

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

June 5, 2007

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

(Jones/L.Strong) Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

(T.Strong/Twiss) Motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2007. Ayes: Jones, L.Strong, T.Strong, Twiss and Rogers; Nays: Lewis. Motion carried 5 to 1.

Guests:

- 1) Kyle Smith presented a list of signatures to the Council of community residents who are opposed to the lawsuit with the township. Mr. Smith said that he approached 65 people and only 2 chose not to sign the sheet.
- 2) Ralph Weessies asked the Council to appoint Chris Ball to the Library Board.
(Lewis/L.Strong) Motion to appoint Chris Ball to the Library Board. Unanimously approved.
- 3) Ralph Reed, Brian Rice and Dave Carrigan of Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering gave a presentation on Wellhead protection.

Continued discussion on the lawsuit issue. **(Lewis/Strong)** Motion to stop the lawsuit immediately. Ayes: Jones, L.Strong and Lewis; Nays: Twiss, T.Strong and Rogers. Motion failed 3 to 3.

Clerk directed to put the lawsuit issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Communications:

- 1) Tricia Willis submitted her resignation in a letter to the Council. Due to greater responsibilities at work and with her family she is unable to give her full attention to her Trustee position. **(Twiss/T.Strong)** Motion to accept Tricia Willis' resignation with a vote of thanks. Unanimously approved.
- 2) A letter was passed to the Council from the Michigan Youth Alcohol Enforcement (MYAE) grant coordinator. The letter congratulates The Harvester for properly asking for identification and refusing the sale of alcohol to two underage decoys working with enforcement officers. Compliance checks are done throughout the year at liquor establishments to check to see if laws are being followed.
- 3) Melbourne Davis, owner of the building on N. Main just north of the tracks, is interested in opening a used tractor and boat store.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples are done for the month.
- 2) Water quality report has been sent to the state for review.
- 3) The 4115 JD tractor is in for repairs for hydraulic problems.
- 4) CN railroad was discovered filling a tanker full of water. Bill Lewis will look into it.

Parks: There has been interest in constructing a skate board park. Tom will contact other municipalities for input and report back to the council. Location may be a problem, perhaps the interested party can contact the township for other location options.

Water:

- 1) Bill Lewis is scheduling the next water committee open house on July 14th from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Library to hear comments on the water system, rates, etc. Village residents are invited to stop by.
- 2) The water billing system purchase will be finalized this week. The cost will be \$1880.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) Lisa Strong's committee assigned was changed from Parks/Library to Ordinance/Zoning.
- 2) Look into trash and junk at various homes on S. Main Street.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) A resident had a question regarding the overlap of garbage service. She is currently with Waste Management and they will not reimburse her for the cancelled month. Scott was directed to contact the representative of Waste Management for assistance and report back to the resident.
- 2) The village received a bill for 4th Qtr 2006 fire service (\$4,016.00). The township received an insurance claim of over \$23,000 for the totaled grass rig and placed in their general fund revenue. The outfitting of the new grass rig was over \$11,000 and applied to the 2006 fire budget. We will ask the township board if the outfitting cost of the new rig would be applied to the insurance money received thereby reducing the 4th qtr 2006 fire protection payment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk