

# *Village of Climax*

Regular Meeting

March 7, 2006

Present: Dave Dell, Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Tricia Willis, Bill Rogers.  
Absent: None

Also Present: Norm & Carol Lyons, Charles VonHout, Bill Sackrider and Deb Wyant.

(T.Strong/Dell) Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(Dell/T.Strong) Motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2006 without exception.  
Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Mr. VonHout offered comments.
- 2) Mr. Lyons offered comments.

## **Adjourned Regular meeting at 8:00 to hold the Public Hearing on the 2006-07 Budget.**

The Council reviewed the budget. Funds dedicated to water billing software and a possible feasibility study for a sewer system was not included. The Budget will be amended as these items come to fruition. No changes were made to the budget as presented. Total Revenues for all funds total \$397,705.00 and Expenditures for all funds total \$397,705.00.

(Lewis/Dell) Motion to accept the 2006-07 Budget as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

## **Resumed Regular meeting at 8:22**

Communications:

1. The Michigan Municipal League is seeking support to protect local control of cable franchising and asked the Council to adopt a resolution addressing the matter. The communication stated, "Significant changes are being proposed in Congress and state legislatures across the country by telecommunication giants such as AT&T that could have a detrimental impact on local control of cable franchising...the MML is working...to ensure that local control is maintained."

(L.Strong/Willis) Motion to adopt resolution 2006-04 Supporting Local Control of Cable Franchising. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Works:

- 1) Received another bid for road construction at the corner of Maple St. and Maple Circle.
- 2) Vandalism, knocking over several gravestones, has happened in the cemetery. Discussed measures to protect the cemetery.
- 3) Claim for the park slide has been submitted to the insurance company.

Administration:

- 1) Work continues on the Website project by Central Michigan University.

- 2) (Dell/T.Strong) Motion to approve cost of living raises for DPW employees. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 3) (Dell/T.Strong) Motion to adopt Resolution 2006-05 to increase the yearly wage for the Treasurer and Clerk by \$600 respectively. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Parks: (L.Strong/T.Strong) Motion to purchase a new slide for the park at a cost of \$796.50. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Patrol reports are in.
- 2) The feasibility study for a sewer system was discussed. With the possible Climax/Fulton road project going through the Village, contracting with an engineering firm to conduct a feasibility study for a sewer system has been reviewed. Looking toward the future, if Main Street is reconstructed, the Council would like to know if it is beneficial to install a sewer main at the same time. There may come a time when the Village will be required to have a sewer system. If the underground pipe has already been installed under Main Street, the Village could potentially save thousands of future dollars. The feasibility study would address these questions and more.

(Dell/L.Strong) Motion to approve Gove Engineering Firm to do a feasibility study for sewers along Main Street at a cost of \$6500.00. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Streets: The bids for street construction at the corner of Maple St. and Maple Circle will be reviewed and presented at the next meeting.

Ordinance: The Council received the Refuse Management Ordinance from Attorney Soltis for review. The ordinance will continue to be reviewed and be presented at the next meeting. This ordinance has great potential to save Village residents money on garbage service. If passed, the village will begin a bidding process and contract with one waste hauler. At the same time information will be sent to resident to explain the ordinance in more detail. The selected waste hauler will service all residents. Built into this service will be one to two trash pickups per year.

Water: No tank inspection will be completed this year due to the new renovation of the water tower.

Old Business:

- 1) More discussion on the City issue.

New Business:

- 1) Cemetery record and water billing programs were discussed. Placed into the Administrative committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. (Jones/L.Strong)  
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk