

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
November 19, 2013

Present: Pat Clark, Jim Cummings, Norm Lyons, Bruce Rolfe, Terry Strong, Kyle Smith – President, and Brenda Borden – Treasurer, Mike Gibson – DPW.

Absent: Tom Jones.

Guests: Terry Avery, Greg Murphy, Ralph Weessies.

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

(Clark/Lyons) Motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2013 as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Strong/Clark) Motion to approve the November 2013 Bill Package totaling \$4,926.73. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Clark) Motion to approve the October 2013 Treasurer's report – total fund balance is \$500,854.26. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Greg Murphy: Received bill for lawn mowing – will pay, Septic system letter – 2008 a septic inspection was done, property layout given.
- 2) Terry Avery: Concerned about the condition of the building on N. Main Street (north of the tracks).
- 3) Ralph Weessies: Difficult time to maintain a library board. They are at a minimum of 5 people and losing 1 more. Recommended appointment of Mary Shively to the board until March 31, 2014. **(Rolfe/Cummings)** Motion to appoint Mary Shively to the Library Board until March 31, 2014. Unanimously approved.

Communications:

- 1) There is the potential of converting the American Legion into a Bar.
- 2) Norm Jenson: Concerned of sink holes at the vacant property east of the fire station.

Public Works:

- 1) Leaf pickup – Friday, November 22 will be the last day for leaf pickup. Will be converting all equipment for snow removal.
- 2) F-150 was in for repair of ball joints.
- 3) Large International plow is in for maintenance.
- 4) Equipment is getting old and repairs are increasing. Now is a good time to look at new equipment purchases and sell aging equipment while there is still value in them.
 - Kubota tractor is 16 years old.
 - Backhoe is 1988
 - F-150 has 100,000 miles
 - Suggestion: sell the Kubota, buy a smaller mower to replace it. Buy brush equipment for the John Deere.
 - May be able to get \$6000 for the sale of the Kubota with attachments. A new tractor for the cemetery with attachments could run around \$12,000.
 - Council supportive to allow Mike to seek bids on equipment purchases.

Streets: No report.

Parks / Cemetery / Library:

- 1) The library board is working on an Antique Road Show. An opportunity for individuals to get antiques appraised.

Water/Sewer:

- 1) Cleanup at 110 S. Main progressing. Previous owner's water charges and mowing had been waived.
- 2) Fire department filled up trucks at hydrant on North Main Street.

Administration:

- 1) Letter to CS Superintendent to use HS for meeting in early December. Possible agenda could include: Cameras, fire setting, citizen input.
- 2) Sent an email to CN regarding the trash along the tracks in the village. CN did respond and would take a look.

Public Safety:

- 1) Reviewed number of emergency calls.
- 2) Cameras are in and operating. Can be watched from 3 different stations. However there are three problems: 1) faulty camera, 2) Library camera is not even on and needs a night vision camera as ordered, 3) camera need adjusting and village officials need training.

Ordinances:

- 1) Mowing issue – how to bill and how to receive payment. Can we place a lean on property for mowing? How do we place a lean on property? Assigned to the Administration Committee.

Old Business:

Held a productive joint meeting with the township/village committee.

New Business:

Discussed the Clerks job performance. Developed an "action list" to ensure things communicated between the DPW and Clerk are being completed. Working on communication with the Treasurer to improve the water billing process and monitor the growing list of delinquent water service customers. Will attempt to do better.

(Lyons/Strong) The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk