

# *Village of Climax*

Regular Meeting

April 1, 2008

Present: David Dell, Thomas Jones, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, President – Bill Rogers and Treasurer – Deb Wyant.

Absent: Bill Lewis and Bill Twiss.

Guests: Mike Gibson, Billie King, Bruce Rolfe and Bill Sackrider – DPW.

**(Jones/Dell)** Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

**(L.Strong/Dell)** Motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2008. Unanimously approved.

Guests: None

Communications:

- 1) **(Jones/T.Strong)** Motion to approve the Space Mountain organization's request to hold their annual 7K run on Founders Day. Unanimously approved.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are done for March.
- 2) Equipment reports are completed.
- 3) Street sweeping will be done on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Asked to have cars off the sides of the streets for that day.
- 4) Spring clean up is underway.
- 5) The Main Street road project will be starting the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Water:

- 1) Discussion on changing the water shut-off period for delinquent water service. Ordinance #7.140 G.2., states "The Village shall have the right to shut off water service to any premises for which charges for water service are more than **three (3) months** delinquent". The proposed ordinance change would decrease the three month period to a "30-day" period. The payment/delinquent schedule with the proposed change: Water bills are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each calendar quarter. If unpaid after the 15<sup>th</sup> day, the bill becomes delinquent and a 5% late fee will be assessed. Thirty days after the bill becomes delinquent, the water service will be shut off. The proposed change was reviewed by the attorney. Scott was directed to again forward the change to the attorney for written approval. Upon his written approval, the ordinance change will be forwarded to MCC to have it included in the finished code book revision at no charge.
- 2) **(Dell/Jones)** Motion to change (Ordinance #7.140 G-2) the delinquent water service shut off period from three (3) months to thirty (30) days. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 3) **(T.Strong/Jones)** Motion to allow the Water Committee to meet with school officials regarding the potential hook up to the village water system. Unanimously approved.

Administration:

- 1) Employee longevity discussion. Current longevity increments according to the personnel manual are: 5 to 9 years = 2.5% of gross wages, 10 years and over = 5% of gross wages. The employee is issued a check based on percentage and number of years employed. It is at the employee's own discretion to invest or spend the money as they desire. The current increments were felt to be inadequate to reward employees for continued employment beyond 15 years.

**(L.Strong/Dell)** Motion to add the following longevity increments to the personnel manual and make them effective for the current 2008-09 fiscal year: 10-14 years = 5%, 15-19 years = 7.5% of gross wages, 20-24 years = 10% and 25+ years = 12.5%. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

- 2) **(Jones/L.Strong)** Motion to adopt resolution 2008-02, to establish the millage rate for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, L.Strong, Dell and Rogers; Nays – T.Strong. Motion carried 4 to 1.
- 3) The trash pickup will be conducted by Best Way Disposal on May 17<sup>th</sup> for those residents who have service with Best Way. The trash pickup is held in accordance with the three-year waste hauler contract.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) The sheriff department has been notified to issue less speeding warnings and more tickets. Very few speeding tickets are issued. It is felt that drivers will more likely control their speeds if they know they will be issued a ticket rather than a warning.
- 2) Mr. Strong updated the council on the fire protection status. The township board seems to feel that the fire resolution 89-1 was not properly terminated. **(Dell/L.Strong)** Motion to give Terry the authority to arrange a meeting with the township fire committee or board. Ayes: T.Strong, L.Strong, Dell and Rogers; Nays – Jones. Motion carried 4 to 1.

Ordinance: Letters have been sent out. Dogs continue to cause a nuisance.

Old Business: Reviewed Ordinance #41. According to the ordinance, if a home is damaged over 50%, the homeowner does not have to approach the council for a variance to rebuild. A question remains on whether lot frontage would be an issue. What is the state law on frontage required for a buildable lot? If a lot doesn't meet state or village frontage requirements, can the homeowner be granted a variance from the council to rebuild? Clerk was directed to contact the village building inspector to find what the state law is and if the council can grant a variance.

New Business:

- 1) **(Jones/T.Strong)** Motion to appoint Foote & Lloyd, CPA as village auditors. Unanimously approved.
- 2) **(T.Strong/Dell)** Motion to appoint the clerk as deputy treasurer and the treasurer as deputy clerk. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.  
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk