

Village of Climax  
April 2, 1996  
Regular Meeting

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Motion by Allen, supported by Thompson to approve the March 19, 1996 minutes as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Strong to accept the March 31, 1996 Fund Balances as presented; Major Streets \$63,197.18, Local Streets \$17,657.11, General Fund \$151,176.91, Water Fund \$ 80,800.05 & Perpetual Care \$12,484.40. Roll Call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Sgt Phillips of Kai Cty Sheriff's Dept discussed with the Council the patrols within the Village. Currently the FOP minimum rate for patrols is \$18.00/hr until June 30, 1996, then it will increase to \$20.00/hr.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

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**Finance** - Finance report for the ending of the fiscal year was passed to all Council members.

**Cemetery** - No report.

**Public Safety** - No report.

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**Ordinance** - No report.

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Denise Strong, Village Clerk

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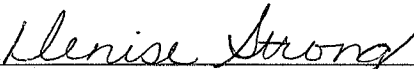
April 2, 1996  
Mr. Ken Eaton - Climax Lumberyard  
Public Hearing

The hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: Allen, Kirkham, Stevenson, Strong, Thompson, Torrance. Also present: D. Strong, Mark Eaton.

Mark Eaton, on behalf of Ken Eaton, discussed with the Council the proposed sale of the Lumber Yard. Mark and his brother, Ron will abide by the decision of the Hearing Officers ruling by either his family or the proposed new owners.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to extend the ruling of the Hearing Officer until May 7, 1996. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

  
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Denise Strong, Climax Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
April 16, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson & S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Wyant, B. Holtz, M. Drallette, & C. Cole.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Stevenson to approve the April 2, 1996 minutes as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Strong, supported by Thompson to accept the Bill Package as presented. Roll Call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Mark Drallette approached the Council for their approval for the Run to Climax race to be held on Founder's Day. Tabled until May 7, 1996 meeting for further review of the race route. Citizens from the Sunnymead Plat inquired about requirements for placing a modular home in the plat.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Ben has a value of what the Deutz tractor is worth. Ben is to receive two formal bids from the Bronsink & John Deere dealers and to look into any lease to purchase program. Ben inquired about the insurance reimbursement policy. This issue is in committee for further review. Overhauling of pump #2 will begin Thursday.

**Finance** - Have checked into the drug/alcohol testing. Michigan Municipal League will do the entire process for \$120/employee/year. Have contacted Waste Management regarding trash pickup.

**Cemetery** - No report.

**Public Safety** - Motion by Allen, supported by Strong to increase the hourly wage for police protection from \$15.00/hr to \$21.25/hr. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**Streets** - Street signs are getting bad. Charlie is to meet with Mike Gibson on either purchasing new signs or repainting them. Discussed putting the bike path crossing on the North side of Maple Street.

**Ordinance** - Handed in five more ordinance violation to have the Clerk send out violation letters. Talked with Sue Rogers regarding her letter that she sent to the Council regarding her violation of burning permit.

**Water** - Have talked with Mike Glazer regarding the Village signs.

Clerk to bill juvenile that broke the Library window that the insurance did not cover.

Letters have been sent to Mr. Eaton from the Village Attorney and Building inspectors regarding the decision to extend the Hearing Officers decision until May 7, 1996.

Motion by Strong, supported by Stevenson to approve the Public Hearing minutes dated April 2, 1996. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Council members asked if the School can talk with student to respect other peoples personal property.

Have received complaints regarding parking of a delivery truck on local streets. This is an ordinance violation and the President will contact the owner.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to appoint Crystal Cole to the Council to replace Mike Glazer. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to adjourn the meeting @ 9:20 p.m.

*Denise Strong*  
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Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
May 7, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson & S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Holtz, A. Jerue, C. Mack, S. Ball, M & J James, B. Ramer, B. Roof, & Dan Romes-Gove Associates.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to approve the April 16, 1996 minutes as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Torrance to adopt the Treasurer's Report of April 30, 1996 with balances of General Fund: \$132,742.40, Major Streets: \$66,136.60, Local Streets: \$18,272.01, Water Op. \$54,796.55, Perpetual Care: \$12,535.76. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Mike & Joanna James requested a variance to build a new garage where the existing garage is, because the garage does not have the proper setbacks from the property lines. Motion by Allen, supported by N. Strong to approve the variance for Mike & Joanna James. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Andy Jerue presented to the Council the race route for Founder's Day. Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to approve the race route for the Founder Days celebration. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Sara Ball of the Student Council would like to plant flowers in the barrels and around the Village sign. Council expressed their approval to allow the student Council to plant flowers in the Village.

Brad Ramer, Heslinga Lawn & Power Equipment, reviewed with the Council the lease to purchase program that is available. Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to purchase the John Deere 855 tractor and 60" mower for \$13794.00 with a down payment and finance the balance for 1 year at 0% interest. Roll call vote: Ayes; Cole, Stevenson, N. Strong, Thompson, Torrance, Kirkham. Nays; Allen. Motion carried.

Cleon Mack, Community Association, presented to the Council a logo that the Community Association would like the Council adopt at the C.A. official logo. Motion by Allen, supported by Thompson to accept the logo for the Community Association as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Cole to advertise the sale of the Deutz tractor in the paper. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to advertise in the



Crescent and Coronet the Deutz tractor with the mower and loader. Sealed bids due by June 4, 1996. Village has the right to reject or accept any bids that are presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Dan Romes, Gove Associates, spoke to the Council regarding the Wellhead Protection Act and his perceived importance in at least completing the first stage of this Program.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Pump #2 has been completed and is in working order. Portion of the Library roof is in need of repair. Clerk is to contact the insurance adjuster. Have contacted Bill Lewis for help in placing the Village signs.

**Finance** - Discussed the Wellhead Protection Act and will be attending the meeting with Ben at the City of Parchment for this program. Held a committee meeting on May 6, 1996 regarding the insurance program. Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to accept the Benefit Package as amended which include the changes of: Insurance reimbursement to \$100/mth or Village will provide health insurance coverage for the employee and employee can purchase additional coverage for their family and change Longevity Pay calculation to be calculated from the employees gross hourly wage retroactive April 1, 1996. Roll call vote: Ayes; Allen, Cole, Stevenson, N. Strong, Thompson, Torrance. Nays; Kirkham. Motion carried.

**Cemetery** - No report.

**Public Safety** - Working on a Disaster Plan for the Village. Have sent to area business a questionnaire. Contacted the Sheriff's Department for a Patrol report.

**Streets** - Have talked with Mike Gibson regarding street signs and Mike would be willing to paint signs. Ben is to get estimates for replacement of street signs and also to have an old street sign painted blue & yellow to see what it will look like.

**Ordinance** - Motion by Strong, supported by Stevenson to contact the lawyer regarding the Lumberyard noncompliance with the hearing officers ruling to continue with the next step to have the Lumberyard in compliance. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**Water** - Motion by Torrance, supported by Strong to accept the bid from Waste Management for the Village-wide trash pickup for May 21 & 22, 1996. Roll call vote: Ayes; Cole, N. Strong, Torrance. Nays; Allen, Stevenson, Thompson, Kirkham. Motion denied.

Torrance to call Waste Management for available dates in June for the Village-wide trash pickup.

Contacted by the American Legion that cement that was disposed of by the Village has not been covered up and would like the Village to cover it up. Allen to contact the American Legion regarding the no parking at the four corners before & during the parade.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Stevenson to allow the American Legion to hold the Memorial Day parade in the Village of Climax. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to allow the American Legion Auxiliary to sell poppies on May 23, 24, 25, 1996. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to adjourn the meeting @ 10:30 p.m.

*Denise Strong*-----

Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
May 21, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson & S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Holtz, K. Ebinger.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the May 7, 1996 minutes as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to accept the Bill Package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Kathy Ebinger, on behalf of the Prairie Historical Society, are working on placing the Lawrence Memorial Library on the Michigan State Register of Historic Sites. Would like the Village Council to send a letter of support for this project.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Discussed the letter from the Village Attorney to Mr. Ken Eaton. Was suggested by the Attorney to allow until June 10, 1996 before any demolishing/repair work is to be made to the old lumberyard. Discussed that the Township will be printing the Summer tax notices.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Have been working on covering the cement that is at the American Legion. Gave a proposal to the Council for inspecting and cleaning the interior of the water tank for a cost of \$1,450.00 from Pittsburg Tank & Tower Company. Will be flushing hydrants on May 24, 1996.

**Finance** - Ben & I went to the Wellhead Protection meeting at City of Parchment. Discussed what the Council can do without the help of the Village Engineers.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Torrance to appoint Foote & Lloyd as the auditors for the Village of Climax, Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Torrance to set the millage rate at 9 mils for General Fund, 2 mils for Hydrant. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**Cemetery** - Will be looking into new benches for the park, posting cemetery rules and having the sand free of grass.

**Public Safety** - Have contacted the Sheriff's Department for an escort for the Founder's Day parade and will be in the area until 1:00 p.m. Stevenson, Torrance & N. Strong will be taping off the 4 corners on Memorial Day for the parade.

**Streets** - Will be marking sidewalks for replacements. Charlie to take to committee the project regarding extending the bikepath from the Northside of West Maple to the existing bike path. Greater Galesburg days is set for June 15, 1996.

**Ordinance** - Have patrolled the Village for ordinance violations. Have also talked with Lipscombs regarding the tanks at the railroad tracks. Looking into a Volunteer Program for the Village. Handed in two articles for the Summer newsletter.

**Water** - Have talked with the Schoens regarding placement of the new Village signs and there doesn't seem to be a problem with placing a new sign there. Have left a message with Mr. Sutfin regarding the signs.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Stevenson to accept the proposal from BFI to have a Village-wide trash pickup for June 25, 1996 at a cost of \$90/hr/truck, \$9.85/cubic yard disposal. Roll call vote: Ayes; Cole, Stevenson, N.Strong, Thompson, Torrance, Kirkham. Nays; Allen. Motion carried.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Cole to set the Village-wide yard sale for June 22, 1996 from 9-3. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Cole to withdraw the previous motion. Ayes; All.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Cole to hold the Village-wide Yard sale for June 22, 1996 from 9-3 and to publish it in various area publications. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Charlie showed the Council a street sign that was painted blue & yellow by Mike Gibson. Council approved of the new colors and would like Mike continue painting the signs as his time allows.

President Kirkham spoke to the owner of the Climax Hardware regarding the proposed Billiard/Pool room.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Torrance to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Denise Strong  
Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
June 4, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson & S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Wyant, B. Holtz, R. Goins, J. Simmons, S. Seigwart, M. Davis & M. Lapham.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the May 21, 1996 minutes as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Cole to accept the Treasurer's Report with the balances of: General Fund \$116,661.64; Major Streets \$65,666.15; Local Streets \$18,115.89; Water \$49,944.19; Perpetual Care \$12,585.28. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Rick Goins presented to the Council his plans to open in the Hardware building a restaurant and game room. He was given copies of the section of the Code Book regulating pool halls and game rooms. Motion by Stevenson supported by Allen to table the issue of the Game room until he has had the site plan reviewed by the Building Inspector. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Milburn Davis approached the Council regarding the building located at 240 N Main St. He has already pulled a demolition permit and has torn down the Northeast portion that was falling down. He wants to improve the building and open a lumber/hardware store. Motion by Strong, supported by Stevenson to stay any demolition at 240 N. Main Street pursuant to the following conditions: 1) cleanup of the materials to be completed within 2 weeks. 2) Exterior of the building be secured within 2 weeks. 3) Have an Engineer submit plans within 60 days for the repairs needed to the remainder of the building.

Motion by Strong, supported by Stevenson to stay any demolition at 240 N. Main Street pursuant to the following conditions: 1) demolition be completed within 2 weeks. 2) Exterior of the building be secured within 2 weeks. 3) Have an Engineer submit plans within 60 days for the Entire building. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Started putting up the Village sign. Have cemented in poles for the sign North of town. Levelled the concrete at the American Legion. Received permission to get 50yds of top soil from the school to cover the concrete. Put new treated 2x4 boards on the park benches.

**Finance** - No report.

**Cemetery** - Will be meeting with Ingrid Purk regarding the Lawrence Memorial Library. Will get soliciting bids for Cemetery rules & regulation signs.

**Public Safety** - Have sent a letter to Sgt. Phillips requesting that the Village receive the deputies time sheets on a timely manner. Will be having a committee meeting on June 18, 1996.

**Streets** - Ben will be getting a bid for paving approx. 600 ft of Sunflower Street. Need to know when KCRC will be seal coating Main & Maple streets so that the roads can be patched. Have contacted Grand Trunk Rail Road regarding the extension of the bike/walk path.

**Ordinance** - No report.

**Water** - No report.

Clerk opened sealed bids for the Deutz 4507 tractor. Bids were as follows: Brad Roof \$ 5810.00, Albert Scholten \$ 3001.87, Rick Ball \$2710.00; John Simmons \$7532.00. Motion by Allen supported by Stevenson to accept Johns Simmons bid for the Deutz tractor for \$7532.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Strong, supported by Allen to include the heat houser with the tractor. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Brad Wyant has books on loan from Brad Roof regarding the water tables in our area that we can look at for the Wellhead protection act.

Nathan Strong thanked Don Stevenson and Scott Torrance for their help putting up the NO PARKING tape for the Memorial Day parade. And Ben for getting the materials around for the parade.

Motion by Allen, supported by Thompson to accept the sidewalk bid from Dan Longman for \$25.00/slab. Roll call vote: Ayes; Allen, Cole, Stevenson, Thompson, Torrance. Nays; Strong, Kirkham. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

*Denise Strong*  
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Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
June 18, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson & S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Wyant, B. Holtz.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the June 4, 1996 minutes as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to pay the June Bill Package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Reviewed the 1996 Summer newsletter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - 18 x 24 Slow Children playing sign is \$21.00 ea. 20x 36 No Parking signs \$51.95, plus a \$ 35.00 set up fee. Spoke with Armour Joint sealant regarding a slurry seal coat. Will be on vacation the last half of the week. N. Strong asked if Ben/Mike can weed whip the grass around the hydrants at Maple Terrace.

**Finance** - Audit is scheduled for July 9 & 12, 1996.

**Cemetery** - Meeting with Ingrid Purk this week. Asked Ben/Mike that when they have time to paint the trash cans in the park. Will be looking into new cemetery rule signs.

**Public Safety** - No report.

**Streets** - No report.

**Ordinance** - Committee meeting set for June 20, 1996. Clerk to get a hold of Attorney regarding Mr. Davis. He has not complied with his time table that he set regarding the demolition and safety of the building.

**Water** - No report.

Have groundwater protection books on loan from Brad Roof.

Have installed a new enclosed halogen light at the monument.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

*Denise Strong*  
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Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
July 2, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson. Members Absent: S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Holtz, Milburn Davis.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the June 18, 1996 minutes as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Thompson to accept the Treasurer's Report with fund balances in General Fund: \$130552.83; Major Streets: \$64697.70; Local Streets: \$17585.64; Water \$55,456.99; Perpetual Care: \$12636.53. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Member Absent: Torrance. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Mr. Davis updated Council on the progress being made at the property located at 240 North Main Street. The building has been secured, cleaning the interior and have power washed the exterior of the building. Will have a written report from an Engineer by July 4 or 5, 1996 of what needs to be repaired. Will be taking down the Chimney. Weeds & debris will be cut and cleaned up and will have the exterior of the building painted by July 16, 1996. Mr. Davis will have a copy of the Engineer report forwarded to the Village office.

Council Member Scott Torrance arrived at the meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Have patched Main & Maple Streets. The County has recommended three Companies to repair a section of Maple Street. Charles Allen will be getting written estimates from these companies. Main & Maple Streets have been swept. The Village Sign that was vandalized has been repainted. Was asked that Ben & Mike take and inventory of unused equipment for possible sale. The trash cans that need paint have been painted.

**Finance** - No report.

**Cemetery** - Met with Ingrid Purk, the Library is working on a proposal to submit to the Council regarding a district wide Library.

**Public Safety** - No time sheets have arrived for the month of June for the Sheriff's patrols. The Disaster Plan is being reviewed by the committee.

**Streets** - Have checked sidewalks to be replaced and have measured for the extension to the bikepath on Maple Street.



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Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the July 2, 1996 minutes as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Thompson to approve the July bill package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Billie King & Janice Crow, representing the Library Board, presented to the Council an estimate for remodeling the basement of the Library to increase storage and create a work area. The plan calls for petitioning off the furnace area and carpeting the room. Funds for this project would be the responsibility of the Library Board. Meeting recessed at 7:40 p.m. to review the basement. Meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m. Motion by N. Strong, supported by Cole to approve the basement project as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Have covered the concrete at the American Legion. The Welcome to Climax sign at the South limit has been put up. Mike is making good progress on repainting the street signs and might be done within the next two weeks. Ben presented a list of equipment that could be put up for sale because it is no longer used.

**Finance** - Will be holding a committee meeting to go over the current budget. The Village records are in the process of being audited. Audit should be finished within the next couple of weeks.

**Cemetery** - None.

**Public Safety** - Don has been in contact with the Sheriff's Department and addressed the concerns brought up at the last meeting. Have not received the patrol reports from the Sheriff's Department for the month of June. There has been a notice posted on the Hardware Store "quansit hut" door by the Village Building Inspector concerning a Certificate of Occupancy permit needed before the building is to be used.

**Streets** - Charlie has received only one estimate for the repair of West Maple Street. Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to accept the contract from Pavement Restoration Co for

the repair of West Maple Street for \$1618.65. Roll call vote:  
Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**Ordinance** - Have talked with the Kalamazoo County Health Department regarding the tanks along the railroad tracks on North Main St. Sally was given a contact at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to proceed with investigating the removal of the tanks. It was noted that Milburn Davis has not painted the building, mowed the yard or remove debris as he stated would be done at the last meeting. Also, a copy of the engineering changes needed to make the structure safe, as required in a June 4, 1996 motion to stay demolition of portions of the building, has not been received.

**Water** - No report.

Updated the Council on the McNutt case. Received a letter from the Attorney that the Judge was going to close the case due to lack of further action. A letter was sent back to the Attorney explaining the that the ordinance violations originally cited had yet to be resolved. The Attorney is going to continue the matter with the courts.

Council discussed if there is a need for a fence ordinance. Council member Thompson will get copies of fence ordinance from area Villages.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to adopt Resolution 96-1 which appoints Ben Holtz as the Street Commissioner of Climax Village. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

*Denise Strong*  
Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
August 6, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Holtz, B. Wyant, M. Davis, L. Willis.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the July 16, 1996 minutes as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to approve the July 31, 1996 Fund Balance report as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Liz Willis updated the Council regarding the RFD Centennial celebration set for October 12, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. The ceremony is to rededicate the RFD monument for its 100th year Rural Free Delivery in Climax. The Committee would like to put a plaque on the existing monument at the base. Council consented to allow the Committee to place a plaque at the base of the monument.

Mr. Davis presented to the Council a list of improvements to the structure of the Climax Lumberyard from Frank Mason & Associates. Mr. Davis will be attending the first meeting of each month to keep the Council abreast of the changes that will be taking place at the Climax Lumberyard Company. Mr. Davis would like to have everything completed so that he can open for business by the 1st of September 1996. Mr. Davis is to forward a copy of letter from Frank Mason & Associates to the Michigan Township Services, building inspectors.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Discussed a letter that was faxed to the Clerk regarding the inspection at 101 S. Main Street, Climax. President Kirkham will contact the owner to let his know that the Council did not ask for this inspection, but that the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department requested this inspection.

Don Stevenson will be the contact person for the Climax Lumberyard with Chuck Kirkham being the backup.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Have an estimate for painting lines on the streets of \$300.00/mile. Have made 2 pours of sidewalks. Met with GTWRR and Charlie regarding the bikepath extension on West Maple Street. The police have been contacted regarding the graffiti in the Village of Climax. Time and material was calculated for the clean up of the graffiti and was given to Don Stevenson.

**Finance** - The Village audit has been completed. There is a few changes that will need to be made on behalf of the Clerk and Treasurer.

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**Cemetery** - Will be taking the Cemetery sign to Crystal Rolfe to be repainted.

**Public Safety** - Complimented Ben & Mike for a good job done on the cleanup of the graffiti and vandalism in town. Patrol reports for May, June & July have been received. Looking into different police patrol programs for the Village.

**Streets** - Have figured that Mr. Longman poured 72 sections of sidewalk. Met with Grand Trunk Western Railroad regarding sidewalk crossing on the North side of West Maple connecting bikepath to sidewalk extension. GTWRR will be out to do the crossing after the sidewalk extension is completed.

**Ordinance** - The tanks that were located at the railroad right-of-way have been taken away.

**Water** - Scott will look into the Household Hazardous Waste program for possible future involvement.

Council member inquired about whether two houses that did some construction had obtained building permits?

President Kirkham was contacted by a State Police Trooper regarding ordinances on gambling and the sale of used lumber. Was contacted by Ken Cook regarding the sidewalk in front of his residence.

Motion by Torrance to remove the sidewalk on the South side of East Maple Street because the sidewalk does not connect with any other sidewalk. Motion died due to lack of a support.

Clerk is to send a letter to Mr. Cook with options regarding the sidewalk in front of this residence.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Denise Strong  
Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
August 20, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D, Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Holtz, B. Wyant, D. Wyant, W. Graham & M. Davis.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to approve the August 6, 1996 minutes as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Stevenson to approve the August 1996 Bill package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Deb Wyant, Lawrence Memorial Library Board, reported to the Council that Pat Oswalt has resigned her position on the Library Board due to moving out of the Village. Would like the Council to approve Kara McKenzie to replace Pat Oswalt. Council did not think that they had any authority over the Library Board and gave the Library Board their verbal approval of Kara McKenzie. Will be looking into the Library Board by-laws for further clarification of appointing members to fill a vacancy.

Wes Graham reported to the Council that Lot 34 of the Maple Terrace plat has weeds that are over 4 feet high and has not cleaned up the concrete that was dumped in the Village right-of-way. Clerk will send an Ordinance violation letter to the owner of this property.

Milburn Davis was contacted, by a Council member, that the Architect recommendations of changes to the building was rejected by the Building Inspector due to the fact that the Council approved to have an Structure Engineers submitt recommendations. Mr. Davis has had a Structural Engineer inspect the Climax Lumberyard and Mr. Stevenson will fax to the Building Inspector his recommendations for changes to be made to the Climax Lumberyard. It was stressed to Mr. Davis that the Building Inspector inspect the building after the changes have been completed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Made arrangements with the company a will be doing the street line painting for the County Road Commission to paint the lines on Main & Maple Streets. Estimate over the phone was approximately \$300.00 for both streets.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to have Lakeland Asphalt pave Sunflower Street for the cost of \$4,190.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Stevenson to purchase the soft-

sided cab for the John Deere tractor for \$995.00 with Ben and Mike installing this cab. Roll call vote: Aye's; All. Motion carried.

After the sidewalks have been completed, I will be installing the other two Village Signs. Discussion of the Rotary signs that Rotary would like to have on the Village Signs. The Rotary signs are not the size that was approved to put on the sign. Scott Torrance and Ben Holtz will review this situation and report at the next meeting.

The excess seal coating material that was swept was put on the driveway in the cemetery and also in the lot of the gas station.

Discussed the cost of the repair of the Dodge pickup truck.

**Finance** - Discussed the cost of the repair of the Dodge pickup truck. Will be reviewing the budget after we receive the next update.

**Cemetery** - Have taken the Cemetery sign to Crystal Rolfe to be repainted.

**Public Safety** - Received a call from an individual who was involved in the destruction of Village property. Starting ~~October~~ 12, 1996 St. Timmerman will be in charge of extra duty patrol for Climax Village. Will send a letter to Trooper Joseph Garrett to invite the State Police to patrol the Village of Climax.

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**Streets** - When the Grand Trunk Western Railroad is in the Village for their work on the bike path, Charlie will discuss the option of a rubber mat for the railroad crossings within the Village.

**Ordinance** - Sent a Thank-you letter to Cliff Lipscomb for the removal of the tanks.

**Water** - Have contacted Tom Dewhirst of the Household Hazardous Waste program for involvement in this program. He will be sending a contract from 10/1/96 to 12/31/97.

A letter was sent to Mr. Cook regarding the sections of sidewalk in front of his residence. A response has not yet been received.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by N. Strong to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Denise Strong  
Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
September 3, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Holtz, B. Wyant, W. Graham & J. Davis, & M. Davis.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to approve the August 20, 1996 minutes with the correction to Public Safety - "Starting August" replacing "October". Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Allen to accept the August 31, 1996 Treasurer's Report with balances of: General \$146,250.51; Major Streets \$43,856.14; Local Streets \$18,121.46; Water \$72,355.28 & Perpetual Care \$12,790.93. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Wes Graham introduced Jim Davis to the Council, who is a new resident to the Community. The ordinance violation regarding weeds & cement debris on Lot 34-Maple Terrace has not been completed. The weeds have been cut but the cement has not been taken care of and there is also building material debris around the property. Clerk to send another ordinance violation letter to the property owner.

Milburn Davis was notified that the Lumberyard building was not entirely inspected. The entire building needs to be inspected before Mr. Davis can gain permit approval and occupancy.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - New tires have been mounted on the front of the '88 dump and needs 4 new rear tires are needed. Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to allow up to \$430.00 to purchase 4 new rear tires for the '88 dump truck. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Presented to the Council a picture of the Rotary sign that has been placed on the Village sign board, Scott Torrance will talk with the Rotary President regarding the sign size. Discussed the placement of the speed signs. Don Stevenson will check what the regulations are regarding placement of speed limit signs. The "Bus stopping" sign will be removed. Ben will obtain costs of new signs regarding Parking and any needed tree trimming.

Mike Gibson has completed the workorder regarding the painting of the street signs.

A swing seat in the park needs to be replaced because the seat bottom has been torn and the metal is exposed.

Village of Climax  
September 17, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Holtz, B. Wyant, S. Johnson & M. Foster.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to approve the September 3, 1996 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to approve the September 1996 Bill package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Steve Johnson & Mike Foster of the Climax Twp Fire Dept reported to the Council that a dump tank has been installed on the 1461 truck. Will demonstrate the dump tank at the October 8, 1996 Township meeting. Trained with Leroy Township with their new pumper. Scott Smith & Mike Foster have installed a draft pump onto the medical/grass rig truck. Have four fire fighters enrolled in the Fire Academy. Presently we hold three meetings a month; 1 being a general meeting, 2nd is a continuing ed meeting and the 3rd meeting is for training. Will be training enrolled fire fighters as EMT which will be taught by Medical Control Authority.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Ben Holtz presented to the Council a colored composite of a "No Parking" sign and the baseball championship sign. The cost of the signs were \$35.00 each and were from Burkett signs. Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to purchase 4 "No Parking" signs from Burkett signs at the cost of \$35.00 ea. Roll Call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Ben is to place the speed limit signs as close to the Village limits as possible. Ben and Chuck will review the streets as to where to place the "No Parking" signs.

The Kalamazoo County Road Commission inquired about the cost of buying water from the Village water system for their road side spraying program. Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to set the cost of water for the Kalamazoo County Road Commission at \$3.00/1,000 gal for the use of the road side spraying program. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to charge a non-village resident \$3.00/1000 gal for the purchase of water from the Village water system. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.



Have contacted Lakeland Asphalt regarding the paving of Sunflower street. Lakeland Asphalt has not returned Ben's phone message. Discussed contractors for tree trimming within the Village. The American Legion requested that one or two more loads of dirt needed to be applied where the Village disposed of cement.

**Finance** - Committee is looking into developing an employee handbook and will be working with the employees on this project. Have checked with the DEQ regarding checking the water system on the weekends, and there is no state requirement regarding this matter. DEQ suggested changing to a liquid chloride treatment system which is safer and has less MIOSHA regulations. Checked with Layne regarding the liquid chlorination system and a verbal estimate is from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Committee is redoing the time card.

**Cemetery** - No report.

**Public Safety** - Have not received a patrol report. Have contacted the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department for this report.

**Streets** - Have contacted the Grand Trunk Western Railroad for costs of rubber crossings for the railroad crossings. Have not received any costs as of today.

**Ordinance** - Met with the committee regarding the fence ordinance and that will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Council had its first reading of Ordinance #33, Regulation of Licensing Pawnbrokers, second hand dealers and junk dealer. (Any citizen wishing to review this ordinance please contact the office for a copy)

**Water** - Discussed with the Council the Rotary's position regarding the placement of their Organizational signs.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Cole to enter into a contract with Kalamazoo County for the Household Hazardous Waste Program with the spending limit of \$500.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by N. Strong to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

*Denise Strong*  
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Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
October 1, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Holtz, B. Wyant.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to approve the September 17, 1996 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Cole to accept the September 30, 1996 Treasurer report as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Audit report form Foote and Lloyd, Village Auditors, was given to each Council member. The Village Attorney's opinion regarding the sample fence ordinance is that there needs to be a Land Use Plan to support any ordinances referring to the Village Zoning Ordinance. Discussed briefly the Library proposal that was on the ballot in 1971.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Will meet with Chuck Kirkham to decide the placement of the new "No Parking" signs. Mike & Ben installed the cab on the John Deere tractor. The center lines within the village have been painted. Was contacted by Ryan Inc. to obtain water from the Village water system to keep the dust controlled while making the landfill in Galesburg.

Discussed bid from Layne Northern to switch from gas chlorination of the Village water system to liquid chlorination. Motion by N. Strong, supported by Torrance to accept the bid from Layne Northern for a liquid chlorination system for the water system for \$1649.00. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Ben received an estimate to trim trees within the Village of Climax. To trim approximately 70 trees \$2,415.00. Ben will talk with the Tree Man to get an estimate for tree trimming.

**Finance** - No report.

**Cemetery** - Still waiting for reply regarding the repainting of the cemetery signs.

**Public Safety** - Received patrol report for late August and September. Mr. Davis told Don that he does not plan to open the Lumberyard until spring to allow him time to complete the improvements to the building.

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Ordinance - No report.

Water - No report.

Council left it up to Ben when to advertise picking up the leaves in the Village.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Cole to table Ordinance 33, the pawn broker ordinance, until October 15, 1996, for the clarification of the definition section. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

  
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Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
October 1, 1996  
Regular Meeting

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Denise Strong  
Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
October 15, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Holtz, B. Wyant, I Purk, D Wyant, R Weessies, M. Davis, G. Twiss, B. Harrison, J. Blair.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the October 1, 1996 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to approve the Bill Package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Jenny Blair ask permission of the Council to hold the Homecoming parade on October 18. Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to allow the homecoming parade proceed through the Village limits. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Mr. Twiss inquired to the Council if there is any intentions into installing a Village sewer system. The Council presently is not looking into a sewer system, but if other citizens are interested in a Village sewer system they should contact a Councilperson.

Mrs. Harrison addressed the Council regarding an inspection of her garage and gave a copy of it to the Council. She wanted to know if there is anything that the Council could do with the Contractor who built her garage. Council stated to Mrs. Harrison that the Council could not help her, but thanked her for coming to the meeting to inform them of the inspection.

Mr. Davis forwarded to the Council his accomplishments to the building. He plans to repair the chimney.

Ingrid Purk, Deb Wyant, Ralph Weessies presented to the Council a proposal from the Lawrence Memorial Library to ask for additional funding to allow the Library to hire a part-time Librarian. Will come back to the Council meeting on November 19, 1996 to discuss the proposal.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Reported the update of the McNutt ordinance violations. Loans have been secured through Senior Services to bring their structure up to code and a contractor selected to proceed with the work. Waiting for McNutt's to sign the contracts. A status conference is scheduled for November 1, 1996.

A six month budget has been distributed to the members for their review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - The chains for the Deutz tractor are still in

the Village hall. Council consensus that the chains were to go with the sale of the tractor and Ben to call John Simmons to pickup the chains. Rotary and the Community Association will be purchasing 2 Baseball Championship signs each to place on the "Welcome to Climax" sign.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by N. Strong to accept the Tree Man bid to trim trees within the Village limits, not to exceed 2 days @ \$75/hr. Roll call vote: Ayes - All. Motion carried.

Lakeland Asphalt will pave Sunflower street on October 16, 1996. Have put up the new "No Parking" signs at the entrances to the Village.

**Finance** - Would like to start using the new time cards. Have received more employee manuals to use as samples and will be holding a committee meeting to go over them.

**Cemetery** - Discussed putting a street light in front of the Library to light the park. Chuck Kirkham will contact Consumer Power regarding this light.

**Public Safety** - Received patrol report for September. Should be receiving patrol reports every two weeks. Have requested patrol coverage on October 31, 1996 from 6:30 - ?. Have received a letter from State Police that the Village of Climax is now on their regular patrol. Recovered stolen signs that were found near the railroad tracks, contacted the Sheriff's Department and turned the signs over to them. Welcomed the people to Climax for the RFD 100th anniversary tribute.

**Streets** - Grand Trunk Western Railroad will be in town next week to complete the bike path crossing. Have contacted George Pierce, GTWRR regarding rubber mats for the railroad crossings.

**Ordinance** - No report.

**Water** - No report.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Cole to adopt Ordinance 33 (regulate licensing pawnbrokers, secondhand dealers & junk dealers) as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Stevenson to have Ben & Mike abate the nuisance according to the Village Code book 2.05 at Lot #34 of the Maple Terrace development Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Cole to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Denise Strong  
Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
November 5, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: B. Holtz, B. Wyant, M. McLeiser, M. Foster, Deputy Ester.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Torrance to approve the October 15, 1996 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Stevenson to approve the Treasurer's report of October 31, 1996. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** M. Foster reported that it took the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department 22 minutes to respond to Foster & Son's the evening of the robbery. Was concerned about the amount of patrol hours. Stevenson reported that we are currently receiving over 30 hours of patrol a month. *Kal City Sheriff's Dept asked MI State Police to respond to the robbery cause MSP had 2 cars in the area to respond.*

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Received a Thank you note from the Prairie Historical Society for Mr. Stevenson's special tribute commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Rural Free delivery.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Tree trimming will begin the week of November 5, 1996. Sunflower street has been paved. Leaf pickup will be ending soon. Requested that the Council look into purchasing a leaf vacuum unit for next year. Baseball signs have been ordered. Have completed the workorder regarding the trimming of bushes in the Cemetery. Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to have the Big Ford truck repaired, not to exceed \$3,500.00 Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**Finance** - No report.

**Cemetery** - No report.

**Public Safety** - Patrol reports were received and 36 hours of patrol for the last two weeks of October. Stevenson is to inform residents that fireworks within the Village limits require a permit from the Village Council.

**Streets** - Waiting to hear from the Grand Trunk Western Railroad regarding the crosswalk on Maple Street.

**Ordinance** - No report.

**Water** - Layne will be coming November 13, 1996 to install the new chlorination system.



Village of Climax  
November 19, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Members absent: C. Allen. Others present: B. Holtz, B. Wyant, D. Strong, I. Purk, R. Weessies.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Cole to approve the November 5, 1996 minutes as correct to include "Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department requested Michigan State Police to respond to the robbery located at Foster & Son's gas station because MSP had a two man car in the area". Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to approve the November 1996 bill package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Ingrid Purk & Ralph Weessies, of the Library Board, discussed the request for additional funding from the Village Council to the Lawrence Memorial Library to allow the Library to fund part-time help. It was suggested that a Lawyer be contacted to specify the relationship between the Library Board and the Village Council. Also, Mrs. Purk received a letter from the Department of Treasury regarding an audit of the Library Books. It was reported that in the future the Library's financial records should be included in the Village.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Petitions for three Village Council seats are available and are due to the Village Clerk by November 26, 1996 @ 4:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Motion by Stevenson, supported by Cole to accept the bid from John Simmons of \$75.00 for the V-plow. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried. The new chlorination system for the Water system has been installed. Tree trimming has been completed and leaf pickup will be finished by the end of the month. The large dump truck will need a new engine. The new engine is estimated to come in under the \$3,500 limit that was set by the Council. They have taken 96 loads of leaves to the orchard this fall.

**Finance** - Reminded the Council that budget items should be turned in as soon as possible.

**Cemetery** - Crystal Rolfe & C. Cole picked out an old speed limit sign that she might be able to paint for the Cemetery rules. Received a complaint regarding the infant seat at the park.

**Public Safety** - A letter was sent to Mr. Foster with a copy to the School regarding the fireworks. This issue will not be pursued

any further. Attended the Michigan Township Association reception. Patrol within the Village limit was 35 hours for the last two weeks.

**Streets** - No Report.

**Ordinance** - Asked permission to contact the Attorney regarding the cost of a Land Use Plan.

**Water** - No report.

At the McNutt's status hearing there was a no show from Mr. Erickson and Mr. & Mrs. McNutt. There is no longer any money from the Farmer's Home Administration to complete repairs. The Judge will have one more show cause hearing before he rules on this ordinance violation.

A letter has been sent to Consumer Powers for a mercury light in front of the Library. Have not received any information regarding a timer for the Christmas lights.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

*Denise Strong*  
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Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
December 3, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: B. Holtz, B. Wyant, D. Strong.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the November 19, 1996 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Thompson to approve the November 30, 1996 Treasurer's Report with the following balances: General \$192,884.55; Major Streets \$ 49,573.86; Local Streets \$ 15,919.52; Water Fund \$89,924.60; Perpetual Care \$12,897.87. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Received the results of a survey that we participated in from the Village of Springport. The budget ending November 30, 1996 is completed and copies will be made for each Council member.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Baseball signs have not been completed. 40 gallons of the used motor oil have been properly disposed of and the paint has been properly stored. Did advertise in the Crescent that leaf pickup is ending. Using the new time cards.

**Finance** - Discussed questions regarding new time cards. Discussed the elimination of weekend well checking since it is not required by the State and the new chlorination system has been installed. Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to eliminate checking the wells on weekends for the water system starting immediately. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**Cemetery** - Crystal Rolfe will complete the Cemetery sign with the next couple of weeks. The Library Board would like to have a joint meeting with the Village Council and an Attorney, specializing in Library law, regarding the relationship of the two Boards.

**Public Safety** - Received patrol reports for the last two weeks of November.

**Streets** - Have received an approximate cost per track foot for installing rubber railroad crossings. The Grand Trunk Railroad representative will measure the tracks the next time he is in the area. Have not received word regarding installation of a street light in front of the Library or a timer for the Christmas lights.

**Ordinance** - Asked that an ad be placed in the Crescent stating that unused & inoperative vehicles are a violation of the Village Ordinance. Would like an estimate from the Attorney regarding costs of Land Use Plan.

**Water** - After reviewing the Village of Springport survey it was noted that we charge the lowest water usage rate among the survey participants.

Need to have the Code Books updated to show the new ordinances that have been passed. Also, the cost of having the Ordinance Book reviewed and consolidated by the Attorney.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Denise Strong  
Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
December 17, 1996  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: B. Holtz, B. Wyant, D. Strong.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the December 3, 1996 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Strong, supported by Thompson to approve the December 30, 1996 Bill package. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Received the Fire Department year-end run report for the Village of Climax.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Baseball signs have not been completed yet. The big dump truck is back in service and the bill was less than the estimate. Would like the Council to consider a new truck for the next budget year. Council would like Ben to look into away to cover the drain pipes to protect the people who slide at the park.

**Finance** - Held a committee meeting regarding an increase in pay for Ben and Mike to make up for the elimination of the well check on the weekends. Committee meeting set for December 23, 1996 @ 9:00 a.m. for the employee review. Working on the employee manual.

**Cemetery** - No report. All information regarding the Lawrence Memorial Library has been sent to the Village Attorney for his review.

**Public Safety** - Received patrol reports for the first two weeks of December.

**Streets** - No report.

**Ordinance** - Chuck Kirkham has received complaints regarding the Building Officials professionalism. Judge Foley has set a new hearing date for McNutt ordinance violation for January 6, 1997.

**Water** - No report.

Brad Wyant will meet with the Auditors regarding the letter he received from the State Treasury office about items left out of the audit.

Village of Climax  
January 7, 1997  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: B. Wyant, D. Strong, G. Murphy.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the December 17, 1996 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Strong, supported by Allen to approve the December 30, 1996 Fund Balance report with the following balances: General Fund: \$180,021.28; Major Streets \$51,389.98; Local Streets \$16,342.67; Water \$89,515.01; Perpetual Care \$12,950.40.

**GUESTS:** Greg Murphy approached the Council regarding the purchaser of the Climax Hardware Store with his plans of the building.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - No report.

**Finance** - The employees have been given their 1996 performance review. Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to adopt the Employee Personnel Policy as presented and will make amends to the policy as needed. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Strong, supported by Cole to pay the Village employees a minimum 2 hours to attend the Village Council meetings and that the time will be scheduled into the normal work week. Roll Call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**Cemetery** - The Cemetery Rules signs is just about completed. Mike Gibson has some ideas of enhancing the Village Park and would like to meet with him to discuss the ideas.

**Public Safety** - Patrol reports are available for Council to review. A thank you card was sent to the Michigan State Police and the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department for their cooperation and support for the 1996 year.

**Streets** - No report.

**Ordinance** - No report.

**Water** - Will be contacting Kipp Waste Disposal to inform them that they need to be licensed by the County Planning Commission to haul waste & provide recycling to the residents within the Village of Climax.

Village of Climax  
January 21, 1997  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: B. Wyant, D. Strong, B. Holtz, J & F. Cummins, G. Murphy, I. Purk & R. Weessies.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the January 7, 1997 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by N. Strong to approve the January 1997 Bill package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes - All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Jim Cummins presented to the Council his plans for the restoration of the Climax Hardware Building.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Received correspondence from the Village Attorney regarding Library funding and their accounting. Library accounts will need to be audited by the Village Auditors. Will coordinate with the Library to have the Library account books sent to the Village Auditors. Council to review material sent by lawyer regarding the Library for further discussion at a later meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Requested that the Village look into in the near future to replace large dump truck. Have contacted the City of Galesburg regarding their visit by MIOSHA. Will try to get the report from MIOSHA and their requirements to aid the Village in complying with MIOSHA standards. Asked for clarification of payment to attend Village meetings. Will look into attending more educational seminars.

**Finance** - The Employee Relations Committee met with Ben & Mike on January 8th and will continue to meet with them on the second Wednesdays of the month. Discussed with them their duties, current work activities and possible ideas for improvement. Received budget ideas for a preliminary budget.

**Cemetery** - Spoke with Crystal Rolfe and the Cemetery Rule sign is just about completed.

**Public Safety** - Patrol reports are available for the Council from January 7 to January 17, 1997. Received an apology from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department for the lack of promptness regarding tagging an abandoned car on South Main Street.

**Streets** - The gentleman that I have contacted regarding an estimate for placing rubber mats at the railroad crossing is on vacation. Will contact him when he is back into the office.

**Ordinance** - No report.

**Water** - Have not contacted Kipp Waste Disposal to inform them that they need to be licensed by the County Planning Commission to haul waste & provide recycling to the residents within the Village of Climax yet.

C. Kirkham reported that the Masonic Lodge has approved to allow a new Twp/Village/Fire Station/Community hall in the East half of the property. Asked Council if any of them would like to fill the position on the Building Committee that was vacated when Mike Glazer resigned.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Strong to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

*Denise Strong*

Denise Strong, Village Clerk



Village of Climax  
February 4, 1997  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson. Members Absent: S. Torrance. Others present: B. Wyant, D. Strong, B. Holtz, G. Deerwester.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the January 21, 1997 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to accept the January 31, 1997 Treasurer's Report with the following balances: General Fund \$186086.29; Major Streets \$52443.95; Local Streets \$16264.62; Water Operations \$95387.28; Perpetual Care \$13005.12. Roll call vote: Ayes - All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** George Deerwester approached the Council regarding building a duplex on the vacant lot next to his home. Mr. Deerwester will need a variance to build a duplex because the lot is zoned for a single family home.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Received the proposed fire budget for 1997-98. Fire Department Officers will attend the next meeting for a formal presentation of the budget and a quarterly report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - I am reviewing the OSHA information received from the City of Galesburg. Spoke with Scott Smith, Climax Fire Department, regarding taking CPR classes with the Fire Department. Tentatively CPR classes are scheduled for the summer of 1997. Paul Duncan from Layne will be here on 2/5/97 to tie in an existing water line to the chlorine unit. Peerless Midwest will preform the yearly maintenance in which the wells will be checked for the pumping rate & grease pumps. Will receive report in approximately 2/3 weeks. The cost will be \$118.00 per pump. Had Hoekstra repair the leak at the Lawrence Memorial Library. Installed a new light fixture for the flag at the Park Monument.

**Finance** - Thanked Ben for turning in a typed report. Need to change the work week to go from Monday to Sunday. Ben, Mike & Denise will work together to make this change.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by N.Strong to adopt the revised policy manual as of February 4, 1997. Roll call - Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Requested that Ben Holtz report overtime to the Council. Discussed leveling the east side of North Main Street to prevent drifting of snow.

**Cemetery** - The Cemetery Rule sign has been completed. Will give the sign to Ben so that it can be posted.

**Public Safety** - Patrol reports are available for the Council from January 21 to February 2, 1997.

**Streets** - No report.

**Ordinance** - Contacted Wilkins & Wheaton regarding a Land Use plan and the zoning map. Will be sending an estimate for this service.

**Water** - No report.

Contacted Consumers Energy again to have a street light installed in front of the Library. Discussed the proposed plans of the Twp/Village Hall/Fire Station/Community building. Clerk attended the last Library Board meeting and will attend their next February meeting. Estimates for a fax machine were given to Brad Wyant to look over and purchase one within the budget. Councilman Strong asked for budget input, will be preparing a preliminary budget with Brad Wyant.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Thompson to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

*Denise Strong*  
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Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
February 4<sup>th</sup> 1997  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Pro-tem Strong. Members present: C. Allen, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Members Absent: C. Cole. Others present: B. Wyant, D. Strong, B. Holtz, L. Leach, M. Foster, T. Taylor & B. Holcomb.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the February 4, 1997 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to approve the February 1997 expenditures as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes - All. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Larry Leach, Climax Twp Fire Chief gave the Council the 1st quarter report. He also presented to the Council a proposed budget for 1997/98 fiscal year. There is one item that is not budgeted in the Village portion, which is the renovation of the tanker truck. Will leave this item up to the Council on whether or not they want to have this item included with the new budget.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - Layne has connected a spare waterline to the new chlorination system. Received a written report from Peerless Midwest regarding the maintenance of the well pumps. A meter on pump #2 needs to be repaired at an estimated of \$536.00. Gave to the Clerk a written inventory of hand tools.

**Finance** - Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to approve the employee goals for 1997 as presented. Ayes; All. Motion carried. Reviewed the proposed 1997/98 budget which includes purchase of a leaf vacuum, tank draw down, shower for Village hall and overlay of Columbine Street.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to set the Budget hearing for March 4, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. located at the Lawrence Memorial Library. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

**Cemetery** - The Cemetery Rule sign has been posted.

**Public Safety** - Have not received any patrol reports for the last two weeks.

**Streets** - Received an estimate for rubberized railroad crossing mat of approximate \$1,100 per foot per track.

**Ordinance** - Received an estimate of \$3,500 from Wilkins and Wheaton to help develop a Land Use Plan and to update the Zoning

Map.

**Water** - Motion by Torrance, supported by Allen to allow Peerless Midwest to repair pump #2 for \$536.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Received correspondence from the Village Attorney regarding the ruling of Judge Foley for the McNutt ordinance violation. Judge Foley declared that Mr & Mrs. McNutt be vacated from the property by April 10, 1997 and that the Village accept bids for demolition and clean up of the property. Mr & Mrs McNutt will be assigned a case worker from Senior Services.

Discussed fencing around pools and 119 S. Church Street is in violation of state fencing ordinance. Salli Thompson will contact the building officials to look into this matter further.

Stakes at 241 Snapdragon have not been removed. Council asked Ben to remove these stakes and that Don Stevenson will contact the Sheriff's Department regarding this matter.

Chuck Kirkham showed the Council a light sensor that can be installed on the poles in which Christmas decoration are hung on. The cost of installation/purchase of this sensor is \$50.00 each. There are approximately 22-24 poles that Christmas light are hung on.

The street light in front of the Library has been installed.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Denise Strong  
Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax  
March 4, 1997  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham.

Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, C. Kirkham, D. Stevenson, S. Torrance.

Members absent: N. Strong, S. Thompson. Others present: B. Wyant, Andy Jerue, B. Holtz.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the February 18, 1997 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Cole to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes - All. Motion carried.

GUESTS: Andy Jerue requested use of Village streets for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Space Mountain Creativity Scholarship, "Run to Climax" event to begin at 8:30 a.m. on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to allow this event to take place. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Communications: Kirkham presented a copy of a letter from our attorney sent to the McNutts concerning the mailing of notices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works - Motion by Stevenson, supported by Torrance to give Holtz permission to buy another weed whipper at cost of \$269.00. Roll call vote: Ayes - C. Cole, D. Stevenson, S. Torrance, C. Kirkham. Naye - C. Allen. Motion carried.

Holtz looking into the cost of a chipper for taking care of brush in Village instead of burning. Gibson and Holtz will be attending Regional Water Meeting April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Finance - Proposed Budget.

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. and start scheduled 1997-98 Budget Hearing by Stephenson, seconded by Cole. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Motion by Torrance, Supported by Stevenson to resume Regular Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Cemetery/Library - Cole reported she attended Library Board meeting and that Ellen Richardson from the State of Michigan Library Board presented them with funding alternatives.

Public Safety- Stevenson reported their were 37.5 hours of patrol last month. Stakes at 241 Snapdragon have been removed.

Streets - Allen will look into some areas of concern for possible repaving.

Ordinance - No report.

Water - Torrance forwarded an application on to KIP disposal, as they are not licensed for our county. Have not heard if they have applied. Pittsburg Paint submitted a bid of \$1500 to clean the inside of the tank this summer.

Ordinance 34 was presented to the council concerning increasing the clerk's wages \$600 to be in-line with the treasurer's wages. Motion by Stevenson to adopt Ordinance 34, seconded by Cole. Roll Call: Aye; All. Motion carried. Motion by Stevenson to adopt Street Light Resolution 97-1 as requested by Consumers Energy, supported by Torrance. Ayes; All. Motion carried. Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Brad Wyant, Deputy Clerk

Village of Climax  
March 4, 1997  
Budget Hearing

Meeting called to order by President Kirkham at 8:00 p.m. Budget presented to council for discussion. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Property tax millage rate proposal to be levied to support the proposed budget. Motion by Stevenson to adopt proposed 1997-98 budget, supported by Allen. Roll call; Aye - all. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Budget Hearing and resume Regular Village meeting made by Stevenson, supported by Allen at 8:15 p.m. Aye; All. Motion carried.

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Bradley E. Wyant, Deputy Clerk, Village of Climax

Village of Climax  
March 18, 1997  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: B. Wyant, D. Strong.

Motion by Allen, supported by Cole to approve the March 4, 1997 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Torrance to approve the March Bill package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Cole, Stevenson, Strong, Thompson, Torrance, Kirkham. Nays; Allen. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works** - From written report. Have ordered a second weed whipper. Some controls on the water system are not working correctly and have contacted HR Burton Company to fix the control panel. Have been busy removing brush that was the result of the ice storm.

**Finance** - Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to pay off the remaining balance of the John Deere tractor of \$9862.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Cole to give Mike Gibson a pay increase of \$0.16/hr starting April 1, 1997. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Will be reviewing the job descriptions this year with possible changes for the Council to review.

**Cemetery** - No report.

**Public Safety** - Have not received patrol reports for March 1997.

**Streets** - No report.

**Ordinance** - Received an estimate from Gove & Associates for a Land Use Plan and zoning map. Will be soliciting one more bid for this project. Reviewed ordinance violations and second notices will be sent and new notices will be sent also.

**Water** - Motion by Torrance, supported by Stevenson to accept the proposal from Pittsburg Tank & Tower for \$1,550.00 for inspection and clean out of the water tank to be started after April 1, 1997. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Kipp Disposal has applied for a disposal/recycling license with the Kalamazoo County Planning Commission.

Stevenson requests that a letter of appreciation be sent to Consumers Energy for the extra work to restore the power to Climax.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Denise Strong-----  
Denise Strong, Village Clerk