

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

October 7, 2008

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

Absent: None

Guests: Bruce Rolfe, Brian Figgins, Lawrence Wenke and Bill Sackrider – DPW.

(T.Strong/Dell) Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

(Twiss/L.Strong) Motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2008. Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Brian Figgins, representing the Climax-Scotts Student Council asked to hold the homecoming parade along Main Street. **(T.Strong/Lewis)** Motion to authorize the homecoming parade along Main Street on October 10th @ 3:30 p.m.
- 2) Michigan House Representative Lawrence Wenke visited the Council for the last time as his term is up. He updated the Council on many of the current issues in Lansing.

Communications: None.

Public Works:

- 1) Pump reports are done for October.
- 2) The tree limb is still on the home at 125 Sheldon. Since the tree is in the right-of-way, the DPW will remove the limb from the home at the same it removes the tree. The Clerk was directed to get authorization from the home owner prior to removing the limb.

Water:

- 1) Mr. Lewis is in the process of getting bids for water system controls and will have the costs ready for the 2009-10 budget year.
- 2) Mr. Lewis is working with the township on wellhead protection. This is the initial step of an effort to protect the water quality and to educate residents regarding the water supply.
(Lewis/L.Strong) Motion to work with Climax Township to explore and reach forward toward wellhead protection and education. Unanimously approved.

Administration:

- 1) It was found that FDIC (deposit insurance) is per institution not per each account at a financial institution. Due to the nationwide financial problem, the amount is now raised to \$250,000. The Administration committee will look into seeking other financial institutions in order to keep the total deposit amount under \$250,000.
- 2) Discussion on the DPW maintenance worker position:
 - a. Post job ad in the Crescent, Michigan Works, Gazette and Enquirer.
 - b. Post immediately and end on October 31st.
 - c. Interview process will go thru November 21st.
 - d. Start date for the position will be December 15th.
 - e. CDL will be required.
 - f. Water certification need to be obtained within one year. Pay raise upon completion of certification.

- g. Probation period of 90 days with water certification or 1 year without water certification.
- h. Pay range will be \$10 to \$15 per hour – depending on experience.

Law enforcement / Fire:

- 1) Fire department CPR class was held – only two residents attended.
- 2) Fire and Rescue Association to plan an open house (fire station) on October 31st.

President's time: The sign on the Harvester Restaurant is misleading – the village did not spend \$50,000 toward city incorporation. The amount indicated could be the combined total of the township and village. The approximate amount the village spent was \$13,500 over a three year period.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Notifying residents of trash pickup days. Extra mailing, CTS weather channel or Sign for important dates might be possible solutions.

(T.Strong/Twiss) The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk