

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

August 6, 2013

Present: Pat Clark, Jim Cummings, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, Kyle Smith – President. Absent: Tom Jones, Bill Twiss, Scott Torrance – Clerk and Brenda Borden – Treasurer.

Guests: Bruce Rolfe, Kathy Schoen and Mark Gay – DPW.

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

(Strong/Lyons) Motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2013 as presented. Unanimously approved.

Communications:

- Letter of resignation from councilmember, Bill Twiss. **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to accept the resignation from Bill Twiss. Unanimously approved.
- Two responses were received for the council member vacancy. **(Cummings/Clark)** Motion to appoint Bruce Rolfe as a Trustee to serve on the Village Council. Unanimously approved. Mr. Rolfe was sworn in by President Smith. Mr. Rolfe will be assigned as the Street/Sidewalk committee chair.
- Letter of Library Board resignation from Lisa Strong. **(Clark/Cummings)** Motion to accept the resignation from Lisa Strong. Unanimously approved.
- CN National railroad contacted Clerk, Scott Torrance to announce the repair of the two railroad crossings. Maple Street crossing will begin 8/8/13 and Main Street will begin one week later. Roads will be closed during the repair.
- Resident asking for property line to her property. Referred her to the deed and legal description.
- Received reports of garbage on porch at an address on E. Maple. President Smith stopped to talk with resident.

Guests: No comments.

Public Works:

- 1) School called regarding a tree in the cemetery that appears to be dead. Martin Tree Service gave an estimate of \$650. Hold off on any decision.
- 2) Peerless-Midwest will be working on pump #2. Expected to be down for 2 weeks.

Water:

- 1) Shut off notices (45 notices) were sent out.
- 2) Are checks being deposited promptly? Several residents show a long period of time between dropping off at village and eventual deposit.
- 3) Septic system for house at 102 S. Main Street.
- 4) House at 110 S. Main up for auction.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No report.

Streets/Census: Catch basin was fixed on W. Maple Street.

Administration:

- 1) **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to approve the CN Railroad check in the amount of \$4514.00 Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Safety:

- 1) Reviewed public safety issues.
- 2) Ordinance citations
- 3) Camera discussion – Need signs of public notice or paint on sidewalks

Ordinance:

- 1) Calls to Milbourne Davis
- 2) Letters are being written and will send certified.
 - a. Given 14 days after signing, then fines are incurred.
 - i. 1st offense = \$75, 2nd offense = \$150, 3rd offense = \$325, 4th offense = \$500
- 3) Township signs discussed.
- 4) **(Clark/Strong)** Motion to authorization for DPW to mow 221 Snapdragon and 4 other properties.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Village open office hours – 10 to noon on the last Saturday of each month. Begin in September.
- 2) **(Cummings/Clark)** Motion to write a letter to Sturgis Bank to ask for a loan officer presence at the bank in Climax. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Rolfe) The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk