

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

July 15, 2014

Present: Mike Adams, Pat Clark, Gary Gammons, Norm Lyons, Bruce Rolfe, and Terry Strong.

Also Present – Mark Gay, DPW

Absent: Kyle Smith – President and Brenda Borden – Treasurer.

Guests: John Sauntry

** Oath of Office administered to new Trustees, Mike Adams and Gary Gammons.

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

(Clark/Lyons) Motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2014 as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Clark) Motion to approve the July 2014 Bill Package totaling \$7,521.67. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Clark) Motion to approve the June 2014 Treasurer's report – total fund balance is \$392,446.56. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: No comments

Communications:

- 1) Letter from the attorney of Kyle and Athena Smith (Harvester Restaurant) requesting that cameras not be focused on their restaurant. Discussion:
 - a. Cameras are not focused directly on restaurant – they are directed in each direction from the 4 corners and takes in all businesses and downtown area.
 - b. Public safety surveillance.
 - c. Video is viewed or recorded only when a public incident has occurred or when public safety requests (FOIA) or upon a FOIA request.
 - d. Video is overwritten every 7 days.
 - e. It is possible that patrons of restaurant feel spied on, however, images are not as clear as perceived.
 - f. Is there Michigan law that forbids camera surveillance of public places? Until that is established no action will be taken.
- 2) Curfew letter to two youth. Two youth were observed (personally) at 12:05 am riding their bikes in and around businesses and harassing people earlier in the evening. The park has hours posted and these are being violated. Curfew for children ordinance will be investigated in either local ordinance or state law. **(Clark/Rolfe)** Motion to draft letters to the parents/guardians of Josh Suedemeyer and Bo Miller that curfew was violated. Motion carried 5 to 1 (Adams voted no).

Public Works:

- 1) Pump reports and water samples have been completed for month.
- 2) 2014 water monitoring has been completed.
- 3) Library flat roof has been repaired. More work was required than expected and cost higher than expected. Extra costs will be billed separately and pictures will be provided.
- 4) Link Selbee lawn and house on Columbine lawn have been mowed by a profession lawn care company at \$100 each. Cost to be billed to respective properties.

- 5) Large oak tree in cemetery has been chained to provide some time to remove it. Too big for Martin's Tree Service and another company needs to be contacted. Three other trees in town are in need of removal.

Streets: Only one estimate for repair to Columbine street.

Parks / Cemetery / Library:

- 1) Mike Adams presented various bids to place a port-a-john in the park for the summer. **(Lyons/Adams)** Motion to contract with Flash Sanitation of Battle Creek at a cost of \$90 per month, to place one port-a-john in the park for the rest of July, August and September – hopefully placed around the cameras or according to the vendor's recommendation. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) Cemetery sign needs to be painted and tree trimmed back from sign.
- 3) Gary Gammons assigned as the Parks/Cemetery/Library Chairman.

Water/Sewer:

- 1) **(Clark/Gammons)** Motion to have the Clerk return the consent form to Nextel that we acknowledge the antenna change on the water tower. Unanimously approved.

Administration: No report.

Public Safety:

- 1) Discussed fire works in the village. The State of Michigan changed the fireworks law in 2013 and the result is more powerful fireworks are going off days before the 4th and days after. The village has an ordinance that restricts fireworks. Do we want to amend the ordinance to adjust for the change in state law? Do we leave the ordinance alone? Setting off large fireworks in the close proximity of homes can be dangerous. Sent to committee to review.

Ordinances:

- 1) Received confirmation from the County Treasurer of the terms to raze the building at 240 N. Main. ½ cost of demolition, payable in 3 or more years, maximum cost to village is \$20,000.
- 2) Norm Lyons has been assigned as chair of the Ordinance Committee.
- 3) MTS needs to be contacted regarding the Link Selbee home.
- 4) 144 N. Church: Water is off, grass is high. DPW to receive instruction on when to mow these lawn and cost placed on property tax bill. **(Clark/Rolfe)** Motion to direct DPW to either mow lawn at 144 N. Church or have it contracted out – and place cost on the property tax bill. Unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- 1) Any individual seeking to appear on the November ballot must have the forms into the Township Clerk by July 22nd.

New Business: None

(Lyons/Adams) The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk