

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
December 2, 2008

Present: David Dell, Thomas Jones, Bill Lewis, Norm Lyons, Lisa Strong, President – Kyle Smith and Treasurer – Deb Wyant. (Vacant seat due to resignation of Trustee, Bill Twiss)

Absent: None

Guests: Bruce Rolfe, Bill Sackrider – DPW, Jim & Laurie Powell, Terry Strong and Salli Thompson.

(Jones/Strong) Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

(Dell/Lyons) Motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2008. Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Mr. Powell visited the meeting to see what decision had been made in regard to the DPW position.

Communications: None.

Appointment of Trustee to fill the vacant position: Letters were received from Terry Strong and Salli Thompson.

- 1) A motion was made by Dell, supported by L.Strong to appoint Terry Strong as Trustee. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, Dell and L.Strong; Nays – Lyons, Lewis and Smith. A tie vote 3 to 3 – motion was defeated.
- 2) A motion was made by Lyons, supported by Lewis to appoint Salli Thompson as Trustee. Roll call vote: Ayes – Lyons, Lewis and Smith; Nays – Jones, Dell and L.Strong. A tie vote 3 to 3 – motion was defeated.

(Lyons/Jones) Table appointment until next meeting until questions regarding the time required to fill the vacancy and overcoming a tie vote can be answered. Unanimously approved.

President Pro-Tem: President Smith appointed Bill Lewis as Pro-Tem.

Committee selection:

- Ordinance/Zoning (Lisa Strong)
- Administration (Tom Jones)
- Water (Bill Lewis)
- Parks/Library (Norm Lyons)
- Streets (Dave Dell)
- Fire (vacant seat)

The committee chairs hold committee meetings at least once per quarter. President Smith organized the committee groups as (The groups are held to three members so as not to create a quorum):

- Ordinance/Zoning, Administration and Streets
- Water, Parks/Library and Fire

Public Works:

- 1) Pump reports are done for December.
- 2) Leaf pickup is done for the year.
- 3) \$2500 estimate to repair the leaf vac.

Streets: No report

Parks/Library: Library open house planned for Saturday, December 13 in afternoon.

Water:

- 1) Mr. Lewis has received bids for the new water control system. The costs had come down since a recent bid earlier this summer, but after looking at the water fund balance and projected water usage and revenues, there is doubt the water fund can afford the new control system. Noted an approximate \$10,000 reduction in the water bond payment for 2009-10 which will help the fund. Options: 1) Wait another year, 2) look into grants, 3) other financing methods.

Administration:

- 1) (Dell/Lewis) Table the identity theft policy for further Council and committee review.
- 2) Christmas bonus: **(Jones/Dell)** Motion to pay a Christmas bonus to village DPW employees of .5% of their base annual pay. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Ordinance:

- 1) Lumber yard – the south wall of the building has been taken down or fell down. A letter will be sent and the owner given 30 days to abate the nuisance.
- 2) A car has been parked on W. Maple for over a month and is an obstacle for snow plowing.

President's time:

- 1) Authorization from President Smith is needed prior to contacting the attorney.
- 2) Asks that Council members work together.
- 3) Recommended a time limit of 10 minutes on committee reports. If discussion is not moving along, then will ask to table the discussion until the following meeting.
- 4) A person who broke into the Village Take Out has been convicted and sentenced. His accomplice has also been sentenced.

Old Business: Ms. Strong asked when the Trustee appointment will be made. Two Council members will be unable to attend the next meeting. Appointment questions need to be answered; procedure questions also need to be answered. It is possible a special meeting will need to be called between Christmas and the New Year.

New Business: None

(Lyons/Jones) The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk