

Village of Climax  
Regular Meeting  
February 16, 1999

Present: J. Davis, D. Guidarini, K. Guidarini, L. Phoenix,  
B. Twiss, BJ Wyant, D. Stevenson.

Absent: none

Also Present: Holtz, B. Wyant.

(K. Guidarini/L. Phoenix) Motion to approve the minutes of  
February 2, 1999 without exception. Approved - all present.

(K. Guidarini/B.J. Wyant) Motion to approve the February  
1999 Bill Package. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion  
carried.

Guests: None

Communications: Kalamazoo Economic Development Plan  
requesting projected work project for the next three years.

2002 kit from State Senator Dale Sugars to deal with the  
year 2000 plan.

PUBLIC WORKS: Generator update: The existing propane motor  
is adequate as a backup for pump #1. Discussed an  
installation of a direct disconnect for pump #2 as an  
additional backup. A gas generator could then be connected  
to pump #2 in the event of an emergency.

The state will reimburse municipalities that paid out a  
total of \$1000.00 or more in snow removal for a  
consecutive 2 day period. These communities will be  
reimbursed 75% of the cost of snow removal. Holtz will  
compile the snow removal costs to submit to the state.

The RFD monument was damaged due to a fallen tree as a  
result of high winds. Bid to repair light fixtures is  
\$595.00. (K. Guidarini/D. Guidarini) Motion to contract  
Bouvrette Electric to repair RFD monument at the cost of  
\$595.00. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

Discussed the repair (tucking) of the stone work to the  
monument as some stone are becoming loose. Bids will be  
sought.

Holtz will work up a bid request for the used snow plow. Adds will be placed in the Crescent, Kalamazoo Gazette, Battle Creek Enquirer and MML publication.

Reviewed the purchase of a chipper to cut up tree limbs instead of burning the wood in the Sunnymead plat. The cost is 6099.00. Possible ideas discussed: Residents would be able to place the limbs along curbside, the public works employees would collect them. The chips would then be offered to residents as mulch/landscaping. Burning would be eliminated and the wood could be recycled.

(Twiss/BJ Wyant) Motion to purchase a 310 Gravelly Chipper, 25 horsepower Coehler engine at the cost of \$6172.90. The chipper to be purchased in the 1999-2000 fiscal budget year. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

Discussed a lease of a pickup truck rather than purchase of a new or used vehicle. Holtz will check out various lease costs.

Holtz reviewed the list of individuals to oversee the water system and roads as part of a emergency contingency plan when Holtz and Gibson are on vacation the week of April 2 - April 10.

Administration: Discussed budget items and made a few changes. The proposed budget will be ready for public comment at the public hearing on March 2, 1999. Residents will have an opportunity to comment on the budget at 8:00 p.m. on March 2, 1999. Any resident may request a copy of the budget prior to the meeting from the Clerk (746-4174).

Cemetery/parks: Wyant is working up ideas on recording cemetery deeds and burial information on computer data base.

Public Safety: Sheriff officer's new hourly rate is set at \$35.00 beginning February 1999. The increase is a result of changes in the Sheriff's Department, directly affected by worker's compensation and liability issues.

(Phoenix/Twiss) Motion to continue contracting with the Sheriff's department at a new rate of \$35.00 per hour at the request of the Sheriff's Department to cover workers compensation issues. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

Streets: Twiss is continuing to work with Grand Trunk to install an asphalt walkway across the West Maple Street crossing.

Water: Gove Associates contacted D. Guidarini regarding the initial steps of the proposed sewer project and the associated charges. There is no rush to move forward with the project as the council is only in the investigative stages. More public comment is needed. As more problems occur with home owners' septic systems, a long term solution (sewer system) needs to be investigated and developed. However prior to investing in the preliminary stages of the project, the council would like to have public support behind them.

New Business:

(K. Guidarini/D. Guidarini) Motion to have first reading of Ordinance 36 - An ordinance to amend Section 1.110 of Ordinance 9 of the Village of Climax to set the compensation for Village President, Trustees, Clerk and Treasurer. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

Ordinance 36 would establish compensation for President at \$100.00 per regular meeting, Trustees at \$75.00 per regular meeting, Clerk at \$500.00 per month and Treasurer at \$450.00 - effective April 1, 1999. Two readings are required and the ordinance must be published two consecutive time prior to adoption.

The meeting was closed at 9:50 p.m. (K. Guidarini/D. Guidarini)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk