from the county
- 2) We relocated the village speed sign to S. Main near the high school. After 2 weeks the data indicates that the average speed is 28 MPH.
- 3) During the month of August we only received 15 hours instead of the contracted 40 hours of patrols due to lack of staffing.
- 4) Nick is attending the Kalamazoo County Citizens Police Academy and shared some of his experience thus far with the council. He will continue to report back to the council as he continues through the academy.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Still nothing back on the Pyle case.
- 2) Open case with 221 S. Main St. – Carol Miller – She is making a plan to work on items needing attention.
- 3) Linderman property – 375 E. Maple St. is being sold so the village will be receiving payment for the Clean up lien that was placed on the property.
- 4) Please review the complaint from Bob Soltis. David Miller will forward to the council members.
- 5) Discussion on several properties.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

**(Sutherland/Kenney)** Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.  
Linda Coburn - Clerk