

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
May 16, 2006

Present: David Dell, Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Bill Rogers.

Absent: Tricia Willis.

Also Present: Mike Ambs, Deb Wyant.

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

(Jones/L.Strong) Motion to approve the May 2, 2006 minutes with following correction: Terry Strong was not absent.

(Strong/Dell) Motion to approve the May 2006 Bill package in the amount of \$9,902.18. Roll call vote – Unanimously approved.

(Jones/Lewis) Motion to approve the April 2006 Treasurer's Report: Major Street \$163,246.94, Local Street \$41,705.23, General Fund \$117,317.39, Water Fund \$43,474.39, Perpetual Care \$11,406.63, Totaling \$377,150.58. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Communications: Reviewed

Guests: Reviewed building demolition bid (one bid was received) from MLA Excavating.

(L.Strong/Dell) Motion to accept bid from MLA Excavating for \$13,198.00 to demolish building at 111 W. Maple on or after June 5, 2006, in accordance with terms of the Bid. Roll call vote – Unanimously approved.

Public Works:

- 1) One bid has been received on the sidewalk project. **(Jones/Dell)** Motion to accept the sidewalk bid from Slager Construction to form and pour 50 or more 4' sections at \$35 per 4' section. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) Water samples are completed for May.
- 3) Council approved street sweeping in preparation for Memorial Day.

Administration:

- 1) Website is complete and now looking for web hosting. **(L.Strong/Lewis)** Motion to authorize Tom Jones to select a web host at a cost not to exceed \$100 per year. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) **(T.Strong/Jones)** Motion to pay not more than \$200 to Bruce Casey to develop a cemetery program to document all cemetery records. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Parks / Cemetery:

- 1) A letter was received from the Climax Rotary Club regarding a cemetery restoration project to clean soiled grave markers, straightening stones and repairing foundations. The Council would like to invite Rotary Club President, Sharalyn Davis to the next meeting for further discussion.

Streets: Dave will contact Lakeland Asphalt to find an estimated start date on the Maple Street and Maple Circle intersection.

Ordinance:

- 1) Reviewed ordinance violations.
- 2) Garbage hauler bidding was suspended due to necessary modifications to the Bid specifications. A pre-bid meeting with garbage haulers will be scheduled. The committee will consist of Terry Strong, Tom Jones and Bill Lewis.

Water:

- 1) **(Lewis/T.Strong)** Motion to spend \$1518.00 for repair and purchase of a pump controller card and pump controller rack for the water system. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) Bill will look into the cost of a new pump controller system.

President's time: President Rogers reported on the Township's closed meeting regarding the village's move toward city incorporation. **(Dell/L.Strong)** Motion to support Bill Rogers efforts to obtain the minutes of the illegal closed session held at the May 9, 2006 regular Township meeting, and if no satisfaction is received, to seek an injunction against the Township Board. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, Dell, T.Strong, L. Strong and Rogers; Nays – Lewis; Absent – Willis. Motion carried 5 to 1.

Old Business:

- 1) There will be a public meeting held on June 6, 2006 to hear comments on the proposed rezoning of North Main Street (North of the tracks, east side only). The property is currently zoned light industrial and is proposed to be changed to Commercial.
- 2) The legal sufficiency meeting for City incorporation will be held on Thursday, May 18 in Lansing.

New Business:

- 1) The Fire Department committee reviewed costs and life expectancy of the department's large equipment and gear. The committee also looked at revenue needed to fund capital expenditures for the department through the year 2026. The committee's findings will be presented at Township Board Special Meeting to be held on May 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. (T.Strong/Jones)
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk