

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
December 5, 2006

Present: Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss, Tricia Willis and Bill Rogers.
Absent: None

Also Present: Cheryl VanMiddlesworth, Lawrence Wenke, Bruce Rolfe and Deb Wyant.

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

(L. Strong/Lewis) Motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2006. Unanimously approved.

Guests:

1. Mr. Wenke visited with the Council.
2. Cheryl VanMiddlesworth met with the Council to discuss water hookup charges for her new building – Village Beauty Salon. She was charged for 4 booths, however she only has 2 workstation sinks. The ordinance will need to be revised as it refers to the number of booths. **(Lewis/L. Strong)** Motion to amend cod 7.116 (Appendix A – equivalent user table) to apply to the number of workstation sinks instead of the number of booths. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved. Absent from discussion: Tricia Willis.

Communications: Reviewed

Parks/Library:

1. Two library vacancies need to be filled. Notice is in paper.
2. Looking into computerizing the card file.
3. An individual, not from the area, was observed using the library internet to view pornography. A library volunteer was alone in the library with the individual and was afraid to ask him to leave. Discussion centered around purchasing a filter, if possible and also to form an emergency plan to assist library volunteers if similar situations should arise.

Water: Bill Lewis is working on providing an up-to-date water system pump report to the Council on a quarterly basis.

Administration: Discussed employee bonuses for Mike, Bill and Dorian. It was decided to give the same as 2005. **(Willis/Lewis)** Motion to pay employees ½% of yearly base rate as a holiday bonus. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Safety/Fire:

1. A deputy talked to the people regarding the car on block.
2. Law enforcement budget for 2007-08 will remain the same at \$14,000.
3. Terry will attend a fire department officer meeting on Sunday. Township board meeting is on Tuesday.

Ordinance:

- 1) Discussed the garbage ordinance revision.
 - a. Cost with village handling quarterly billings
 - b. Rescind ordinance 42 to adjust for proposal

- 2) Tricia will make revisions to bid proposal, make revisions to Ordinance #42, get revisions to Scott and Scott will forward to Attorney Soltis for his review.
- 3) Municipal Code Corp. – What is happening on the updated code project? Scott will contact MCC and find out what we need to do next.

Old Business:

1) Abstentions: During the previous meeting it was thought that a council member must vote and cannot abstain except in a case of conflict of interest. It was researched and the following information should be noted: A Council member cannot be compelled to vote. They may abstain on any vote regardless if it a conflict or not. Also this quote from Roberts Rules of order: “While it is the duty of every member who has an opinion on the question to express it by his vote, yet he cannot be compelled to do so. He may prefer to abstain from voting, though he knows the effect is the same as if he voted on the prevailing side.”

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk