

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2002

Present: Scott Blayden, Larry Phoenix, Bill Rogers, Salli Thompson, Bill Twiss, Tricia Willis, Don Stevenson

Absent: None

Also Present: Mary Jo Elwell, Mike Gibson, Deb Wyant.

The Oath of Office was administered to Tricia Willis by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Ms. Willis will assume the position of Trustee and be the Chairperson over the Ordinance/Zoning Committee.

(Twiss/Blayden) Motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2002 without exception. Unanimously approved.

(Twiss/Phoenix) Motion to approve the September 2002 Bill Package totaling \$32,181.87. Roll Call: Unanimously approved.

(Phoenix/Blayden) Motion to approve the August 31, 2002 Treasurer's Report. Major Streets = \$145,081.94; Local Streets = \$26,052.41; General Fund = \$205,965.78; Water Fund = \$114,268.87; Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63 Totals = \$502,775.63. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: The Consumer's Energy representative did not attend the meeting.

Communications: A copy of a resolution, "Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Governance of the Kalamazoo Wastewater System," was presented to the Council. Action on the Resolution was tabled until the following meeting to allow Council members to review it. The resolution does not commit the Village to any time or money, but helps in the governance of the Kalamazoo Wastewater System.

Public Works:

- 1) Mr. Gibson will look into a purchase of a Pedestal to mount the Library historical plaque.
- 2) Sidewalks are ready to be framed and poured
- 3) Prodigy Electric is ready to install the mercury light in the Park.
- 4) A cement slab was installed behind the Village Hall to place the dumpster on.
- 5) A water service hook up for 137 N. Main expected shortly.
- 6) The lines on the road will be painted by the Road Commission. This is expected within the next two weeks.

Parks: The Library Board has an opening for a new Board Member. Council members were asked to submit names.

Ms. Thompson has contacted many companies regarding a surveillance system to monitor the park. Some of the disadvantages include high initial costs, maintenance, maintaining the tapes and the effectiveness of images to support prosecution. Also an invasion of privacy concern was raised. More investigation and public input are needed.

President Stevenson read a letter in response to the recent acts of vandalism around the Village. This letter will sent along with the water bills to be shared with the Village residents. Destruction of property within the Village and other disturbances are a definite concern of the Council and various

actions have been discussed and implemented. However, the Council does not have police powers and the budget limits the option of constant police patrols. The Council urges any resident to contact the Sheriff Department if there is loitering in the park after sunset and if they witness any vandalism. The Sheriff Department number to call is: 383-8821 and press option 1.

Ordinance: Working on options to abate the tall grass and weed nuisance at 5031 N. Main Street.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was closed at 8:55 p.m. (Willis/Twiss)
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk