

Village of Climax
Minutes
September 1, 1998

Present: C. Cole, S. Gray, K. Guidarini, L. Phoenix, S. Thompson,
B. Twiss, D. Stevenson.

Absent: None

Also Present: Bruce Rolfe, Kyle Smith, Bill & Theta Taylor

Guests: Bill Taylor voiced concerns regarding the creation of the position of Village Manager. He is not in favor of a Village Manager and his opposition is noted.

Kyle Smith discussed a few items with the council. 1) The Harvester shares the cost of a dumpster with the Village. As costs are increasing, Mr. Smith would like to re-negotiate the shared cost amount. 2) He would like to see more trash cans in the village. 3) Not in favor of the proposed community building in Climax. The Scotts community has an adequate building available. 4) Had some concerns regarding the position of Village Manager. Felt that the salary of the Village Manager may increase to an unaffordable amount in future years. Also felt that a decision was made too soon for the newly appointed council members. 5) He would like to see the village investigate the possibility of a sewer system. 6) Printing of minutes in paper is too small.

(Phoenix/Guidarini) Motion to approve the minutes of August 18.
Approved - all present.

(Cole/Phoenix) Motion to approve the August 31, 1998 Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Ayes - all.

Administration: The second reading of Ordinance #35 - "Establishing the office of Village Manager" was completed.

The Clerk has been directed to develop supporting information to help verify the "Bills Paid" section of the Treasurer's Report and fund totals.

Public Safety: Reward notices were distributed to school and placed in the Crescent to help deter vandalism.

Cars which were reported as being on the streets during 3-6 am have been tagged and they have been moved.

Mr. Taylor had discussed the fact that there is continued reckless driving and speeding cars and various other items that haven't been taken care of by the police. The sheriff patrol is only part time in the village (35 - 40 hours a month/\$11,000 a year). A full time sheriff officer with a shared patrol car would cost the village \$90,000 a year.

Streets: Twiss discussed the post office box issue with the council. There is no immediate solution to resolve the problem.

Ordinance: A violation letter, regarding the tall brush and weeds, will be sent to the property owner on the west boundary of the cemetery. This area has been observed as a hiding place for students to drink and smoke.

Discussed the Climax Township's land use plan. There are various concerns with the proposed plan that affect the Village.

Water: Gray will look at water rates and will also determine if the water system revenues are meeting the expenditures.

President's time: Cleanup of property at 140 Sheldon is moving along. There is less burning of trash.

Old Business: The municipal software upgrade was discussed. The existing "Munis" municipal accounting program will not be supported by the company after the year 2000. "For Fund" software by Mirasoft will replace the Munis software. The total estimated cost is \$4000.00.

(Guidarini/Cole) Motion to have the clerk purchase the Mirasoft "ForFund" municipal accounting software. Roll call vote: ayes - all present.

A new computer will be needed handle the software and the year 2000 problem. Clerk will get 3 estimates prior to next meeting.

New Business: There is a need to construct a bulletin board in front of the Village Hall to post notices/announcements.

(Cole/Thompson) Motion to purchase a bulletin board. Roll call vote: ayes - all present.

The meeting was closed at 9:55 p.m. (Guidarini/Cole)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk