

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2004

Present: Shawn Messner, Bill Rogers, Terry Strong, Salli Thompson, Bill Twiss, Tricia Willis, Don Stevenson.

Absent: None. Also Present: Marcia Lewis, Bob DeMaske, Bill Sackrider, Cathy Wiessert, Deb Wyant

(Messner/Strong) Motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2004 without exception. All in favor - Motion carried.

(Willis/Messner) Motion to approve the June 2004 Bill Package totaling \$19,239.98. Roll Call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Messner/Thompson) Motion to approve the May 31, 2004 Treasurer's Report. Major Streets = \$144,039.62; Local Streets = \$32,921.71; General Fund = \$213,273.37; Water Fund = \$92,325.60; Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63; Totals = \$493,966.93. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: Cathy Wiessert asked permission to place her campaign signs near the "Welcome to Climax" signs at each entrance to the Village. The Council had no objection.

Bob DeMaske requested permission to hold the summer church sponsored "Praise in the Park" event in the Village Park. There will be four events occurring every other Sunday beginning on July 11th. The events will start at 6:00 p.m. (Strong/Twiss) Motion to support the Praise in the Park event held in the Village Park starting on July 11, 2004. Unanimously approved.

Marcia Lewis, representing the Lawrence Memorial Library, noted future library events. Also complained of a dog allowed to roam free. She contacted Animal Control and was told they were unable to help. The response is not consistent with prior contact with Animal Control. Perhaps she contacted Kalamazoo City Animal control and not the County. Suggested to contact the Sheriff department for further direction.

Communications:

- 1) Received notification from the Metro Act agency that a payment to the Village is on its way.
- 2) Received an invoice from the Township for Fire Protection quarterly payment of \$6081.50
- 3) CN communication regarding track debris and weeds on the east side of North Main tracks. CN will have the area cleaned up.
- 4) Bids on the Kubota Tractor were opened. There were two high bids of \$3500.00. Mr. Gibson will contact the parties and have them re-bid. (Strong/Twiss) Motion to give Mr. Gibson the authority to award tractor to the high bidder of the two parties. Unanimously approved.
- 5) Letter of Resignation from Shawn Messner as her family will be moving out of the Village. With regret, the Council accepts her resignation. Ms. Messner has been a valuable member of the Council and has contributed much to the community.

Public Works:

- 1) Painting on the Library has begun.
- 2) The 1997 leaf vacuum's engine damage may not be repairable. The engine is old and there may not be a short block for it.
- 3) The catch basin on Prairie Drive has been installed.

- 4) Still no payment from Simmons Ford for the tire replacement on the new truck. Stevenson will contact the attorney.
- 5) There have been several street signs damaged and stolen. Water valve covers have been removed and used to smash mail boxes. The Clerk was directed to place a reward notice in the Crescent. Up to \$1000 reward leading to the arrest and conviction of those who have stolen and damaged Village property.
- 6) The Council commends Mr. Gibson in his research on the water tank painting project. His efforts will save the Village thousands of dollars in unnecessary painting. In the past the Village has contracted directly with tank painting companies. They are eager to paint. Mr. Gibson contacted an engineering firm specializing in tank inspection. The engineering firm provided insight regarding the operation of water tank painting companies and their contracts. The engineer recommend an independent engineering firm to inspect the tank's interior and exterior, determine only what portions need painting and have the engineering firm inspect the progress of the painting. It was further noted that the tower has been painted too often.

(Rogers/Strong) Motion to cancel the bid process for the painting of the tank and direct Mr. Gibson to seek bids from engineering firms to perform an inspection of the tank and provide a detailed report with recommendations. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Administration: (Rogers/Twiss) Motion to adopt Resolution 2004-4: A resolution to capitalize inventory items with a value over \$2500.00. It is hereby resolved as of April 1, 2003, that for financial reporting purposes, the Village of Climax will capitalize land, buildings and improvements and equipment having a value more than \$2500.00. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Safety: Some abandoned vehicles have not been moved. Notify Sheriff Department again.
Streets: TM's Asphalt invoice is still unpaid.

Ordinance: Violations noted and discussed..

Water: Remote water reading letter has been sent out for 2 homes. Waiting to hear from the home owners to schedule a connection.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. (Strong/Twiss)
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk