

Village of Climax
April 1, 1997
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: ~~B. Wyant~~, D. Strong, H. Worden, M. Glazer & J. Smith.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the March 18, 1997 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to approve the March 31, 1997 fund balance report as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

GUESTS: Mike Glazer requested from the Council a letter of approval to allow the next owners of 120 N. Main Street to rebuild a single family dwelling, if the home is destroyed more than 50%, due to the fact the property is zoned Commercial. Council consented to the request.

Jim Smith, Michigan Letter Carriers, asked for guidance in the placement of the RFD anniversary marker. Will contact the Historical Society when the marker is to be placed.

Property owner of 140 Sheldon street approached the Council regarding the ordinance violation for an unused, inoperable vehicle. Owner stated that the vehicle in question needs a new battery and one will be put into the vehicle by April 3, 1997 and moved from present spot.

COMMUNICATIONS: Received a letter regarding demolition & clean up of the property located at 128 S. Church Street. Will submit a bid when the property is vacated. Received an unsigned letter regarding citizens who do not store their recreation vehicles in buildings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works - From written report. The meter of the #2 well pump was rebuilt and put back into service on 3/24/97. Computer on the water system reset itself on March 19, 1997 and has been working properly since.

Finance - Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to approve the appropriations as follows: **General Fund Expenditures:** from line 74 \$12704.00 - To line 29 \$177.00, line 32 \$1073.00, line 33 \$125.00, line 36 \$19.00, line 37 \$433.00, line 50 \$1827.00, line 57 \$466.00, line 59 \$50.00, line 61 \$340.00, line 62 \$98.00, line 65 \$603.00, line 66 \$1880.00, line 69 \$5613.00. From line 49 \$655.00, to line 73 \$655.00. From line 67 \$2300.00, to line 72 \$2300.00. From line 51 \$4590.00, to line 72 \$4590.00.

Local Streets Revenue:

Change line 97 to \$655.00 (appropriated from General Fund line 73)

Local Streets Expenditures:

From line 100 \$689.00, To line 101 \$552.00, & line 102 \$137.00

Major Streets Revenue:

Change line 81 to \$6890.00 (appropriated from General Fund line 72)

Major Streets Expenditures:

From line 88 \$201.00, to line 90 \$201.00

Water Fund Expenditures:

From line 130 \$3510.00, To line 126 \$100.00, line 127 \$994.00, line 128 \$52.00, line 129 \$76.00, line 132 \$894.00, line 133 \$1394.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Cemetery - No report.

Public Safety - First half of March patrol reports that 11 hours were patrolled within the Village limits.

Streets - No report.

Ordinance - Reviewed ordinance violation lists. Still trying to solicit one more bid for the Land Use Plan and Zoning map.

Water - Will ask for bids for the Village wide trash pickup. Discussed date for the Village wide yard sale. Will be checking with Galesburg to see when their celebrations will take place.

A fax machine has been purchased for the Village Hall. Clerk requests articles for the summer newsletter.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Stevenson to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Denise Strong

Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax
April 15, 1997
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: B. Wyant, D. Strong, M. Elwell, B. Holtz.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the April 1, 1997 minutes with the deletion of B. Wyant from Others present. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Strong, supported by Stevenson to approve the April, 1997 bill package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

GUESTS: Marijo Elwell inquired about the status of the ordinance violation at 128 S. Church Street.

COMMUNICATIONS: Received a letter from the C/S American Legion Auxiliary Unit 465 requesting to sell poppies within the Village Limits from May 15 to May 17, 1997. Consensus of the Council to allow the C/S American Legion Auxiliary to sell poppies.

Received from Tom Swait, Jr., Prairie Ronde Twp Clerk, a resolution regarding the U.S. 131 Bypass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works - Will attend a spring water regional meeting on April 17 & 18. Replaced lost pager. Cleaning streets of winter debris. Looking into the purchase of a generator. Ben was requested to get estimates of other generators. The new chlorination system is not working properly and Layne Northern has been contacted to repair the system.

Finance - Held an employee meeting with Mike last week. Discussed the condition of the Black water truck. Discussed the possibility of purchasing a small used truck.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to sell the 1982 Dodge 3/4 ton 4-wheel drive. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Cemetery - Would like to pursue grants for playground equipment for the Village park.

Public Safety - Milburn Davis has contacted me and would like to open the old Climax Lumber building for a lumber/hardware store in June/July. Have requested a cruiser on Founder's Day for the parade and the afternoon. Increased patrol amount from 34 hours to 40 hours a month.

Streets - No report.

Ordinance - Contacted the City of Battle Creek regarding a list of companies who prepare Land Use Plans and Zoning maps.

Water - Working on getting bids for the trash pickup. The Gate valve at the school has been paved over and Ben has been trying to have this situation corrected. Scott will contact the School Superintendent, Pete Lazaroff, regarding the problem.

Received a letter from the Department of Treasury that they have not received the audit of the Lawrence Memorial Library. Clerk has contacted the auditors and they are responding to the letter.

The Council President appointed Denise Strong as the Freedom of Information Act Coordinator.

The Council President appointed Chuck Kirkham as the Legislative Coordinator.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Denise Strong
Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax
May 6, 1997
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: B. Wyant, D. Strong, C. Rolfe, J. Rodwan, B. Holtz.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to approve the April 15, 1997 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to approve April 30, 1997 Fund Balance report with the following balances: General Fund \$141,428.63, Major Streets \$ 58,597.52, Local Streets \$ 17,538.70; Water Fund \$68,807.93; Perpetual Care \$ 13,164.31. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

GUESTS: Crystal Rolfe & John Rodwan presented a plan to plant prairie wildflowers and grasses around the "Welcome to Climax" signs and at specific places along the bikepath. Council consented to allow them to plant the wildflowers & grasses at the Cemetery sign.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works - The second weed whipper has been purchased. Have completed cleaning streets. Attended a two day water seminar for water certification points. Paul Duncan, Layne, is correcting some problems that we are having with the new water chlorination system. The school has offered at no charge 2 5'x8' round concrete tile to the Village if they would like to put in the park. Ben will contact Kalamazoo County Road Commission for guardrails at the end of North Church Street. KAWAIN meeting is scheduled for May 14, 1997.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Allen to continue to mow the Township Hall lawn located at 119 W. Maple Street. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Finance - Will hold an employee meeting on May 14, 1997.

Cemetery - No report.

Public Safety - Gave the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department a copy of the Village of Climax Ordinance Book.

Streets - Contacting the Grand Trunk Western Railroad to finish the extension of the bike path on the Northside of West Maple Street.

Ordinance - Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to allow

the change of use for the building located at 101 N. Main Street to Commercial/Residential from the request by Jim Cummings. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Water - Motion by Torrance, supported by Cole to accept the proposal submitted by Kipp Disposal for \$630.00/dump for each truck to be scheduled for June 14, 1997. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Still trying to contact Jerry VanderRoest regarding their sewer project.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to accept the application for Pawnbrokers, Second Hand Dealers and Junk dealers as presented by the Village Attorney. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to charge an application fee of \$50.00 and inspection fee of \$150.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; Allen, Cole, Stevenson, Thompson, Torrance. Nays; N. Strong. Abstain: Kirkham. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Cole to allow payroll for Chuck Kirkham for four (4) meeting by May 14, 1997. Roll call vote: Ayes; Allen, Cole, Stevenson, Strong, Thompson, Torrance. Abstain: Kirkham. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Denise Strong
Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax
May 20, 1997
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: B. Wyant, D. Strong, S. Johnson, M. Adams, T. Swiat, Jr.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the May 6, 1997 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to approve the May 1997 bill package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

GUESTS: Tom Swiat, Jr. presented to the Council the proposed routing of the U.S. 131 by-pass to the west of Schoolcraft and asked for the Councils support in the form of a resolution requesting the Michigan Department of Transportation to consider other possible routes.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve Climax Village Resolution 97-2 in support of the request made by Tom Swiat, Jr. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Mike Adams presented to the Council a proposed improvement to his property and asked the Council for a variance. After reviewing the site plan and checking the Village Code Book, it was determined that Mr. Adams did not need a variance.

Steve Johnson, Assistant Chief Climax Township Fire Department, presented the second quarter report. The Department has been training with area fire departments using practice burns on a vacant house & the jaws of life in vehicle extraction. Work is continuing on the donated tanker. Greg Harrison will donate his time to paint the tanker and the paint supplier will provide the paint at half cost.

COMMUNICATIONS: Prairie Edge Garden Club requested permission to plant Gold Drop Potentilla bushes in front of the Library. Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to allow the Prairie Edge Garden Club to plant the proposed bushes in front of the Library. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works - Replaced a section of fence at the end of North Church Street. A property owner had requested that a guardrail not be placed there. Hauled old pieces of concrete away from the wellfield. Village of Climax has approximately 22 tires to dispose of. Flushed hydrants on May 16, 1997. Attended a wellhead protection seminar in Marshall on May 20, 1997. Received from Schoolcraft Village a copy of some their OSHA and

Safety regulations.

Finance - Attended a wellhead protection meeting sponsored by KAWAIN. Discussed the use of Village Employee's personal vehicles in Village business.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen that personal vehicles will not be used for Village business within the Village, the only exceptions allowed will be, with prior Council approval, to attend outside Village meetings/training. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Cemetery - Have calls into area Foundations to see if there are any grant funds available for playground equipment.

Public Safety - Have requested Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department 8 hours of patrol on Memorial Day starting with the parade. Received patrol reports for the last half of April and first week of May.

Streets - Contacted Grand Trunk Western Railroad, the proposed completion of the bike path on the Northside of West Maple Street will be the end of June.

Ordinance - Will be receiving one more bid for a Land Use Plan & Zoning Map.

Water - Motion by Torrance, supported by Allen to set the Climax Village wide yard sale to be held on June 28, 1997. Ayes; All. Motion carried. Contacted Jerry Vander Roest of Charleston Twp. regarding their sewer project, there are no grants available for a sewer system.

Discussed the demolition of 128 S. Church Street and the matters that led to this action. The Council is dismayed at the lack of timeliness in the resulting court actions and the refusal of County departments and agencies to assist in this matter.

Motion by Allen, supported by N. Strong to accept the bid from Seybert's Excavating of \$10,500.00 to demolish and remove the remains of property located at 128 S. Church Street. Roll call vote: Ayes; Allen, Cole, Stevenson, N. Strong, Torrance, Kirkham. Nays; Thompson. Motion carried.

A workorder will be issued to Ben to remove a tree that is uprooting a tombstone, that was requested by Vern Eyre.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Cole to reject both bids for the Dodge pickup truck and to re-advertise for new bids. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to pursue further study of combined Township/Village Halls/Masonic Temple/Community Building. Roll call: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Denise Strong
Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax
June 3, 1997
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: B. Wyant, D. Strong, B. Holtz.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the May 20, 1997 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to approve the May 31, 1997 Fund balance report with the following balances: General Fund; 144094.42; Major Street \$60,589.57; Local Streets \$18,018.34; Water Fund \$69,478.66; Perpetual Care \$13,218.70. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

GUESTS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works - Recommend that the Lawrence Memorial Library's flat roof be replaced with a shingled roof. Have contacted one contractor for an estimate. Council would like Ben to contact a couple of roofing companies for additional estimates. A mower bracket on the Kubota tractor has broke and would like to haul it to Bob Johnson's for repair. Inquired about a small truck for Village use. Chuck Kirkham will look into the purchase of a truck for the Village. The gate valve that was covered by asphalt at the school has not be taken care of. Scott Torrance will contact Pete Lazaroff to resolve this issue.

Finance - Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to approve the revised Personnel Policy to include the language regarding the use of personal vehicles for Village business. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Employee Relations Committee will be meeting with Ben on June 11, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.

Cemetery - Will be looking into an area in the park for new playground equipment and reviewing playground equipment books for suggestions.

Public Safety - The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department was in attendance for the Memorial Day activities. Received a citizen's complaint regarding speeding that was forwarded to the KCRC. A violation notice was sent to the property owner of 240 N. Main Street for weeds and visible junk.

Streets - Recommend to replace 2 curbs at the Church and Maple St. intersection to allow for a flush access to sidewalks for bike and pedestrian traffic. Need to place an ad in the paper for sidewalk replacement bids.

Ordinance - Will review the Village for ordinance violations.

Water - No report.

The demolition of 128 S. Church Street is scheduled for June 4, 1997 and all matters have been taken care of except for Consumers Energy. Unclear if the property has natural gas. Meeting recessed at 8:11 p.m. to look into the issue.

Meeting call back to order at 8:25 p.m.

President Kirkham placed a call into Consumers Energy to request that they check their records for gas to 128 S. Church Street and that they be at the property June 4, 1997 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Cole to allow Don Stevenson to purchase a generator from Sam's Club for \$317.17 for the Village.

Roll call vote: Ayes; Cole, Stevenson, Strong, Thompson, Torrance, Kirkham. Nays; Allen. Motion carried.

Discussed a tree that is located on W. Maple Street that needs to be trimmed. Council would like to wait until the trees finish leaving out to determine additional trimming needs.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Denise Strong

Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax
June 17, 1997
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance. Others present: D. Strong, B. Holtz.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by N. Strong to approve the June 3, 1997 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Cole to approve the June 1997 Bill package as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

GUESTS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: Received a copy of a letter from the Village Attorney written to Mr. McNutt regarding the personal belongings that are being stored at Terry Seyberts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works - Talked with Superior Sweepster regarding sweeping the streets with curbs, their charge is \$95.00/hr with a minimum charge of \$285.00. Would like to have Councils approval to have the streets swept by the July 4th holiday. Met with Ray Pierce about replacing the Library's flat roof with a shingle roof, he will be placing a bid on the project. The copper line to a Village curb box was damaged when a property owner on Thistle Street connected to the water system. The Ben will have to replace it and bill the homeowner for the time and materials by the Village employees. Have not been able to contact the business owner about the disposal of the used tires.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by N. Strong to hire an outside company at Ben Holtz's discretion to sweep streets for \$300.00 or less. Roll call vote: Ayes; Cole, Stevenson, Strong, Kirkham. Nays; Allen, Thompson, Torrance. Motion carried.

Workorders - The gate valve that was covered at the Climax/Scotts High School has been taken care of and a bill will be issued to the school for a new riser. Have not heard from Mr. Eyre regarding the tree at the Cemetery.

Mr. Kirkham has contacted 3 auto dealerships and has heard back from one, they have one truck that fits our specifications for the cost of \$7,000.00. Will go later this week to look at the truck.

Clerk reported to the Council regarding the conversation she had with the insurance agent about the dead-end streets within the Village limits. Will contact Risk Control and have them review

the Village streets and they will recommend what can be done.

Finance - Discussed with Ben at the employee relations committee the repairs that are needed to be done to the Dodge truck. Would like to go ahead and have necessary repairs to brakes and steering completed.

Cemetery - No report.

Public Safety - Received a call from Mr. Davis apologizing for tall weeds at lumber yard. He would still like to open his business in July.


Streets - Contacted Dan Longman and Ray Pierce regarding bids for the curb and sidewalks.

Ordinance - Gave a list of ordinance violations as of June 4, 1997 to the Clerk.

Water - The trash pick up went well this year.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Torrance to set the millage rate for 1997 at 9 mils operating and 2 mils hydrant. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.



Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax
July 1, 1997
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Members present: C. Allen, C. Cole, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Torrance. Members absent: S. Thompson. Others present: D. Strong, B. Wyant, B. Holtz, D. Smith & D. Werner.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to approve the June 30, 1997 minutes as printed. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Torrance, supported by Allen to approve the June 30, 1997 Fund Balance report with the following balances: General Fund; \$ 126,210.20, Major Streets; \$ 62,529.24, Local Streets \$ 18,598.74, Water; \$72,434.90, Perpetual care; \$ 13,275.77. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

GUESTS: Citizens inquired about the property located at 128 S. Church Street.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works - Dumping charge of concrete at Michigan Aggregates is \$2.00/ton. Received an estimate from the Tree Man regarding cutting down 4 trees within the Village for an estimate of \$595.00. Street signs on the corners of Main and Maple Street have been stolen and new ones have been ordered, also ordered signs for Sunflower and Snapdragon. The black dodge pickup truck is at Gibson Truck repair. The workorder regarding the trees at the cemetery has been completed. Have repaired the copper water line between water main and curb box on Thistle St. An invoice for the material and labor has been sent. Superior Sweeping cleaned the streets with curbs on July 1, 1997.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to allow up to \$600.00 for the Tree Man to cut down 5 trees within the Village limits. Roll call vote: Ayes; Cole, Stevenson, Strong, Torrance, Kirkham. Nays; Allen. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Strong, supported by Stevenson to have Clerk publish a list of the items that are for sale by the Village. Ben will be responsible to set a date and time for viewing the items. Bids will be accepted until August 4, 1997 @ 4:00 p.m. Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Finance - Reminded Ben Holtz that all overtime is to be reported to the Village Council.

Cemetery - Will be receiving applications from area Foundations regarding funding for playground equipment for the park.

Public Safety - Received patrol reports from May 21, 1997 to June 28, 1997. Reported the stolen street signs to the Sheriff's Department. Continuing to work with the owner of 240 N. Main regarding the junk violation.

Streets - No report.

Ordinance - No report.

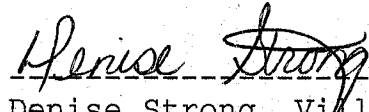
Water - No report.

The President was contacted by 2 area auto dealers regarding a small trucks. Have not found one that fits the Village criteria. Will be checking with other auto dealers regarding trucks.

An appointment was set by the Clerk for July 9, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. with the Michigan Par Plan to review the Village deadend streets and make recommendations for safety precautions.

Motion by Allen, supported by Stevenson to accept the bid from Superior Construction for sidewalk repairs, if the proper liability coverage sheet is presented before work is started. Roll call vote: Ayes; All. Motion carried.

Motion by Stevenson, supported by Allen to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.



Denise Strong, Village Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
July 15, 1997

Present: C. Allen, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson, S. Torrance,
C. Kirkham
Absent: C. Cole
Also Present: B. Holtz, B. Wyant

(Stevenson/Torrance) Motion to approved the minutes of July 1, 1997. All in favor.

(Torrance/Stevenson) Motion to approve bill package as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Guests: none

Communications: none

Public Works:

Rita Evans of Michigan Par Plan recommendations on dead end streets also reviewed all streets in the Village.

Dead trees removed on July 9th. Some stumps were removed with back hoe and will get estimates on removal of other stumps.

Working on chlorination system. Water pumps shutting down due to heat.

Cost to repair '82 Dodge were 970.00. An offer of 750.00 from Gibson Truck Repair to buy truck "as is". (Stevenson/N. Strong) Accept bid from Bill Gibson to purchase '82 Dodge for \$750.00. Roll Call vote: all ayes.

Discussed backup power source. Ben will contact company to have the system control reviewed and make recommendation to Council.

Finance: Budget line #54 (Ordinance enforcement) is over budget.

Public safety: Patrol hours for month of July were 17.5 hours. Grass was not mowed at 240 N. Main. Will follow through with letter regarding junk and grass. Will have a police report for stolen property soon.

Streets: Next week to review N. Main RR crossing. Grand Trunk to look at crosswalk mid-August.

Ordinance: Ordinance violations were reviewed.

Old Business: Discussed the visual effects of the property located at 128 S. Church Street. (Allen/Stevenson) Motion to finish cleaning property at 128 S. Church St. at no charge to property owner. Ayes - all.

New Business: (Allen/Stevenson) To allow Clerk a wide carriage printer up to \$500.00.
Roll call vote: Ayes - Allen, Stevenson, Thompson, Torrance, Kirkham. Nays - N. Strong

(N. Strong/Allen) To pay Crystal Cole for this meeting as she is attending the Grant writing class.

(Stevenson/Torrance) Motion to adjourn meeting. 8:45

Denise Strong - Village Clerk

(note: Faxed to Crescent on Tuesday, August 12 at 2:00.)

Village of Climax
Minutes
August 5, 1997

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, D. Stevenson, N. Strong, S. Thompson,
S. Torrance, C. Kirkham
Absent: D. Strong, N. Strong
Also Present: B. Holtz, B. Wyant

Minutes of the July 15th meeting were read to the Council.
(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to approved the minutes of July 15, 1997.
All in favor.

Guests: Larry Grauman approached the Council regarding a sulfur
smell in his water.

Resignation of the Clerk, Denise Strong, was read and accepted by
President Kirkham. President Kirkham appointed Council Member
Scott Torrance as Village Clerk and assume the responsibilities of
Clerk immediately, until the end of the Clerk's term. At this
time, Scott Torrance resigned as Council member and accepted the
appointment. Letters of resignation are on file. A vacancy now
exists on the Council with the resignation of Scott Torrance.

(Allen/Stevenson) Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as
presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Communications: Bids for miscellaneous Village items were opened
and reviewed. (Stevenson/Thompson) Motion to accept all high bids
except the bid for the copier. Roll call vote: Ayes - all.

Remainder of items will be listed again in the Crescent and bids
will be accepted until 4:00 on Monday, September 1, 1997.

Public Works: Holtz

Discussed surge protection and time delay on the water pump
controls. This will give added protection and reduce the number of
times the pump control have to be manually re-set. Estimated cost
at \$975.00.

Discussed the control of excessive heat in the pump houses and the
modifications needed in the chlorination system.

A leaf pickup system was looked at for fall leaf pickup. The cost
is \$7200.00.

Library roof repair. Work should begin as soon as possible. Cole
will contact Library board to discuss repairs.

Parks: Cole

Reported on the grant writing meeting that she attended.

Public safety: Stevenson

Streets: Allen No report.

Ordinance: Ordinance violations were reviewed.

Water: Torrance No report.

Old Business: Discussed the joint building project between Fire/Township/Village.

New Business: (Kirkham/Stevenson) Resolution 97-5. To authorize the change of existing signatures currently on file with the bank to include the signature of Scott Torrance. Council vote: Ayes - all.

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to adjourn meeting. 8:45

(note: Faxed to Crescent on Wednesday, August 13 at 7:45 am.)

Scott A. Torrance
Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
August 19, 1997

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, D. Stevenson, S. Thompson, C. Kirkham

Absent: N. Strong

Also Present: B. Holtz, B. Wyant

(Stevenson/Thompson) Motion to approved the minutes of August 5, 1997 with the following correction. N. Strong was absent from meeting, not present as indicated. All in favor.

(Stevenson/Cole) Motion to approve bill package as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Guests: Ingrid Purk, Ralph Weessies representing the library board. Repairs to the library roof was discussed. The current contractor backed out due to a conflict of interest and now a new contractor has been contacted. Clerk was directed to place a request for bid in the Crescent with a deadline of Monday, September 1st.

Communications: An unsigned and scurrilous note was received from an individual and no further action taken. If this individual would like a copy of the ordinances involved, the Clerk can be contacted. However, a simple reading of the ordinance would disclose that the Village does not sight the issue. The individual should refer to his/her plat agreement which supersedes general Village Ordinances.

Public Works: Discussion on the purchase of a used truck to replace the sold pickup.

Leaf Vacuum equipment reviewed and distributor will be contacted for a demonstration at the next Village Council meeting.

The current contractor backed out of the sidewalk bid.

(Allen/Stevenson) Motion to accept the bid by Dan Longman to replace sidewalk and adjust various curbs at \$24.00 per section less the cost of concrete. The project to start within a week. Roll call vote: Ayes - all.

Discussed the addition of an un-interruptible power supply to the existing telemetering equipment to insure maximum protection against power fluctuations. This devise would help protect the system from surges during power outages and lightening strikes.

(Stevenson/Thompson) Motion to accept the bid from H.V. Burton to provide surge protection per quote at a cost of \$975.00. Roll call vote: Ayes - all.

Reviewed the proposal from Peerless regarding the modification of the chlorination system. Holtz will contact the representative to address the Council regarding the modifications.

Public safety: Patrol hours for month of July were 36.5 hours and 17.25 hours in August. Patrol reports presented to the Council.

Streets: Still no response or action done on the railroad crossings and extension of the bike path over the crossing on Maple street. The Clerk was directed to write a letter to GT regarding the delay on these matters.

Ordinance: Ordinance violations sighted and letters will be sent out. President Kirkham received a complaint from a resident regarding weeds and trash/garbage at 140 Sheldon.

(Stevenson/Torrance) Motion to adjourn meeting. 9:00

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

(note: Faxed to Crescent on Tuesday, August 19 at 11:40.)

Village of Climax
Minutes
September 2, 1997

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, D. Stevenson, C. Kirkham
Absent: N. Strong, S. Thompson, 1 Vacant seat on Council
Also Present: B. Holtz, B. Wyant

Meeting could not be opened due to lack of quorum.

Guests: Tom Stapert: Offering his services to pick up leaves this fall at a estimated cost of 80.00 per hour.

Gordon Richcreek: Demonstrating leaf vacuum equipment designed for small municipalities. The cost of his Demo equipment is 6500.00 with a 16 horse engine.

Ingrid Purk, Kathy Ebinger, Billie King: representing the library board. Discussed the library roof and designs to correct the leakage. The library board would like to keep the face of the building unchanged due the historical value. Need to ammend the application to create the Library as a historical site to include the R.F.D. monument. Action tabled until next meeting.

Maintenance needed to the window trim and doors of the Library. Clerk directed to make a work order to have this completed.

Concern raised regarding grass growing between sidewalks. Clerk also direct to make a work order to have the grass removed.

Katherine Guidarini: Interested in filling the vacancy on the council and would like the opportunity to serve.

Steve Gray: Interested in filling the vacancy on the council and would like the opportunity to serve.

President Kirkham read and accepted the resignation of Nathan Strong from the Council. The Council is sorry to see him leave and his effort and service will be missed. He was a major contributor and devoted a lot of his time to the Village.

President Kirkham appointed Steve Gray and Katherine Guidarini to fill the two Trustee vacancies on the Council due to the resignations of Scott Torrance and Nathan Strong. Scott Torrance was earilier appointed to fill the position of Clerk due to the resignation of Denise Strong. The effort of Denise Strong is also greatly appreciated.

The meeting was closed at 8:20 p.m.

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
September 16, 1997

Prior to opening of meeting, appointed Council members Steve Gray and Katherine Guidarini were sworn in.

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, S. Gray, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson, S. Thompson, C. Kirkham

Absent: none

Also Present: B. Holtz, Mike Adams, Billie King.

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to approve the minutes of August 19th and September 2nd.
Approved - all

(Allen/Stevenson) Motion to approve the August 31st, 1997 Treasurer's Report.
Roll Call: Ayes - all.

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to approve the September 1997 Bill Package. Roll Call:
Ayes - all.

Guests:

Mike Adams attended meeting to answer any questions regarding the his pole barn construction. Again, after reviewing his site plan it was determined that he needed no variance as the proposed building falls within the parameters of the ordinances.

Library roof: The remaining construction bidder backed out of the Library roof bid as the solution is too complex and costly. More bids are being solicited. Clerk directed to place adds in Kalamazoo Gazette and Battle Creek Enquirer.

Communications: Sealed bids for various village equipment were opened.

(Stevenson/Thompson) Motion to accept the bids presented. Roll call: Ayes - all. Allen - abstained.

Public Works: Holtz will set up a meeting with the Peerless Representative to help explain the chlorination system.

August 28th, sidewalks were repaired on Church Street. On September 16th addition sidewalks were torn out and new ones were ready to be poured.

Pittsburgh Tank Company will be inspecting the water tower and will report on the conditions of the tank.

Mike and Ben will attend a water information meeting on October 10 in Kalamazoo.

(Allen/Cole) Motion to accept bid by Dan Longman to repair the curbs on Church & Lovell streets. Roll Call: Ayes - all.

(Stevenson/Thompson) Motion to purchase Leaf Vacuum Demo model at the cost of \$6500.00 from Richcreek Muffler. Roll Call: Ayes - Cole, Gray, Guidarini, Stevenson, Thompson, Kirkham. Nays - Allen.

Public Safety: Students loitering in cemetery. Sheriff's Department alerted to the problem. Cite property at 240 N. Main for uncult weeds.

The meeting was closed at 9:05 p.m. (Allen/Stevenson)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
October 7, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kirkham. Present: Allen, Gray, Guidarini, Stevenson, Thompson, Kirkham Absent: Torrance, Cole. Also Present: Holtz, George and Kathy Ebinger, Billie King, Monique Bruinsma, Emily O'Donnell.

(Stevenson, Allen) Motion to approve minutes from September 16, 1997 meeting. Carried.

(Allen, Stevenson) Motion to approve the September 30, 1997 Treasurer's report. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present. Carried.

Visitors: Monique Bruinsma and Emily O'Donnell ask the council's permission to conduct a homecoming parade on Main Street. (Allen, Stevenson) Motion to allow C.S. Jr./Sr. High School to use Main St. on Thursday, October 16th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of a parade. Carried. Stevenson will arrange police escort during the parade.

Communications: Billie King presented a bid from Sheriff Goslin Roofing for repairs to the library. (Stevenson, Thompson) Motion to accept the bid from Sheriff Goslin in the amount of \$3,780 for the repair of the roof over the south section of the library. Roll call: Ayes - all present. Carried. George and Kathy Ebinger thanked the Council for keeping the structural integrity of the building in tack.

Public Works: Holtz reported he was checking records on cathodic protection with Harco, and that he was beginning preliminary investigations into the painting of the tank next year. Holtz will look at trees that might need trimming.

Finance: Guidarini asked the council to begin thinking of budget items for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

Parks/Library: (Allen, Stevenson) Motion to accept bid of Larry Grauman for \$175 to scrape, prime and paint the north end of the Library. Roll call: Ayes - all present. Carried.

Law Enforcement: Stevenson reported the towing of a vehicle parked in the cemetery.

Streets: (Allen, Stevenson) Motion to use left over sidewalk money to begin extending the sidewalk down the east side of South Church St., and the south side of Hancock to Main Street pending lawyer approval and letters being sent to adjoining property owners. Roll call: Ayes - all present. Carried. Allen also reported that Lakeland was preparing to pave Columbine and part of Thistle.

Ordinance: Ordinance violations will be given to clerk.

Water: Gray will meet with Ben to discuss operation of water system.

New Business: Kirkham shared with the council some concerns by citizens about the inspection process in the village. Thompson will call.

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to adjourn at 8:56 PM. Carried.

Brad Wyant - Deputy Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
October 21, 1997

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson, S. Thompson, C. Kirkham

Absent: S. Gray

Also Present: B. Holtz, B. Wyant, Jeffery Hoshaw, Brad Schotanus, Robert Hibbard, John Simmons.

Stevenson/Allen) Motion to approve the minutes of October 7th. Approved
- all

(Stevenson/Cole) Motion to approve the October 1997 Bill Package and to include an invoice from Todd Perkins for truck tire repair. Roll Call: Ayes - all.

Guests:

John Simmons/Bob Hibbard: Spoke regarding the Eldred Drain expenses which are to be paid by the Village and Township. The Village at large will be assessed 10,100.12 - spread over 1 to 3 years.

Jeffery Hoshaw and Brad Schotanus, representing Peerless Midwest, discussed the proposed changes in improving the chlorination process of the water system.

Communications: A new contract was received from Kalamazoo County's Household Hazardous Waste Center. The contract needs to be approved and returned by November 22nd. Disposal costs for the organization has dropped by 25% and this will help reduce costs to the participating communities.

A letter was received from the Regional Sewer and Water Commission requesting our participation/membership in the commission. The purpose of the commission is to create a strong regional approach to sewer and water issues within Kalamazoo County and to build a long-lasting foundation for intergovernmental cooperation.

Public Works: Various trees were looked at for removal and trimming. Holtz reported that Tree Man company will complete the work for \$775.00.

Holtz has been in contact with Pittsburgh Tank regarding painting of the tank. We need to determine if the previous paint contained lead.

(Stevenson/Cole) Motion to accept a bid by Peerless Midwest to upgrade the water chlorination system in the amount of 879.00 (approximately). Roll call vote: ayes, all present.

Law Enforcement: There was no Deputy available to work or lead the Homecoming Parade and patrol the game. Stevenson requested a Sheriff Deputy immediately following the date notification of the Homecoming activity.

The Sheriff's Department had a total of 39 hours of patrol in the Village for the month of September.

The Crescent published a letter written by Stevenson regarding the juvenile activity problem in the cemetery. Through cooperative efforts by the School, Village, Sheriff Department and parents it is hoped that the problem will be corrected.

Weeds and machinery are still on the premises at 240 N. Main. The Clerk still has not sent a certified letter to the owner to have the violation corrected.

Discussed a proposed raise of Sheriff Deputy wages from \$21.25 to \$22.25 effective 11/1/97. (Stevenson/Allen) Motion to increase Sheriff Deputy wages to \$22.25 effective November 1, 1997. Roll call vote: Ayes - Guidarini, Cole Stevenson, Allen, Thompson. Nays - Kirkham. Motion Carried.

Streets: A street light out at NE corner of Main/Maple was reported to Consumers. Order number 65008334.

Ordinance: (Thompson/Cole) Motion to have Tree Man Co. remove 3 trees and trim 1 tree for \$775.00. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

Old Business: 1) The well field can be used to compost leaves. 2) It is all right to run leaf trailer on road without a license.

New Business: Proof of citizenship is required and must be submitted along with the nominating petition to the Clerk.

The meeting was closed at 9:25 p.m. (Stevenson/Guidarini)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
November 4, 1997

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, S. Gray, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson, S. Thompson.

Absent: C. Kirkham

Also Present: B. Holtz, B. Wyant, Ralph Weessies.

(Allen/Cole) Motion to approve the minutes of October 21. Approved - all present.

(Allen/Thompson) Motion to approve the October 1997 Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Ayes - all.

Guests: Ralph Weessies, representing the Library Board, asking for the Village Council to support the formation of a Library Committee to study/explore the possibilities of a District Library.

(Allen/Cole) Motion to support the Library Board to create a committee that will study and explore the formation of a District Library. Approved - all present.

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Columbine/Thistle streets have been re-surfaced - construction expenses applied toward local streets.
- 2) "Village of Climax signs have been made for leaf vacuum and truck.
- 3) Harco Company will be performing maintenance on the water tower.
- 4) H.V. Burton company has installed the time delay switch on the telephone system.

Cemetery: Cole will be requesting quotes on fencing around the cemetery.

Law Enforcement: Patrol hours for October were 28.25 hours. A Sheriff Deputy was in the village on Halloween. No visible damage was seen or reported within the village.

Property at 240 N. Main has been 60% cleaned up. (Allen/Thompson) Motion to allow 2 more weeks for further clean up. All in favor - Motion carried.

Ordinance: List of violations were reported and will be given to the clerk to have letters sent.

Water: Peerless Midwest company's inspection of #3 well pump recommends an overhaul of the motor at a cost of \$1164.00 (Gray/Allen) Motion to have Peerless Midwest repair the #3 pump at the quoted price of \$1164.00. Roll call vote: All ayes - Carried.

Gray will investigate administrative billing procedures for the Household Hazardous Waste program and report back to council.

Old Business: Discussed the Eldred Drain issue. (Allen/Thompson) Motion to retain Attorney Soltis to represent the Village in litigation to fight the current assessment of the Eldred Drain. All in favor - carried.

The meeting was closed at 8:47 p.m. (Allen/Cole)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
November 18, 1997

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, S. Gray, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson, S. Thompson,
C. Kirkham

Absent: None

Also Present: B. Wyant, John Simmons, Steve Johnson. Holtz - absent.

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to approve the minutes of the November 4th meeting. All in favor.

(Stevenson/Cole) Motion to approve the November 1997 Bill Package. Roll call vote: ayes - all present.

Guests: John Simmons, Township Supervisor, attended the meeting to discuss and answer any questions regarding the Eldred Drain Assessment. The Village, as a whole, is being charged \$10100.12 to help the County Drain Commission in the recovery of Legal Fees incurred when the original assessment was challenged many years ago by a few Township residents. The Climax Township is also being charged a portion of the entire assessment. Village residents will see an Eldred Drain charge on their upcoming Township winter taxes. The Village has a choice of 1) Placing its portion of the assessment on Village Resident's Summer taxes or 2) Pay the entire portion from the General Fund or 3) Pay the charge over a 3 year period without interest.

Stevenson wrote a letter to the Drain Commissioner stating that the Village residents should not be assessed any part of the Drain expenses as the Village will receive no future benefit from the drain. The Village of Climax was originally included in the drain district because the engineering company, Wilkins & Wheaton, designed the drain to be deep enough to handle the flow IF the Village ever decided to install a storm drain system.

The Village has no intention to install a storm drain system and is not benefited in the least as the drain is located at a higher elevation than the Village. Stevenson's letter was dated November 11th and we are waiting for a response from the Drain Commissioner.

(Stevenson/Thompson) Motion to table the discussion on the Eldred Drain assessment.

Steve Johnson representing the Climax Fire Department reported on the Fire Department's budget and runs. For the Department's fiscal year, 100 calls were made in the surrounding areas. 39 out of the 100 calls were made within the Village - 39%. The breakdown of the 100 calls: 16 fires, 55 rescues, 15 hazardous conditions, 6 service calls, 7 false calls.

Mr. Johnson expressed to the Council the Department's concern regarding the past homecoming parade. He noted it was not organized well and lacked the proper safety standards making it potentially dangerous. He advised the Council that more advanced notice and planning needs to be done.

Communications: A letter was received from the department of Commerce regarding changes in auditing procedures. Wyant will forward the letter to the Village auditors.

Public Works: Holtz was absent, but provided information on the various projects. The Harco company inspected the water tower's anode system. A couple of anodes broke and they will be sending a quote to repair them.

Finance: Guidarini will be reviewing necessary appropriations.

Parks/Cemetery: A fence company will be out to quote fencing needs for the cemetery. Stevenson met with the School Superintendent and had a very good meeting and discussed various ideas to correct the problem of student loitering and trespassing in the cemetery.

Public safety: Stevenson reported on a complaint of young people loitering at the west end of Thistle street. The Sheriff's Dept. has been notified and will patrol the area.

Streets: Consumers energy notified of street light out at Snapdragon & Maple streets. #65057151

Water/recycling: (Gray/Allen) Motion to renew the Household Hazardous Waste contract with the County for hazardous waste disposal in the amount of \$500.00. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

Fluoridation of the Village water system was previously discussed. The water committee has placed a hold on further action due to questions on the pros and cons of fluoridation. There would be a \$2500.00 set up charge to install fluoridation equipment plus the cost of chemicals.

The water committee advised against joining the County's water commission at this time.

Water rates were discussed. A study needs to be made of the financial condition of the water system.

Old Business: Resumed discussion of the Eldred Drain Assessment. Taking up a court battle to fight the assessment would be cost prohibitive. The financial resources of the County are greater than the Village's resources. Due to conflict of interest, the Village Attorney would not be able to represent us.

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to repeal the motion made during 11/4/97 meeting. That motion stated that the Village would pursue legal action against the assessment charge. Roll call vote: Ayes: Allen, Cole, Gray, Guidarini, Stevenson, Thompson. Nays: Kirkham

(Stevenson/Cole) Motion, pending the response from the Drain Commissioner, to pay the Eldred Drain Assessment from the General Fund and spread the payment over a 3 year period at no interest charge. By paying from the General Fund, no Village resident will be charged for the assessment on their Village Taxes (summer taxes). Roll call vote: Ayes: Allen, Cole, Gray, Guidarini, Stevenson, Thompson. Nays: Kirkham

New Business: none

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to adjourn meeting. 9:10

(note: emailed to The Crescent on Wednesday, Nov. 19th at 11:25 am.)

Village of Climax
Minutes
December 2, 1997

Present: C. Allen, , S. Gray, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson, C. Kirkham.
Absent: C. Cole, S. Thompson.
Also Present: B. Wyant, Jerry Vander Roest.

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to approve the minutes of November 18th. Approved - all present.

(Allen/Stevenson) Motion to approve the November 1997 Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Ayes - all.

Guests: Jerry Vander Roest visited the Council. He announced to the Council that he will be running for State Representative, 63rd District. Due to term limitations Don Gilmer will be leaving the office.

Communications: Stevenson received a response from the Drain Commissioner, Richard D. Kleiman. Stevenson asked that the Village of Climax be dropped from this assessment as we receive no direct benefit from the drain. In summarizing Kleiman's response, the Village had 10 days to discuss the matter back in 1989 when the actual assessment originated. Any action should have been taken then and therefore it is impossible to drop the Village from the present Assessment.

Finance: Guidarini is preparing the budget for 1998-99 and is requesting Budget items from the council members.

Public Safety: Stevenson sent a letter to Dr. Geoffrey Balkam, Climax-Scotts School Superintendent, regarding the Fencing and Homecoming Parade issues. The Council needs to be informed of the parade at least 2 weeks before the event. Also the Village would be interested in the 6 foot fencing to place on the south border of the Cemetery.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was closed at 7:55 p.m. (Allen/Stevenson)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
December 16, 1997

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, S. Gray, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson,
S. Thompson, C. Kirkham.

Absent: None

Also Present: None

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to approve the minutes of December 2nd. Approved - all present.

(Stevenson/Cole) Motion to approve the December 1997 Bill Package. Roll Call: Ayes - all.

Guests: None

Communications: None

Finance: Discussed various issues affecting the 1998/99 Budget.

Library: Cole will be meeting with Library Board to discuss the District Library issue.

Public Safety: 31.75 hours of Sheriff Patrol. Stevenson attended a planning seminar with various government officials throughout the area.

Ordinance: Ordinance violations will be reviewed

Water: (Gray/Allen) Motion to contract Harco Co. to inspect the anode system of the water tower in 1998 at a cost of \$560.00. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Further discussion on the painting of the water tower will be tabled until more bids are received.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was closed at 8:40 p.m. (Stevenson/Allen)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
January 6, 1998

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, S. Gray, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson,
S. Thompson.

Absent: C. Kirkham

Also Present: Wyant, Holtz

(Allen/Cole) Motion to approve the minutes of December 16th with the following exception: Charles Kirkham voted no on the December 1997 Bill Package. The minutes of December 16th had indicated that he voted in favor of the Bill Package. Approved - all present.

(Allen/Guidarini) Motion to approve the December 1997 Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Ayes - all.

Guests: None

Communications: None

Public Works: Holtz reported on the tree trimming schedule. Waiting for better weather to trim. 2 bids are in for the painting of the water tower. Inventory of tools and equipment is up to date with the exception of the Leaf Vac. Clerk to notify insurance company of the recent purchase.

Public Safety: 18.5 hours of Sheriff Patrol. In 1996, there was a total of 224.25 hours of patrol in the Village. In 1997, the total hours of patrol were 393.50 hours. Stevenson wrote a letter to Sheriff Edmonds extending our thanks for the cooperation with the Village.

Water: Discussed the painting of the Water Tower and with two bids in, it was felt to investigate further and obtain another bid.

Old Business: Permit for Fibre Link. (Allen/Guidarini) Motion to give permission to run a cable system within the Village limits. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business: None

The meeting was closed at 8:30 p.m. (Allen/Thompson)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
January 20, 1998

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson, S. Thompson,
C. Kirkham.

Absent: S. Gray

Also Present: B. Wyant

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to approve the minutes of January 6th with the following clarification regarding the Fibre Link cable system. The Fibre link cable is to be run within the Village limits for the School System. CTS Corporation is not involve with this system. Approved - all present.

(Stevenson/Cole) Motion to approve the January 1998 Bill Package. Roll Call: Ayes - all.

Guests: None

Communications: We received an up to date listing of refuse Haulers licensed within Kalamazoo County.

Public Works: Gathering bids for new truck and plowing accessories.
Work orders: 1) Clear limbs that have fallen in the cemetery, 2) Order and install Hazard Indicators on Church Street, 3) Modify to grade, the drain in park to avoid personal injury.

Finance: Guidarini presented her committee report. Discussed 1998-99 budget items and employee relations topics

(Stevenson/Cole) Motion to install hazard indicator signs at the end of north Church Street. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

Ordinance: Discussed need for land use plan. Opinion of village attorney to form our own rather than using the Township's plan.

Water: (Allen/Guidarini) Motion to authorize Don Stevenson to attend the S.W. Michigan Watershed Mgmt Short Course March 5 - 28, 1998 at a cost of \$75.00.

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to accept the bid from Majestic Tank Service (MTS), at the quoted price of \$19,880.00, to paint the Water Tower according to specifications written within bid. The acceptance of the bid exceeds the time limit given and therefore the acceptance of the bid is contingent on the quoted cost. If MTS increases the quoted amount the bid will be refused and the Council will discuss the bid at the next council meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: Budget hearing to be scheduled for the first week of March. Notices of hearing will be published in February.

The meeting was closed at 8:55 p.m. (Stevenson/Allen)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
February 2, 1998

Present: S. Gray, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson, S. Thompson, C. Kirkham
Absent: C. Allen, C. Cole
Also Present: Wyant

(Stevenson/Guidarini) Motion to approve the minutes of January 20th. Approved - all present.

(Stevenson/Thompson) Motion to approve the January 1998 Treasurer's Report.
Roll Call: Ayes - all.

Guests: None

Communications: None

Public Works: (Guidarini/Stevenson) Motion to allow Ben to attend upcoming Hazard Communication Program at the cost of \$95.00 plus mileage. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

Finance: Reviewed the Personnel Policy and Procedures manual dated February 1998 as it was presented to the Council. Council members were asked to review the manual for further comments and revisions. Any action on the manual will be held until there was a full Council.

(Kirkham/Stevenson) Motion to table the ratification of the manual until the Council has full attendance. Motion carried.

The Clerk was directed to place the Budget Hearing notice in The Crescent.

Ben Holtz has been instructed to get estimates for a new truck and also to look into used trucks. This truck would replace the existing large truck used for plowing streets.

The preliminary budget to be presented at the February 16th meeting.

Public Safety: On street parking is prohibited between the hours of 2am to 6am.

Old Business: 1. Work orders need to be written up for village employees 2. Street light out on the corner of Lovell and Maple

New Business: 1. South entrance of school. Large amount of water remains in the entrance after a heavy rain. The village and school need to work together to come up with a solution.

The meeting was closed at 8:45 p.m. (Thompson/Stevenson)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
February 17, 1998

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, K. Guidarini, S. Gray, D. Stevenson,
S. Thompson, C. Kirkham.

Absent: None

Also Present: B. Wyant, Steve Johnson

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to approve the minutes of February 3rd with the following date correction: Preliminary budget date is February 17th. Approved - all present.

(Allen/Guidarini) Motion to approve the February 1998 Bill Package. Roll Call: Ayes - all.

Guests: Steve Johnson, representing the Fire Department, presented the preliminary 1998-99 fire budget of \$59,000 and explained the various line items. The amount budgeted remained the same for this year. Mr. Johnson gave a summary report of the calls in the Village. 2 rescues and 1 hazardous condition call - power line down. The Village's portion of the fire budget is 30%. The 59,000 amount does not include the insurance costs.

Communications: None

Public Works: The Public Works Manager's report was read.

Finance: The proposed 1998-99 budget was reviewed. Various corrections were made and the final draft will be prepared and presented to the Council and budget hearing on March 3, 1998. Big ticket items for the 1998-99 budget include: Painting of the water tower \$20,000, New snow plow/utility truck \$65,000, drain cleaning \$5,000, new sidewalk \$10,000. Copy of budget is available from the Clerk prior to budget hearing.

Work order: Ben Holtz to inspect all drains and assess their condition. Indicate which ones are in the most serious condition and propose a plan to clean them and figure out how many can be cleaned within the proposed budget of \$5,000.00.

The drain and flooding at the south entrance of the High School was discussed. Officials from the Village would like to meet with school officials to come up with a solution.

Work order: Have Ben Holtz arrange a meeting with school officials and village officials to discuss the drain at the south entrance of the High School.

Work order: Have Mike Gibson make calls to different villages throughout Michigan to find out how our water system rates compare. Questions will be created and given to Mike.

Work order: Have village employees make a time study of work performed for a two week period.

(Guidarini/Allen) Motion to adopt the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual dated February 1998. Roll Call vote: Ayes - all present. Motion carried.

A survey/questionnaire for village residents was discussed. A survey would like to be mailed to all residents to gather information and suggestions. Council members were asked to come up with questions for the survey.

Discussed fence offered to the Village by the school. Stevenson will contact Dr. Balkem for an update.

Library: Cole discussed her meetings with the Library Board regarding the formation of a District Library.

Public Safety: 23 hours of Sheriff patrol for the month of January.

Stevenson attended a Kalamazoo Area well head information network. Various items were discussed at the meeting regarding the quality of drinking water.

Streets: Discussed the need of a street light at the intersection of W. Maple and Snapdragon. The council feels that a light is not needed and agreed to table the request. However, the Council is open to further discussion.

The Clerk was directed to send a letter to Grand Trunk regarding the condition of the tracks at both the north and west entrances of the village.

A spring trash pickup and yard sale are being scheduled for June. The dates will be announced shortly.

Work order: To have Ben Holtz check with the school to obtain permission to dump the office's paper in their recycle bin.

Old Business: None

New Business: Regional Water and Sewer Commission. Stevenson's recommendation is not to join the committee. Perhaps the need will present itself in the future. Next commission meeting is March 5, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was closed at 9:30 p.m. (Stevenson/Allen)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

Village of Climax
Minutes
March 3, 1998

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, S. Gray, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson,
S. Thompson, C. Kirkham

Absent: None

Also Present: Wyant

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to approve the minutes of February 17th. Approved - all present.

(Stevenson/Guidarini) Motion to approve the February 1998 Treasurer's Report.
Roll Call: Ayes - all.

Guests: None

Communications: None

Public Works Report was read: 1) Pump maintenance was completed on February 20th for the well-pump motors. 2) Attended a OSHA regulations meeting on February 24th. 3) Reviewed catch basins in most serious need of cleaning. Able to clean 34 basins at a cost of \$2500.00. 4) Completed the work on making safe the Tower Drain in the park. 5) Permission obtained from school to use their paper recycle bin.

Discussed the possibility of the school negotiating an agreement with the Village for the use of the leaf Vacuum and operators next fall. The school will make up a proposal and present to the Council.

Discussed the drain project to correct the flooding at the south entrance of the High School. (Allen/Guidarini) Motion to proceed ahead with the project to correct the flooding of the drain at the south entrance of the School. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

The regular meeting was closed at 7:55 p.m.

The Budget Hearing called to order at 8:09.

Discussed the 1998-99 Village Budget. No Village resident attended the hearing. (Stevenson/Cole) Motion to adopt the 1998-99 Village Budget with noted corrections and to have the Clerk make these correction prior to the following meeting.

Total Revenues and Expenditures:	\$395,748.74
Total General Fund Rev & Expend:	\$263,209.17
Total Major Street Rev & Expend:	\$30,500.00
Total Local Street Rev & Expend:	\$11,539.57
Total Water Fund Rev & Expend:	\$90,000.00

Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

Proposed purchase and maintenance items this year include: New snow plow/dumper @ 65,000.00, Painting of the Water Tower @ 20,000.00, Adding new sidewalk on South Church and Hancock streets @ 10,000.00.

(Stevenson/Cole) Motion to close Budget hearing at 8:20 p.m. and opening of Regular meeting @ 8:21 p.m. Ayes - all present.

Public Safety: On street parking is prohibited between the hours of 2am to 6am.
Patrol hours totalled 28.5 hours for the month of February.

Payment of the Sheriff Deputies was discussed. To reduce the delay of the Deputies receiving their checks, the Clerk will pay the deputies at the time the invoice is received. Normally this invoice is held until the second meeting for approval.

Streets: Light at Maple & Lovell out. Consumers has been contacted and P.O. number is: 65179503

Old Business: Letter sent on 2/26/98 to CN Railroad regarding the condition of the railroad crossings. A letter of acknowledgment and project completion was requested from CN.

New Business:

The meeting was closed at 9:06 p.m. (Stevenson/Allen)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk

**Village of Climax
Minutes
March 17, 1998**

Present: C. Allen, C. Cole, S. Gray, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson, S. Thompson, C. Kirkham Absent: B. Wyant. Also Present: John Simmons, Bill Bauman, Ralph Weessies.

(Stevenson/Thompson) Motion to approve the minutes of the March 3rd meeting. All in favor.

(Stevenson/Allen) Motion to approve the March 1998 Bill Package. Roll call vote: ayes - all present.

Guests: Ralph Weessies, representing the Library Board, answered questions regarding the creation of a District Library. Becoming a district library would create more revenue which would enhance the function and resources of the library. With additional revenue, more books, computer stations, various services, more open hours, a trained librarian, materials could be kept up-to-date, etc...

The Library Board is contemplating placing the library district decision along with the proposed millage to fund the library on a special election ballot later in the year.

Bill Bauman and John Simmons visited the council to answer questions regarding the proposed Climax Community Hall. The need to have a hall that would house the various community and government groups is becoming evident. The hall

would be located on the Masonic Lodge property on South Main Street, it would be of basic design. To move the project past the discussion stage, where it has been for the past two years, an architect would need to be commissioned. A design and blueprint could be made and costs would be known. This could cost around \$13,000 and be shared between the Township and Village.

Communications: A letter was received from the Engineering Department of Canadian National railroad in regards to repair and construction of the railway crossings and sidewalk. The letter is dated March 9, 1998 and states that the Main Street crossing is scheduled for a complete rebuild and the Maple street sidewalk in or around July 1998.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation sent a letter requesting permission to have a door-to-door educational and fund raising campaign in our community in the month of September 1998. The Council grants permission to the Foundation.

A 1998-99 insurance bill in the amount of \$13468.00 was presented to the Council for approval to be paid on April 1, 1998. (Allen/Guidarini) Motion to pay the 1998-99 insurance premium in the amount of 13,468.00. Roll call vote - Ayes, all present (Kirkham was not present)

Public Works report read.

Finance: (Guidarini/Cole) Motion to give a 3% pay increase to village employees. Roll call vote: Ayes: C. Cole, S. Gray, K. Guidarini, D. Stevenson, S. Thompson. Nays: Allen Absent: Kirkham Motion carried.

(Allen/Cole) Motion to amend the 1997-98 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present. (Absent: Kirkham) Motion carried.

Ordinance: A village wide survey for ordinance violations will be performed soon. A citizen complaint of a boat being stored between sidewalk and street - located on Cherry Street. Sheriff Department will be notified to issue a notice.

Water: Peerless-Midwest's annual pump inspection indicated that all three pumps are working good.

Old Business: Stevenson reported on a discussion he had with B. Doxey regarding the affect the flooding of the school entrance has had on his home. Mr. Doxey's response was that it was the fault of the high water table in that area.

New Business: Results of the March 9, 1998 village election were as follows: President: Donald Stevenson, Treasurer: Bradley Wyant, Clerk: Scott Torrance, Trustee: Crystal Cole, Steven Gray, Dennis Veenkant, Library Board: Ralph Weessies.

Would like to extent our thanks and appreciation to Chuck Kirkham for the years of service he gave to the Village. He served and provided strong leadership as Village President for many years.

President Stevenson would like to see written goals from the various committees as to what projects they would like to see done.

(Allen/Cole) Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 9:15 p.m.

Scott Torrance, Village Clerk

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