

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
November 16, 1999

Present: K. Guidarini, Shawn Messner, L. Phoenix, B. Twiss, B.J. Wyant, D. Stevenson.

Absent: D. Guidarini

Also Present: Ann Niedzielski, Mark Langs

(Twiss/Messner) Motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 1999 with the following correction: The motion regarding the damage to the library fence should read, "Motion to recommend to the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department that the Village would like to seek \$355 for damage to library fence and \$400 reward money in the form of cash and/or community service." Approved - all present.

(Twiss/Messner) Motion to approve the November 1999 Bill Package with the following addition: Add bill for Ann Niedzielski (\$331.25 for Cemetery record project) Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

Communications: Discussion of the future direction of the village.

Public Works:

- 1) Sidewalk approaches are completed and sidewalk project is now complete for 1999
- 2) No date on the delivery of the new pickup truck yet.
- 3) Repairs made to the leaf vacuum due to stones in the leaves
- 4) Leaf pick up deadline will be December 1, 1999

Administration: Budget projections needed from Council members.

Parks: Agreed to table the purchase of park equipment until the spring.

Ordinance: Messner handed out sample copies of loitering laws for council members to review and study for the next meeting. The loitering law suggested by the sheriff's department would simply authorize an officer to approach, investigate and disburse a gathering if needed.

Comments from a guest: A place of gathering for youth should not be denied - a group to sit and talk and have a peaceful time. Perhaps by extending the library hours, these youth's attention could be diverted. There is a concern that the proposed ordinance would be too restrictive. It is not a crime to gather for peaceful purposes and the youth should not feel they are breaking the law by simply gathering.

The village's intentions are not to prohibit the gathering of the youth. However, through experience, when many teenagers gather together there is a greater chance of violence and malicious destruction. The village wants to have an ordinance that would authorize an officer to disperse groups that exhibit disruptive or violent intentions. It was reported

that during the summer months there were nightly fights or skirmishes among the main street crowd.

Water: The trailer park has decided to put in their own well, therefore eliminating the need to extend the village water system to the trailer park.

Discussion of a filtration system for the village water system. The costs of such a system will be looked into.

The meeting was closed at 9:10 p.m. (D. Guidarini/Wyant)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk