

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

October 7, 2014

Present: Mike Adams, Pat Clark, Gary Gammons, Norm Lyons, Bruce Rolfe, Terry Strong, Brenda Borden – Treasurer, Mark Gay - DPW

Absent: None

Guests: Lydia Lodes and Faye Cummings

(Clark/Lyons) Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Gammons) Motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2014. Unanimously approved.

(Clark/Gammons) Motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2014. Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Lydia Lodes expressed her desire to serve on the Library Board. **(Lyons/Clark)** Motion to appoint Lydia Lodes to the Library Board. Unanimously approved.
- 2) Faye Cummings, newly appointed Library Board member suggested the need for a new toilet in the restroom prior to the grand re-opening of the library. **(Clark/Adams)** Motion to purchase a new toilet and have the DPW install prior to Saturday, October 11 and to insure it is ADA compliant. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
 - a. Faye also suggested an idea to recognize individual home and business owners who take the effort to beautify their homes. Bruce Rolfe suggested an idea that the City of Galesburg does in their city called “Pride Home”. He will look into what they do and report back to the Council.

With the resignation of Kyle Smith, a new Village President needs to be appointed. The term of President is 4 years and is scheduled to end in November 2016. Therefore, the term of the appointment will end in November 2016. Two individuals wrote letters of interest – Norm Lyons and Terry Strong. Their letters were read to the Council. After the letters were read, the following motion was made: **(Adams/Rolfe)** Motion to appoint Terry Strong to fill the term of Village President vacated by Kyle Smith for the rest of the scheduled term – November 2016. Roll call: Ayes – Adams, Rolfe, Clark, Gammons; Nays – Lyons, Abstained – Strong. Motion carried 4 to 1 with 1 abstention. The oath of office will be administered at a later date.

President Terry Strong then recommended that Norm Lyons be appointed as President, Pro tem. **(Strong/Adams)** Motion to appoint Norm Lyons as President Pro-Tem. Ayes – Strong, Adams, Gammons, Lyons; Nays – Rolfe, Clark. Motion carried 4 to 2.

Communications:

- 1) Consumers Energy sent a certified letter requesting that the telephone poles, upon which the video camera system sets, be tagged to identify the village equipment. The letter stated this is to maintain public safety and customer service and positive identification during normal and emergency Consumer Energy operations. A tag would be needed for each camera and a tag is needed for each cable attaching the cameras. There are 4 cameras attached to 4 poles. Two of the poles do not have Consumers electric wiring attached and appear to be support poles for the street light. Do the support poles belong to the Village or Consumers Energy? The Clerk will work with the DPW to acquire the appropriate tags.

- 2) Letter from Kalamazoo County Health and Community Service sent a letter to the property owner of 329 W. Maple, advising they have the responsibility to maintain the property. If no contact is made, the home will be condemned by Kalamazoo County.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are complete for October.
- 2) Water meters have been read.
- 3) KCRC does not supply free signs. Ordered “No Parking” signs from Rathco.
- 4) Painted various areas of the Library.
- 5) The S. Main barricade will be moved in a couple weeks. The county is finishing up on the 44th Street construction.
- 6) Fall water meeting will be Wednesday for the DPW.
- 7) A lot of debris and garbage has been dropped off at the well field. This shows that a camera surveillance system might be beneficial. Discussion of the benefits of a camera system and the detail it can photograph. Possibility of placing a couple mercury lights on pole to illuminate the well field area. This would assist the camera system.
- 8) Vandalism in the cemetery. Two stones have been pushed over. Discussion on the vandals in town and somehow correcting them. Camera system is not adequate.

Water: no report.

Parks: no report.

Streets: Repaired 52 sections of sidewalk. Will look into MDOT funds for Main and Maple Streets. Have received an extra \$5100 for street repair from the State. These are not ACT 51 funds and can be used in either Major or Local streets.

Administration:

- 1) (Lyons/Adams) Motion to approve the Bill Package totaling \$9,648.12. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Safety: no report.

Ordinance:

- 1) Kalamazoo County regarding the 329 W. Maple property.
- 2) Building south of the Harvester – no movement on septic inspection per Lucas Pols
- 3) 215 S. Main – home appears to be rapidly deteriorating. Norm will send a letter to owner to get the process moving. Next step will be to contact the County.
- 4) 206 W. Maple – Dangerous building.

Old business:

- 1) Lumber yard building – encountered asbestos and had to re-bid. Demolition will begin the end of October.
- 2) Motor cross noise on S. Main: additional information and complaints have been made about the motorcycle racing on a S. Main property. Will review

New Business:

- 1) Lot next to fire station. A limb fell from the tree located on the property. DPW will contact Martin’s Tree service to determine if tree is healthy enough to make it to next year without falling and to get an estimate to remove the tree in preparation for developing the lot.

(Lyons/Adams) The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk