

# *Village of Climax*

Regular Meeting

June 6, 2017

**Present:** Gary Gammons, Norm Lyons, Tiffanie Richardson, Janet Sutherland, Jayci Torrance, Linda Coburn – Clerk, and Bruce Rolfe – President

**Absent:** Scott Torrance, Brenda Borden - Treasurer.

**(Gammons/Sutherland)** Motion to approve the agenda with additions. Unanimously approved.

**(Lyons/J.Torrance)** Motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2017. Unanimously approved.

**(Gammons/Sutherland)** Motion to approve bill package of \$2,771.03. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

## Guests:

Tom Barker, Realtor – Seeking clarification on zoning regarding 144 Sheldon St. There is a potential buyer who would use the property as a rental apartment, rental office & storage units. Bruce spoke to attorney regarding options – 2 were presented: rezone property to commercial or add wording regarding mixed use which would require the new property owner to apply for a special use exception. Some changes would need to be made to the ordinance. Discussion followed with clarification that the current property zoning is actually residential functioning as commercial due to an exception. Once property is sold it reverts back to the original zoning. **(Gammons/Richardson)** Motion to contact attorney to begin text changes in the ordinance. Unanimously approved.

Ralph Weesies & MaryBeth Coonfare – Follow up on paperwork for MaryBeth to be an official employee to meet the requirements by the State of Michigan for Lawrence Memorial Library to continue to be recognized as a public library.

Richard Theirjung – Seeking support of the village council regarding the Harvester and the hope that it will be rebuilt. He gave a brief background on the origin of the building and expressed his desire to keep the name alive. Discussion followed with Norm suggesting a petition drive.

## Communications:

- 1) Driveway permit submitted by Andrew Wickenden for council's consideration. Council advised clerk that it should be forwarded to Michigan Township Services.

## Public Works:

- 1) Water samples & pumpage reports are done for the month of June.
- 2) Will be taking the last of the 2017 water monitoring samples for the DEQ Wednesday.
- 3) Will be sending letter to all water customers next week asking questions about home plumbing per DEQ.
- 4) Working on Consumer's confidence report for water customers per DEQ due on July 1, 2017.
- 5) Will be reading water meters in the next two weeks.
- 6) Prein & Newhof will be here today to do hydrant testing again for the Water Reliability Study.

Streets/Sidewalks/Census:

E & W Hancock paving looks good.

Mike will let Jayci know about sidewalk repairs in the fall.

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

Estimate for resurfacing/sealing the tennis courts was submitted by Janet. Discussion followed. **(Lyons/Richardson)** Motion to approve the bid for Tustin's to seal & crack fill the tennis/basketball court in the amount of \$1,390. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Water:

- 1) Landmark Investments – Norm informed them that the village is not interested in selling the contract with Sprint.
- 2) Nothing from Fedewa yet.
- 3) Not pursuing well head protection program currently but is collecting information for future consideration.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) **(J.Torrance/Richardson)** Motion to move meeting scheduled for July 4 to July 11. Motion carried 5-1.
- 2) New hire – discussed wages, benefits, certification. **(Lyons/Sutherland)** Motion to pay uncertified new hire \$12/hour with raise to \$15/hour after 6 month probation; raise wage to \$18/hour & pay for insurance after obtaining water certification. Pay certified new hire \$15/hour with increase to \$18/hour and insurance after 6 month probation. Motion failed 3-3  
Ayes – Lyons, Gammons, Sutherland; Nays - Richardson, J.Torrance, Rolfe.  
**(J.Torrance/Richardson)** Motion to pay new hire \$15/hour with health insurance immediately upon hire with increase to \$18/hour after obtaining water certification. Motion carried 5-1 Ayes-Gammons, Sutherland, Richardson, J.Torrance; Nays – Lyons. Council will wait for recommendations from the committee (3-4 candidates) to review by July 11 meeting. Help wanted ad will be placed in the local papers as well as on Indeed.com.
- 3) **(Richardson/Gammons)** Motion to raise Dorian's pay to \$11/hour effective immediately. Unanimously approved – roll call vote.

Public Safety: No Report

Ordinance:

- 1) Several letters have been sent regarding ordinance violations
- 2) Reviewed animal ordinance which does not state a specific number of animals allowed at one residence.
- 3) Will be reviewing other area ordinances including Kalamazoo County.
- 4) Discussed the compost dumping site, signage, hours, etc.
- 5) Barkley tree – needs to be taken care of – it is on village property.  
**(Richardson/J.Torrance)** Motion to solicit bids for removal of overhanging branches or entire tree by sealed bid due June 28. Unanimously approved.
- 6) Village resident believes someone is living in barn behind residence on E. Maple St.

Old business: None

New Business: None

**(Lyons/Gammons)** The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Linda Coburn – Clerk