

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

July 7, 2015

Present: Robert Bailey, Pat Clark, Norm Lyons, Bruce Rolfe, Janet Sutherland, Terry Strong – President and Brenda Borden – Treasurer and Mark Gay – DPW.

Absent: Gary Gammons

Guests: None

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

(Lyons/Rolfe) Motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015. Unanimously approved.

Guests: None

Communications: Complaint from a resident on a verbal notification he received regarding his trailer parked on his property and partially on the road.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are complete for June.
- 2) Complaint that nets were down on the tennis courts. Nets were taken down for the weekly Wednesday basketball event. Nets will be placed back up after each Wednesday event.

Water: No report

Parks/Library/Cemetery:

- 1) Reviewing various Gazebo / Pavilion structures for the park – plans were distributed. Asking for input on the various designs. The Rotary club expressed interest in helping with park equipment, but probably not a structure. Also with the destructive behavior of various children in the area, a structure would need to be impervious to graffiti and structure damage. Use for families, picnics, musical events. Use by reservation or first come first serve?
- 2) Cemetery tree removal: **(Clark/Sutherland)** Motion to authorize J&B Professional Tree Service to remove tree in the cemetery at a cost of \$4000 – to leave the stump for artistic design and leave large sections of wood. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Streets: A section of sidewalk is raised up in front of Langland Funeral home. Driveway apron sections were also marked for repair. This driveway area is the responsibility of the property owner and not to be replaced by the village.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) The Water Ad Hoc committee met and reviewed water billing procedures and policies. As mentioned in the last meeting minutes, several changes were recommended. The result is the following Ordinance #47 amendment which allows adjustments to charges imposed by the village in the water system. These charges can now be adjusted by resolution rather than a change in ordinance. This affects Turn-on/Turn-off water service charges, name/address change charges, sending a shut-off notice charge, late fee percentage changes. The affected sections are 34-22(4) and 34-22(5).
 - a. **(Clark/Bailey)** Motion to adopt Ordinance #47 – An ordinance to amend certain portions of Chapter 34 (Utilities), Article II (Water), of the Climax Village Code of Ordinances regarding late fees and fees for shut-off notices; to repeal and other ordinances in conflict herewith and to provide for an effective date of October 1, 2015. Roll call vote: Ayes – Bailey, Sutherland, Clark and Strong; Nays – Lyons,

Absent – Gammons; Abstain – Rolfe. Motion carried 4 to 1 with one abstaining and one absent.

- 2) Changing the Clerk and Treasurer from Elected to Appointed positions with a set term. All villages in the County have gone to “appointed” positions. The proposed ordinance allows for compensation for the positions to be set by resolution.
 - a. **(Clark/Sutherland)** Motion to adopt Ordinance 48: An ordinance to amend the Climax Village cod of ordinances to provide for compensation of Village Clerk and Treasurer; To provide for the appointment of the Clerk and Treasurer and their respective terms; to repeal any other ordinances in conflict herewith and to provide for an effective date. Roll call vote: Ayes – Bailey, Sutherland, Clark and Strong; Nays – Lyons and Rolfe, Absent – Gammons; Abstain – none. **Motion failed** due to less than a 2/3 affirmative vote.
- 3) **(Clark/Sutherland)** Motion to adopt the Correspondence Management policy. Ayes – Bailey, Sutherland, Clark and Strong; Nays – Rolfe and Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 2.
- 4) **(Clark/Bailey)** Motion to adopt the Public Works After Hours Call-outs policy. Unanimously approved.
- 5) **(Clark/Sutherland)** Motion to adopt the Conflict of Interest policy. Ayes – Bailey, Lyons, Sutherland, Clark and Strong; Nays – Rolfe. Motion carried 5 to 1.
- 6) Discussed the computer / network / website proposal presented to the Council by Robert Bailey. Rob presented a full disclosure of costs, source of equipment and profit. The village attorney’s opinion was sought for any possible conflict of interest problems before moving forward with finalizing the contract. Rob has disclosed costs and profit and does not stand to benefit substantially from this transaction. The council will further review the cost disclosure and look at the contract at the next meeting.

(Clark/Lyons) Motion to adjourn regular meeting. **(Clark/Lyons)** Motion to extend meeting beyond 10 p.m. Unanimously approved.

(Clark/Lyons) Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-01 – an endorsement of Climax Township’s 3D Groundwater Modeling for Rural Sustainability. Unanimously approved.

Public Safety: Reviewed public safety report.

Ordinance: Reviewed ordinance violations.

- 1) MTS reviewed Selbee property and found the structure is condemnable.
- 2) Barn at Selbee home was demolished and now sits in a pile.
- 3) Three homes have tall grass. Clerk to send letter to residents.
- 4) Lumber yard property north of Main Street rail tracks need to have rocks removed prior to mowing. Property is now owned by the village.

Old business: None.

New Business: None.

(Lyons/Sutherland) The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk