

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
September 18, 2007

Present: Trustees: David Dell, Thomas Jones, Bill Lewis, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss;
President: Bill Rogers; Treasurer: Deb Wyant.

Absent: None

Also Present: Bill Sackrider, Claudia Pitko, Paige Fitzsimmons, Bruce Rolfe and Kyle Smith.

Agenda: **(Lewis/Jones)** Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(Twiss/Lewis) Motion to approve the minutes of September 4, 2007. Unanimously approved.

(Twiss/Jones) Motion to approve the September 2007 Bill Package totaling \$18,178.69. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, Twiss, T.Strong, Dell, Rogers. Nays – Lewis, L.Strong. Motion carried 5 to 2.

(Lewis/L.Strong) Motion to approve the August 2007 Treasurer's Report as presented: Major Streets = \$134,447.31; Local Streets = \$46,179.22; General Fund = \$73,791.34; Water Fund = \$50,270.67, Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63; Totals = \$316,095.17. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved. (Note: Appropriations from Major streets to Local streets was not made in 2006-07. The transfer of \$8,375 was made in August (2007-08).)

Guests:

1. Paige Fitzsimmons, representing the C-S Student Council, asked permission to hold homecoming parade in the village on October 5th, at 3:30. **(Lewis/Dell)** Motion to permit the High School to hold their homecoming parade on October 5th at 3:30 and arrange for a Sheriff escort. Unanimously approved.
2. Kyle Smith spoke regarding the vandalism occurring in the village and commented on a neighborhood watch program and camera security.
3. Claudia Pitko, a Climax Township resident, commented on the use of the Galesburg police to patrol in the village. She was a resident of Galesburg and was not happy with their service. She noted some instances where the Galesburg police failed to respond and the Sheriff Department was called.

Communications: Noted

Public Works:

- 1) Water system computer problems due to the power outage. The company, H.V. Burton, is looking into the problem and costs associated with the damage.
- 2) Look into a sensor unit for the pump houses.
- 3) Childs swing in the park needs to be replaced.

Streets:

- 1) Main Street project bids have been opened and are \$19,000 under projected costs. Project will begin in April of 2008 and some portions of the project will be done in 2007.
- 2) 40 sections of sidewalk will be replaced.

Water:

- 1) Bill Lewis met with the Township Board and School Board and discussed the wellhead protection program. Legislators are looking at agricultural wells and irrigation systems.
- 2) Discussed the school's water contamination problem. The problem will be discussed in the water committee along with the wellhead protection program.

Administration:

- 1) (Jones/Twiss) Motion to adopt resolution 2007-09 (NSF Fees & Reimbursement of Tax Overpayments). Roll call vote: Unanimously approved. This resolution will increase the Non-sufficient fund charge from \$7 to \$25 for any unpaid checks returned to the Treasurer and any overpayment of taxes less than \$5 will not be returned.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) A follow-up letter is being sent to the dog owner with barking dogs.
- 2) The Village does have an ordinance against barking dogs. Please keep your dogs from causing a nuisance. If you have a complaint of a barking dog(s) or dog(s) running loose and you have the name of the owner, please call the village hall @ 746-4174 and leave a message. Your complaint will be forwarded to the ordinance committee.

Old Business:

- 1) The Township's "closed meeting" lawsuit, held on September 18th, was settled prior to the trial. Details of the settlement will be written up and forwarded to the Council. Discussion was tabled until the October 2nd Council meeting.

New Business:

- 1) The Council received a variance request from the United Methodist Church to perform various construction projects on their property at 133 E. Maple Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk