

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

July 5, 2016

Present: Pat Clark, Gary Gammons, Norm Lyons, Bruce Rolfe, Janet Sutherland, Terry Strong – President and Brenda Borden - Treasurer.

Absent: Vacant seat.

Guests: David Hamilton.

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

(Rolfe/Gammons) Motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2016. Unanimously approved.

(Sutherland/Gammons) Motion to approve the Bill Package totaling \$1308.84. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gammons, Rolfe, Sutherland and Strong. Nays: none. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Guests:

- 1) David Hamilton presented his proposal for the vacant village property he is interested in (110 W. Maple). Proposal includes public parking, tenant parking, tenant garden and flower garden. Currently the lot is weed covered, so the proposed purchase would beautify it, put back on the tax roll and make the lot useful.

Norm Lyons arrived at 7:49.

Pat Clark arrived at 7:52

- Do we need to place property up for bid?
- Do we contact attorney for guidance.
- **(Rolfe/Lyons)** Motion to properly post 110 W. Maple for public sale and to have a response set for 1 week and to have an answer to Mr. Hamilton by July 19. Unanimously approved.

Communications:

- Area Agency on Aging formulating their 2017-19 future plan.
- Water billed for quarter was \$12,788
- Received a Kalamazoo County Sheriff Study for review.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pumpage reports are done for the month of July.
- 2) Water meters are read.
- 3) 2015 water quality report has been delivered.
- 4) Met with Wood Choi from DEQ for water system review. He has a lot of recommendations. He will send his review in a couple of weeks.
- 5) Homeowner at 230 snapdragon (Delaney) would like the village to put up a couple of handicapped children signs for their neighbor (201 snapdragon) because of cars going so fast.
- 6) Talked to Eddie from Morgan Concrete on pavilion in park on last week in June. He said he will call to set up time to come look at pavilion site.
- 7) **(Gammons/Sutherland)** Motion to put JD 2520 tractor up for Bid in the Crescent paper. Unanimously approved.
- 8) **(Lyons/Clark)** Motion to purchase two handicap children signs for Snapdragon Street. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 9) Holes in pavement – Bruce will contact DPW, Mike Gibson, to patch holes.

10) Trees:

- a. Trees on north side of park – near the tennis courts, are hanging over the property line between the village and Mr. Machin (N. Lovell). Clerk directed to send a letter notifying Mr. Machin of the hazard and to have his trees trimmed.
- b. Lengthy list of trees to be cut or trimmed. Need to prioritize to fit in \$5000 budget.
- c. Mr. Bateman – W. Maple, has an Ash tree that is dead and overhanging the park. Clerk directed to send a letter to Mr. Bateman regarding the hazard.
 - i. **(Clark/Sutherland)** Motion to accept bid for the following trees: 1) Small maple on east end of 206 West Maple with stump removal @ \$700. 2), Cut out dead limbs on tree at 221 S. Main. Tree has power lines running through it. Tree is just off the 33' right-of-way @ \$800, Large maple, 115 S. Main (red and white house) – cut dead limbs out @ \$800. Roll call vote: Ayes – Sutherland, Clark, Gammons, Strong, Lyons; Nays – Rolfe. Motion carried 5 to 1.

Water: No report.

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

- 1) The library board is requesting the installation of new lighting in reading room of library (southwest room). Will have Mr. Gibson check into it.
- 2) Ann Niedzielski is resigning from library board.

Streets:

- 1) Bruce spoke with J. Allen & Co. regarding the drainage issue on Snapdragon. Will work on a solution.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) The Administration Committee met and presented the following:
 - a. Place and ad posting for Clerk and Treasurer.
 - b. Office hours and working out of the hall.
 - c. Post job openings in Indeed.com
 - d. Add an addition onto the village hall.
 - e. Making up a welcome package for residents moving into the village.
 - f. Newsletter articles addressing ordinances.
- 2) Audit Bid Review:
 - a. Will review bids in committee and present at next meeting.

Public Safety:

- 1) 26 Sherriff / public service calls for June.

Ordinance:

- 1) Terry spoke with various residents on S. Main St. regarding the field behind their homes.
- 2) Long grass at 260 N. Main Street.
 - a. Certified letter to be sent to resident.
- 3) Home next to village hall still has problem with dogs leashed to front door step. Also vehicles are parked on grass. Certified letter to homeowner and renters.
- 4) Condemn home – owner has moved back into home (W. Maple). No utilities go to home. How to address.

Old business: None

New Business: **(Gammons/Clark)** Motion to approve the removal of Scott Torrance - Clerk, due to his resignation, from bank signature cards and online banking by July 31, 2016. Unanimously approved.

(Gammons/Sutherland) The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk