

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
October 7, 2003

Present: S. Messner, B. Rogers, T. Strong, S. Thompson, B. Twiss, Tricia Willis, D. Stevenson.

Absent: None

Also Present: Deb Wyant, Mike Gibson, Bill Sackrider, John Barkley.

(Willis/Messner) Motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2003 without exception:
Unanimously approved.

Guests: John Barkley of 125 S. Main requested a variance to tear down the barn, build a guest house and install a pool. The property is zoned C-1 commercial and does not allow non-commercial building. (Thompson/Strong) Motion to direct the Clerk to begin variance proceedings for Mr. Barkley at 125 S. Main. Unanimously approved.

Communications: An individual's Village tax payment was sent in error to the Climax Township. The Township Clerk held this check for 4 months before turning it over to the Village.

The new property owner of 128 S. Church (vacant lot) has been in contact with President Stevenson regarding the situation with that lot. President Stevenson informed the council of the discussions he has had with the owner.

Public works:

1. One bid was received for the sidewalk construction.
2. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sackrider will attend a water system meeting on October 8th.
3. The monument in the park has been pushed off the foundation. A police report has been filed.

(Twiss/Messner) Motion to approve the bid by Slager Construction to construct new sidewalks. The cost of this construction is not to exceed \$2000.00. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

According to the monitoring done by the State of Michigan, the water well at 145 N. Main has been contaminated by the expanding plume from the old gas station's fuel leak. (The fuel tanks have long been removed) The State has required the property to be hooked up to the village water system. If the state were to hook the property up, the paperwork and cost would be too great. The other viable option is for the village to act as contractor for the State. Mr. Gibson estimates the cost should not exceed \$1500.00.

(Strong/Twiss) Motion to have the Village act as contractor to hook 145 N. Main to the water system due to expanding contamination from the old TB&T gas station, pending assurances that there would be no environmental or legal ramifications. The Village will be reimbursed by the State in an amount not to exceed \$1500.00. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Administration: Mr. Rogers would like to see the code book updated and has requested that the various committees look over the ordinances and note any amended changes that need to be inserted. He would like the information by December.

Parks/Library/Cemetery: Request to have a new key made for the Library building and label it #12A. Key #12 has been lost.

Public Safety: 264 S. Lovell – two unlicensed vehicle are on the property. Sheriff Dept. will be notified.

A patrol car has been requested for the home coming activity.

Ordinance: Discussed ordinance violations.

Water: Discussed response to the Water Reliability Report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. (Rogers/Twiss)

Scott A. Torrance – Village Clerk