

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 19, 2013

Present: Pat Clark, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss, Kyle Smith – President

Absent: Tom Jones and Brenda Borden – Treasurer. One vacant Trustee seat.

Guests: Ryan Lumbard, Deena and Mike Anderson, and John Gisler.

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

(Lyons/Twiss) Motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2013 as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Strong) Motion to approve the March 2013 Bill Package totaling \$1927.25. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Strong/Lyons) Motion to approve the February 2013 Treasurer's report – total fund balance is 441,031.76. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Postmaster, Deena Anderson, visited the council regarding the mailbox issue.
 - Why people can't have delivery at homes. City delivery (walking route) and rural delivery (driving route) – need 750 within an area to make it a city delivery. We don't have the concentration to have city delivery.
 - Dilemma: Mail boxes are being put up in the business district along the side of road. Parking is interfering with mail delivery to these boxes.
 - There is nothing the post office can do to stop the placement of these boxes.
 - Village can work with community to install a community general box area.
 - Consider an ordinance to prohibit placing mail boxes in this area.
 - Postmaster will have to research this.
 - In Schoolcraft, mailboxes are not allowed along US 131.
- 2) John Gisler of KCTA – Kalamazoo County Transit Authority, spoke about the May 7th County millage renewal.
- 3) Ryan Lumbard – offered his Prudential Financial services to individuals.

Communications:

- 1) Cars were vandalized in the Trailer Park.
- 2) Noted that a child, Josh S., riding his bike and looking into cars. Police were called on him.
- 3) A couple individuals are interested in the Village Trustee position.
- 4) 102 S. Main: Having septic system inspected. Lucas Pols of the Environmental Health Department has not been in contact with the owners. Cannot start a new business until an inspection is made. An information packet will be given them when they call. Council member confronted by owner as to why we are picking on them. Laws, regulations and ordinances have to be followed by all. Prior to starting a business, these things have to be looked into and are part of the cost of doing business. The building appears to be a party center for kids.

Public Works:

- 1) Water meters have been read.
- 2) **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to have the Clerk speak with the Treasurer to help improve performance of duties to council and residents. Unanimously approved.
- 3) Peerless-Midwest will contact the village when they will start.
- 4) Mark Gay has taken the study classes and is preparing for the water certification.

Streets/Census: No report.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Viewed an aerial view of the park. Need to get ideas for changes to take to the Rotary Club.

Water: No report

Administration: Pat Clark went to MML training classes. Printed out various ordinances to review for possible implementation.

Public Safety: No report

Ordinance:

- 1) There are a few motor homes parked in the village. Check ordinances to see if trailers and vehicles need to be licensed.
- 2) Animal Control: Many dogs are loose. Residents need to document the time, what dogs were involved, any people involved. Do not have to be bitten to have Animal Control step in. Only have to be threatened.
- 3) Civil infraction tickets. We issue the ticket – can be done online with the courts. A copy of the ticket goes to the court and one to the individual. Is South County Court still around?

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

(Lyons/Strong) The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk