

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2003

Present: Scott Blayden, Bill Twiss, Terry Strong, Bill Rogers, Tricia Willis, Salli Thompson, Don Stevenson

Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Gibson, Bill Sackrider, Deb Wyant.

(Blayden/Twiss) Motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2003 with the following exception: Add Nathan Pearce as a guest. Unanimously approved.

(Twiss/Thompson) Motion to approve the January 2003 Bill Package totaling \$10,551.41. Roll Call: Unanimously approved.

On the December 2002 Treasurer's Report, a posting error was discovered after the clerk gave the month end figures to the Treasurer. As a result the fund amounts reported on the Treasurer's Report will be increased by the amounts shown in parenthesis. This was pointed out to the Council and compared to the December 2002 General Ledger. (Strong/Twiss) Motion to approve the December 31, 2002 Treasurer's Report. Major Streets = \$128,323.38 + (231.39); Local Streets = \$30,570.94 + (99.36); General Fund = \$241,462.63 + (978.07); Water Fund = \$134,379.51 + (581.74); Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63 Totals = \$546,143.09 + (1890.56). Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: None

Communications: Received bankruptcy notification from a resident. Info has been given to the attorney. Information regarding the placement of a commercial antenna on the water tower has been forwarded to company again.

Public Works:

- 1) Water tower tank inspection contract has been received from CorrPro at a cost of \$635.00. Also quoted: \$425.00 to inspect the entire tower, \$100.00 to inspect and weatherize each aviation light (2 lights on tank). All items in proposed contract add up to \$1260.00. (Rogers/Twiss) Motion to contract with CorrPro to inspect entire water tower, tank and lights at the proposed cost of \$1260.00. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) Additional water tests are required and need to be sent to the State. Each year the State of Michigan is requiring the testing for more substances in the municipal water system.
- 3) Mr. Gibson is seeking more bids for electrical work in the Library.
- 4) Defective remote water meters have been identified and replace on several houses.
- 5) Clarification on the ineffective use of the 2-way radios as noted in the January 7 minutes: The radios which were purchased are the inexpensive family radios with an advertised communication distance of 2 miles. These were purchased with the intention that the employees would be able to contact each other throughout the Village limits. This was not the case and the radios proved to be very inadequate. Both Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sackrider have purchased their own cell phones for personal use. The Finance Committee will look into the possibility of reimbursing Gibson and Sackrider a portion of their monthly cost for village use.

Parks/Library: A name of a village resident willing to serve on the Library Board was submitted to the Council. This name will be forwarded to the Library Board.

Public Safety/Fire: Recently dismantled early warning sirens are available to the Village at no charge. The Public Safety committee was directed to look further into the early warning option and review the feasibility of an early warning system.

The Village still has not received a bill for the Village's portion of the Fire protection budget from the Township.

Mr. Strong reviewed the past police reports and broke down the various activities for Council members.

Old Business: The TRASH PICK-UP date is confirmed for June 23, 2003. The TRASH PICK-UP is for village residents only and residents are not to allow friends or relatives from outside the village to place trash along their curbside. The curbside trash will be monitored and any household with excessive amounts will be tagged and the trash will not be picked up. This is due to the new billing terms by the hauling company. This year, the Village will be charged per man hour and per yard of trash. In the past, the cost was based on an estimated total.

The VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE is set for June 21, 2003.

New Business: Reviewed the 9 month completed budget.

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