

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

June 19, 2001

Present: Scott Blayden, Shawn Messner, Larry Phoenix, Bill Rogers, Bill Twiss, Don Stevenson.

Absent: Vacant Seat

Also Present: Ralph Weessies, Seth Koppelman, Deb Wyant.

(Twiss/Messner) Motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2001 without exception. All in favor - Motion carried.

(Messner/Blayden) Motion to approve the June 2001 Bill Package - Bill Package total is \$51,373.67. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

(Twiss/Phoenix) Motion to approve the May 31, 2001 Treasurer's Report. Major Streets = \$135,289.80 Local Streets = \$40,692.27, General Fund = \$143,809.73, Water Fund = \$113,454.54, Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,548.84 Totals = \$444,795.18. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

The 2001 Climax Village Taxes are being prepared for mailing. Two changes are being made:

- 1) Taxes will be sent to the property owner on July 1st and shall be collected on or before September 14, 2001. This change is in compliance with the General Property Tax Act 211.44a
- 2) The Kalamazoo County Treasurer has requested that the Special Assessments be made a part of the tax roll. Special Assessments will no longer be billed separately. It is the property owners responsibility to settle this portion of the tax bill with their Escrow agent. Interest, balances and pay off amounts can be obtained by calling the Climax Village Treasurer at 746-4948.

Guests:

Seth Koppelman, representing Globe construction discussed the Snapdragon construction project.

Ralph Weessies represented the library and discussed budget items. (Messner/Twiss) Motion to amend the budget to increase funding to the Library from an annual amount of \$2500 to \$8500. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present. Motion carried. The amount of \$8500 will be paid back to the Village to cover expenses incurred throughout the year.

Communications:

The open seat on the Council: The position was advertised in the local paper for two weeks and three people expressed interest in serving. It was the desire of the Council to appoint Salli Thompson to fill the vacancy. (Phoenix/Rogers) Motion to appoint Salli Thompson to fill the vacancy on the Council. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works:

- 1) Three new signs have been put up at wellfield 1&2 for brush, leaves, grass, dirt, etc.
- 2) New air conditioner has been put in at the Village Hall.
- 3) Water quality report is near completion
- 4) Park construction to begin first part of July

Administration: Mr. Blayden is working on inviting a community assessment organization (Michigan Economic Development Corp) to talk with the Council. This organization specializes in business development within a community.

Parks/Library: No report

Public Safety: No report

Streets/Sidewalks:

(Twiss/Messner) Motion to accept the bid from Slager Construction to repair the sidewalks at \$26.00 per section / 50 sections total. Roll call vote: ayes - all present. Motion carried.

Ordinance/Zoning: (Twiss/Messner) Motion to appoint Steve Messner to fill vacancy on the Planning Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.

Landscaping contest: Four houses, so far, have entered the contest.

Discussed the possibility of an early warning siren for severe weather. President Stevenson will bring to the next meeting material on sirens.

Note to residents: The Council appreciates and would like to acknowledge the efforts by many residents of the village who help plant and water the flowers throughout the village. Our community's appearance is enhanced by your efforts. Thank you!

Water: Bill Rogers has toured and looked at the water system. He will be analyzing the financial condition of the system in the future.

Old business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was closed at 8:57 p.m. (Phoenix/Twiss)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk