

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

August 21, 2012

Present: Pat Clark, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss, Kyle Smith – President and Brenda Borden – Treasurer.

Absent: Tom Jones. (One Vacant Trustee seat)

The Oath of Office was administered to Bill Twiss prior to the meeting, as Trustee to replace Dave Hopkins. President Smith assigned Bill Twiss to the Streets/Sidewalks Committee.

Guests: Mike Adams, Bruce Rolfe and Mike Gibson.

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

(Lyons/Strong) Motion to approve the minutes of August 7, 2012 as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Strong/Lyons) Motion to approve the August 2012 Bill Package totaling \$10,385.26. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Strong) Motion to approve the July 2012 Treasurer's report – total fund balance is 417,435.52. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: Mike Adams introduced himself and expressed his desire to serve on the Council.

(Lyons/Strong) Motion to appoint Mike Adams to serve on the Council. Unanimously approved.

Oath of office was administered. Mike will replace the seat vacated by Bill Lewis.

President Smith assigned Council members to the following committees:

Administration – Tom Jones

Public Safety – Terry Strong

Cemetery/Library – Pat Clark

Ordinance – Norm Lyons

Streets – Bill Lewis

Water – Mike Adams

They are to hold committee meetings at least one a quarter

Communications:

- 1) Planet Aid Recycling Box – not interested in placing these in the village.
- 2) EVIP webinar training set for August 28 from 10-11am.
- 3) MML defend our Democracy in Lansing set for August 22.

Public Works:

- 1) Receiving bids for supplying power for Christmas tree lights in the park. There are various ways to bring power in with various costs.
- 2) Looking to change ballasts in the library to a new T8 electronic type. Have changed out a single ballast several times and the old ballasts may pose a fire hazard. The cost to change all ballasts has been quoted at \$630.

- 3) Looking into a surveillance camera system for the library. Dept of Justice grant may be available.

Streets/Census:

- 1) Weeds are coming up in the newly chip seal coated road.
- 2) Clerk to call MDOT regarding Maple Street Tracks. CN never repaired crossing in April.

Water: No report

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Movie in the Park – attendance was low with approximately 25 people. A lot of work and little turn out. Will consider the future of the event.

Administration:

- 1) Job applications. Have received 29 applications. Assigned to the Administration committee for review. Suggested a pre-algebraic test to screen applicants on whether they have the math skills to pass the exam for the D4 and S4 Water System Certification.
- 2) President Smith met with the attorney and received a written response in regard to:
 - a. DPW salary position
 - b. Updating the personnel manual
 - c. Making the clerk and treasurer appointed positions.
 - d. Lowering the Council from 6 Trustees to 4 Trustees.

Public Safety:

- 1) Discussed the safety report. 33 Sheriff calls occurred in the township and 16 of those calls were in the village.
- 2) 20 emergency runs in both June and July making 2012 a very active run year.
- 3) Meth Lab Activity: Trustee Pat Clark investigated costs associated with cleanup and removal of meth labs and presented sample ordinances from other communities. We need to begin a discussion about protecting us from meth cleanup loss. Perhaps action by the Council will send a message to the community about meth labs. Passed out the sample ordinance for the Council review and will discuss further at the next meeting.

Ordinance:

- 1) Discussed the trucks parked in the vacant building lot, brush piled up and holes in the roof (Main street north of the tracks).
- 2) Meth house – 110 S. Main – Health dept. has not heard from owner of home. No clear word of what is happening with the home. Water bill was delinquent and water service was shut off – a family was seen moving from front apartment immediately.
- 3) No weed cutting activity on property west of the fire station.
- 4) Complaints of residents not cleaning up the messes their dogs leave behind. Look into an ordinance to address the problem.

Old Business: Trash pickup is set for Saturday, September 22.

New Business: None

(Lyons/Strong) The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk