

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

October 2, 2012

Present: Mike Adams, Pat Clark, Tom Jones, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss, Kyle Smith – President and Brenda Borden – Treasurer. Absent: None

Guests: Jim Cummings, Bruce Rolfe and Mike Gibson – DPW.

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

(Lyon/Strong) Motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2012 as presented. Unanimously approved.

Guests: Jim Cummings spoke out regarding the lack of respect that various middle-of-town roaming teens have for people and property. To name some of the actions they have taken part in: Graffiti, library fence vandalism, climbing on the roof of his building, throwing rocks at property, breaking lights, no respect for pedestrians, defecating in a monument globe which they vandalized, burning the library siding. Willing to help with the selection and setup of video surveillance equipment that will help identify and prosecute the teens responsible.

Communications:

- 1) No school homecoming parade this year.
- 2) Meth house, on Main Street just south of Maple, is being foreclosed.
- 3) EVIP deadline of October 1st was met.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are done for October.
- 2) Bill Sackrider and Mike Gibson will attend the fall regional water system meeting.
- 3) The fence behind the library has been repaired, but vandalized already this afternoon.
- 4) Will begin picking up leaves next week.

Water: Water system revenue was \$17,000 for the 3rd Quarter due to the dry and hot summer. Normal revenue range is 11 or 12 thousand. Many residents are calling the DPW questioning their water bill reading. Many didn't realize the volume of water used on their lawns and gardens.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: **(Strong/Twiss)** Motion to authorize Climax Electric to install new ballasts (11 fixtures) in the Library at a cost of \$630. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Streets/Census:

- 1) Streets are in good condition.
- 2) **(Twiss/Lyons)** Motion to repair 32 sections of sidewalk at a cost of \$2508 by Slager Construction. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 3) Looking at how to repair the bike path.

Administration:

- 1) (Lyons/Clark) Motion to pay Deb Wyant (previous treasurer) \$60 for 4 hours (\$15/hour) of help provided to Brenda Borden. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

- 2) DPW position: The Administration Committee has interviewed 8 candidates for the position and has narrowed the selection down to 4 candidates. They will call these individuals back for a second interview and have an individual selected by the 2nd meeting in October.

Public Safety:

- 1) Received a bid from Prodigy Electric for the installation of video surveillance equipment. Will meet with Jim Cummings to help come up with a viable system. Will have a proposal prepared for the 2nd meeting of October.

Ordinance:

- 1) People appear to living in a travel trailer parked behind a home on West Maple – near the tracks.
- 2) A residential fence is down at a home on the corner of E. Maple and S. Church. Will write a letter to have them fix it up.
- 3) Handed out a copy of an animal ordinance. Council needs to review it by next meeting.

Old Business:

- 1) Still trying to get hold of Kalamazoo County regarding the bill for the veteran's flags.
- 2) Not much activity for the trash pickup.

New Business: None

(Lyons/Twiss) The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk