

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

January 18, 2011

Present: Trustees: Dave Hopkins, Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, President – Kyle Smith and Treasurer – Deb Wyant.

Absent - None. One seat Vacant

Guests: Mike Gibson, Bruce Rolfe, Steve Johnson, Jason Slann, Paul Bishop.

Agenda: **(Hopkins/Jones)** Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

Minutes: **(Lyons/Jones)** Motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 4, 2011 as presented. Unanimously approved.

Special meeting minutes: **(Lewis/Hopkins)** Motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2010 Special meeting as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Lewis/Lyons) Motion to approve the January 2011 Bill Package totaling \$16,918.89. Roll call vote: Ayes – Hopkins, Lewis, Lyons, Strong, Smith. Nays – Jones. Carried 5 to 1

(Lyons/Jones) Motion to approve the December 2010 Treasurer's Report as presented:

Village of Climax Combined Funds on Account as of 12/31/2010

	Sturgis Bank and Trust	First National Bank of MI CD's	Fund Totals
General Fund	\$ 123,586.29	\$ 40,374.20	\$ 163,960.49
Water	\$ 65,774.79	\$ 65,450.40	\$ 131,225.19
Major Streets	\$ 67,639.23	\$ 21,203.47	\$ 88,842.70
Local Streets	\$ 48,762.12	\$ 10,063.08	\$ 58,825.20
Perpetual Care (CD)	\$ 11,406.63	\$ -	\$ 11,406.63
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Total	\$317,369.06	\$ 137,091.15	\$ 454,460.21

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Two transfers of \$10,000 have been made from the water fund to FNB Certificate of Deposits. One more transfer of \$10,000 will be made at the end of January.

Guests:

- 1) Fire Chief, Steve Johnson, updated the Council on the fire department.
 - The Department is 100 years old this year.

- Budget - looks like they will be under budget this year.
 - 2011-12 Budget – Will estimate a higher budget.
 - Engine work needed on 2 trucks
 - Training tower participation of \$5000 for a 10 year period.
 - Fire fighter training needed.
 - Applying for another FEMA grant.
 - Run report for 2010: Township - 76 runs, Village - 29 runs, School – 8 runs, Mutual aid – 33 runs.
- 2) Paul Bishop expressed interest in serving on the Council to fill the vacancy.
 - 3) Jason Slann also expressed interest in serving on the Council

Two well qualified candidates desire to serve on the Council. The Council reviewed each candidate and made the following recommendation for a vote: **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to appoint Jason Slann to fill the Trustee position. Unanimously approved. (The position’s term ends in 2012.)

Communications:

- 1) Letter received from the Charter Township of Kalamazoo to participate by resolution and financial commitment to the support of a pre-preliminary study of Full US-131 connector from the northern area of Kalamazoo County. The Council declined any action.

Public Works:

- 1) The 2004 F-350 is down due to a bent axel. The truck was purchased from Simmons Ford and appears to not have been outfitted correctly. Several problems were detected just after delivery – they were corrected. It appears the axel is not strong enough to hand the load in the box. Estimates to fix the axel are \$2000 to \$2500. **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to authorize up to \$2500 to repair the F-350. Roll call vote – Unanimously approved.
- 2) The John Deere 2520 has been repaired – Broken spindle bearing.
- 3) Water tank inspection. Mr. Gibson will talk with the DEQ and ask to delay inspection until the 2012-13 budget year.
- 4) Receiving bids on leaf vacuums. They are very expensive and few companies make them. So far have a 27 horse, 10 yard vacuum at \$16,000 and a 22 horse, 5 yard for \$10,000. Will keep checking. Also will look into a new engine. Mr. Gibson would like to purchase a new leaf vac and repair the larger one and sell the smaller one. Having two large machines will help in the leaf clean up.
- 5) 2010 pump reports have been given to Mr. Lewis.
- 6) Mr. Gibson discussed the lack of employee valuations being done in regard to employee raises. Also, still do not have a revised Employee Handbook. He commended the employees for the work they do and have done while he was out.

Streets / Census: Reviewed proposed 2011-12 street projects.

Parks/Library: No report.

Water: No report.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Discussed the proposed new BS&A accounting software and computer. With concerns over falling revenues and increased expenses there is a possibility of having to draw from the fund balance to balance the budget. Also with equipment repairs and the need of new equipment and a consideration of employee raises, the accounting software and computer may have to wait. Tabled for a future meeting.

Public Safety:

- 1) Working on the security system for the library.
- 2) Train derailment noted outside of Lansing. Residents of the area were evacuated.

Ordinance:

- 1) No violations noted.

President's time:

- 1) Commented on the good work the employees do for the village.

Old Business: Quit Claim Deed received from Kalamazoo County Treasurer for property situated at 111 W. Maple Street.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. (Lyons/Jones)
Scott Torrance – Village Clerk