

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
June 18, 2002

Present: Scott Blayden, Larry Phoenix, Bill Rogers, Salli Thompson, Bill Twiss, Don Stevenson
Absent: Shawn Messner,

Also Present: William Shields, Billy King, Janice Crow, Sherry Harvey, Bill Sackrider, Deb Wyant.

(Blayden/Rogers) Motion to approve the minutes of June 4, 2002 without exception. Unanimously approved.

(Blayden/Twiss) Motion to approve the June 2002 Bill Package - Bill Package total is \$22,360.00.
Roll Call: Unanimously approved.

(Twiss/Phoenix) Motion to approve the May 31, 2002 Treasurer's Report. Major Streets = \$150,435.41; Local Streets = \$29,670.05; General Fund = \$169,577.87; Water Fund = \$104,613.34; Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63 Totals = \$465,703.30. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: Billie King & Janice Crow presented a plaque from the US Department of Interior placing the Library building on the National Register of Historical places. The Historical Society will find a location to place the plaque.

Bill Shields visited the Council to introduce himself as a candidate for State Representative for the 63rd District.

Mrs. Harvey discussed a concern regarding a large amount of loitering and youth activity during night time hours in the park and along Main Street. Her home was broken into and money stolen the previous night. The Council discussed options to control this problem.

One option would be to install surveillance cameras in the park. This would help in prosecuting those involved in destruction of park property.

Another option would be to contact the Sheriff Department Dispatch. The number is 383-8821, then press 1 when instructed. Any resident who witness activity or disturbances in the park after sunset should contact the Sheriff's Department.

Another options would be to install mercury lights to illuminate the entire park and eliminate any dark gathering areas.

Communications: In the past, the Village property taxes have been prepared by the Climax Township Treasurer. Due to the uncertain nature and high turnover of the Township Treasurer and Clerk positions, the Village of Climax Treasurer, Deb Wyant, suggests that the Village contract with a local accounting agency in Kalamazoo to prepare the summer property taxes.

Public Works:

- 1) The installation of the Park Swing set and ground cover have been completed. This has really improved the appearance of the park. Please note: park hours are from sunrise to sunset per Village ordinance.

- 2) The John Deere mower transmission switch has been repaired. Due to Bill Sackrider's mechanical ability, the repairs were completed within days and repair costs kept to a minimum.
- 3) The Library book return box was damaged by late night park vandals. Repairs have been made.
- 4) A list of local street repairs have been made and handed to Mr. Twiss. Repairs will be made according to funds available.
- 5) Dead animals are being painted and thrown on Village streets.
- 6) Major repairs are required on the 1988 dump truck/plow. Mr. Sackrider will get estimates on these repairs and Mr. Gibson is authorized to look into a purchase of a new truck. (Phoenix/Rogers) Motion to authorize Gibson to look into the cost of a new dump truck. Unanimously approved.

Park: The Clerk was directed to place a notice in the Crescent to alert residents and hopefully the parents of the youth in the park after hours about the park hours and the vandalism being caused around the park area. Residents who notice disturbances are asked to notify the Sheriff's Department at 383-8821, then pressing 1 when instructed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was closed at 8:40 p.m. (Phoenix/Twiss)
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk