

Village of Climax  
Regular Meeting  
August 17, 2004

Present: Bill Rogers, Terry Strong, Salli Thompson, Bill Twiss, Tricia Willis, Bradley J. Wyant, Don Stevenson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mike Gibson, Cathy Weissert, Ralph Weessies, and Deb Wyant.

(Thompson/Twiss) Motion to approve the minutes of August 3, 2004 without exception. All in favor  
- Motion carried.

(Willis/Strong) Motion to approve the August 2004 Bill Package totaling \$10,843.93. Roll Call  
vote: Unanimously approved.

(Twiss/Wyant) Motion to approve the July 31, 2004 Treasurer's Report. Major Streets =  
\$149,432.11; Local Streets = \$15,124.73; General Fund = \$218,464.96; Water Fund = \$94,996.12;  
Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63; Totals = \$489,424.55. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: Ralph Weessies, President of the Library Board, reported on the Library: 1) Looking to  
complete the painting of the room. Ms. Thompson will work with Mr. Weessies to contact the  
painter to schedule a start time. 2) Requested permission for the library's use of the park for a  
program on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The program length will be one hour, but may  
likely be extended. 3) Library usage is up and the Board is looking into expanding the building. 4)  
Have not received the maintenance check from the Village as of yet.

(Thompson/Strong) Motion to allow the Library use of the park for their activity on September 19,  
2004 at 1:00 until completed. Unanimously approved.

Communications:

- 1) Climax Township Supervisor, Jim Collins suffered a heart attack this past weekend.
- 2) Residents in the Maple Circle/Prairie Drive area are seeking permission to close off a street  
to hold a neighborhood block party. The Council is in favor of granting permission to have a  
street temporarily blocked if they can be assured that all neighbors are in favor. Council  
decision is tabled until actual location, date and times can be provided.
- 3) Greetings to Climax and the Council from Larry Phoenix via email. Mr. Phoenix served for  
several years on the Council until he moved to Florida.

Public Works:

- 1) Work will begin shortly on the final phase of the tree damage to the water maintenance  
building on North Lovell Street. When the initial repairs were made, further damage was  
discovered to the furnace exhaust pipe. The insurance company was notified and the  
additional damage is covered.
- 2) Water hydrants are being painted.

Administration: The updated budget as of July 2004 was handed to Council members. There are  
some line items that need adjustment. Clerk will have it prepared for the next council meeting.

Ordinance:

1. Reviewed various violations of cars without licenses parked on streets.

2. Discussed the updating of all Village ordinances. Many are outdated and need revision. The Clerk was directed to contact the Village Attorney to begin the process and get a cost estimate. Because this was not anticipated for the 2004-05 budget, the entire revision will not be completed.

Water System: The contract with Dixon engineering has been completed and is waiting for Dixon to contact us. Would like to begin the inspection process in September.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Scott Torrance discussed the creation of a website for the Village. A point was made that there are many sites about the Village are currently running. If one searches for "Climax Village", many hits are recorded. However, much of the information on those sites is inaccurate. The biggest concern is, would there any interest within the Village to have a website? Other concerns are: 1) Once up, who would update the site, 2) How would residents find the "official" site, 3) Is it easy to update the website and would the constant updating become a burden for the one in charge of website updates, 4) Would the site be cost effective? These are good concerns. On the other hand, if the Village could share with the Township a web host the cost would be lower. Also host fees have decreased. The estimated yearly cost to the Village would be \$100 (7.50 host fee + 8.95 domain registration). The initial website creation is estimated at \$300 or less. The topic was tabled for further information and discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. (Rogers/Twiss)  
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk