

# *Village of Climax*

Regular Meeting

February 6, 2007

Present: Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss, Tricia Willis and Treasurer – Deb Wyant.

Absent: Bill Rogers

Also Present: Bruce Rolfe and Bill Sackrider.

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

**(Twiss/Lewis)** Motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2007. Unanimously approved.

Guests: Bruce Rolfe, of the Climax Crescent, noted changes/errors to his article in the Gazette Hometown newspaper. These changes/errors were not in his original article sent to the Gazette, but made by the Gazette without his knowledge. He apologizes for the error and hope the Gazette Hometown will correct the error.

## Communications:

- 1) An unsigned letter was sent to the Village regarding opposition to a proposed racetrack in the I-94 exit 92 area.
- 2) Health & Community Services 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report on the HHW program. Participation in the program increased by 17% in 2006, and material drop off increased by 23% while deposit costs fell by 12%.
- 3) Rate increase notification from the Village Attorney effective January 2, 2007 - \$0 monthly retainer and a \$160 hourly cost. The prior rate was a \$200 monthly retainer and a \$125 hourly cost.

## Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and tests are done for February
- 2) Still no word on the water system control work being done by H.V. Burton.
- 3) Contacting tree service companies for tree work.
- 4) Result of Peerless-Midwest pump analysis indicates that pump #3 needs to be rebuilt. The cost is estimated between \$12,000 – 16,000. Pump #2 was rebuilt in 2003.
- 5) A new DEQ monitoring schedule will result in more tests and more cost.

## Streets:

1. (Twiss/L.Strong) Motion to pay Wightman & Associates \$46,200 to perform engineering services in the 2007-08 construction of Main Street in conjunction with the on-going Climax-Fulton county road project. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
2. Investigated the \$20,000 bid rule, which requires the village to seek bids on projects over \$20,000. Working in conjunction with the County in extending their road construction project through the village, conditions allow the bid requirement to be exempt from the requirement.

## Administration:

- 1) (Jones/Twiss) Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-03, designation of Sturgis Bank & Trust Company as the depository of funds. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

- 2) (Jones/Twiss) Motion adopt Resolution 2007-04, Village of Climax Investment Policy. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 3) Discussed the adoption of the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) policy. Tabled further discussion until the Council has had a good opportunity to review the entire policy. An hourly rate for preparation of FOIA requests needs to be determined.
- 4) The proposed 2007-08 was reviewed and adjustments made. Hope to have the finished budget available for the next meeting and schedule the public hearing for the first meeting in March.
- 5) Discussed the employee health insurance contributions. Proposed to increase the contributions from \$175 to \$200.

Public Safety/Fire:

1. Terry is working with township officials with the fire millage formulation.

Ordinance:

- 1) The truck has been allowed to park on Thistle Street for very limited conditions – extreme cold – to allow the resident the use of a block heater.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.  
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk