

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
November 20, 2012

Present: Mike Adams, Pat Clark, Tom Jones, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, Kyle Smith – President and Brenda Borden – Treasurer

Absent: Bill Twiss

Guests: Bruce Rolfe and Mark Gay

Oath of Office administered to: Pat Clark, Tom Jones, Kyle Smith and Brenda Borden.

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

(Lyons/Adams) Motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2012 as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Strong) Motion to approve the November 2012 Bill Package totaling \$24,998.24 (Included in total are the paid invoices from 11/6/12). Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Strong/Jones) Motion to approve the October 2012 Treasurer's report – total fund balance is 508,629.85. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Clark/Strong) Motion to pay the \$106.30 invoice (Veterans Flags) to Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services with direction that the Village be contacted prior to future purchases. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: No comments.

Communications: Noted

Public Works:

- 1) Leaf vacuum is being repaired – impeller shaft.
- 2) Last of leaves picked up on Monday.
- 3) Snow equipment is ready to go.
- 4) Don Cochran will be installing electric under the pine tree in the park in 2 weeks.
- 5) Three residential addresses are set for water shut off.

Streets/Census: No report

President Smith made committee changes: Moved Pat Clark to Administration and Tom Jones to Parks / Library.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Questions on FOIA policies in regard to video surveillance in the library. If village pays for monitoring system, which is responsible for FOIA requests, maintaining video files, etc.? Will it be the library or the village? Clerk directed to contact the attorney.
- 2) Considering purchasing LED Christmas lights for the library. Led lights are expensive, but will require less energy. There is a concern about the vandalism.

Water: Mr. Adams would like to talk with Mr. Gibson regarding winterizing of hydrants.

Administration:

- 1) **(Jones/Lyons)** Motion to increase the hourly wage for DPW employee, Mark Gay, by \$0.50 and make it retroactive as of October 22, based on completing the CDL employment agreement. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved. Mark passed the written test and upon taking the CDL road test it was found that the village trucks were not large enough to require a CDL. This requirement will be removed in the future.
- 2) **(Jones/Strong)** Motion to pay all employees a holiday bonus of 1% of their annual base wage. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Safety:

- 1) 17 calls to 911 in the village. Of the calls, 4 were rescue and 4 were school related.
- 2) Reviewed a notice to the owners of Meth house at 115 Watson. The notice reviewed the steps needed to clean up the home and allowed the owner access from 8 am to 12 am.

Ordinance:

- 1) A letter was sent to the owners of 224 W. Maple regarding people living in a trailer behind the home.
- 2) No repair progress on the building north of the Main Street tracks. Looking into the “dangerous building” process.
- 3) The director of Environmental health will attend the first meeting in December to help the Council understand the Meth house process.
- 4) Need to address vacant home issues. The owners of the homes need to be contacted and told to keep their properties in order.
- 5) Clerk directed to send the sample pet control ordinance to the attorney for review.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1) **(Strong/Jones)** Motion to appoint Norm Lyons and Mike Adams as Trustees to fill the two vacancies on the Council. Unanimously approved. (They will need to run for election in 2014)
- 2) Personal property tax may be discontinued. Need to look into how that will affect the revenue for the village.
- 3) Budget requests are needed.
- 4) Oath of Office administered to: Norm Lyons and Mike Adams.

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