

Village of Climax  
Minutes  
May 19, 1998

Present: C. Allen, S. Gray, K. Guidarini, S. Thompson, D. Stevenson.

Absent: C. Cole, D. Veenkant

Also Present: George Roe, Gary Hayward

(Allen/Thompson) Motion to approve the minutes of the May 5th meeting. All in favor.

(Allen/Gray) Motion to approve the May 1998 Bill Package. Roll call vote: ayes - all present.

Guests: Gary Hayward is proposing an addition to his existing building and is requesting a variance. (Guidarini/Allen) Motion to accept extension of the existing variance requested by Gary Hayward for property located at 390 E. Maple. Roll call vote: Ayes, all present.

George Roe is proposing a new building (20' x 40') to be build at 126 N. Main. The building would serve as a show room for products that he makes. (Allen/Guidarini) Motion to allow construction of a new building to be built at 126 N. Main. Layout to be a 24' x 40' construction. Roll call vote: Ayes, all present.

Communications: Various complaints on the date of the Village Wide Garage sale. Various complaints were also received when held on the previous year's June dates. Suggestions made: 1) Hold a consistent date each year, 2) Send out a survey to all residents.

Public Works report:

- 1) Painting of water tower - later in summer,
- 2) Stumps are out,
- 3) Researching various pavement restoration options,
- 4) Painting of curbs finished,
- 5) Hole in road repaired

(Guidarini/Gray) Motion to paint all sign posts blue. Allen - No, All other members in favor. Motion carried.

(Guidarini/Gray) Motion to contract with Justice Fence Co. to install 375' of fence, 6' high, 11 gauge aluminum wire, on the west boundary of the cemetery starting at the south end and heading north. Cost of fence to be \$1624.00. Roll call vote: Ayes all present.

Work order: Have Ben contact Justice Fence Co. to accept bid.

Streets: Viewed a video on pavement restoration.

Garage sale: Other than a few negative complaints, many families had great success with their sales.

Trash pickup: There was less trash placed on the curbs this year. Suggested to Gray to contact Kipp Refuse to see how much was collected.

Finance/Employee Relations:

1) Time reports and activity reports seem to have improved.

Employees have shown a lot of progress.

2) Will stop the activity reports for a period.

3) Presented an up to date employee benefits package. The package was reviewed by the attorney and found no problems.

4) Attempting to allow Mike more freedom and possibly give him a few different responsibilities.

5) Reviewed changes in the employee package.

(Guidarini/Allen) Motion to appoint auditors Foote and Lloyd to audit the fiscal year 1997-98. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

(Guidarini/Gray) Motion to set millage rate at 9 mils General operating and 2 mils Hydrant rental, totalling 11 mils. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present. This millage has not changed from previous years.

Ordinance: Will begin work on contracting a company to create a Land use plan.

Old Business: Discussed installing a fence (chain link) on the south side of the park to discourage people from trespassing on private property. A 6 foot fence is recommended.

(Allen/Guidarini) Motion to contract with Justice Fence Co. to install a 6' fence on the south side of the park subject to determination of proper property line. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

Discussed Kalamazoo Regional Waste Water Commission's membership.

(Gray/Guidarini) Motion to join the Waste Water Commission as a non-voting member at the cost of \$100.00. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

New Business: Discussed Fresh Start Economic Development Committee. Little is know of this plan at this time. It seems a development committee is being created to control the location of industrial and commercial parks.

COG: The Council of Governments is requesting an overlay of every unit of government in the area. Would like a map of village and the zoning districts.

(Guidarini/Thompson) Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 9:17 p.m.