

# *Village of Climax*

Regular Meeting  
December 19, 2006

Present: Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss, Bill Rogers

Absent: Lisa Strong, Tricia Willis.

Also Present: Tom Holm, Bruce Rolfe, Bill Sackrider, and Deb Wyant.

Agenda: (Jones/T.Strong) Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Unanimously approved.

(Twiss/Lewis) Motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2006 without exception. Unanimously approved.

(T.Strong/Twiss) Motion to approve the December 2006 Bill Package totaling \$8,976.73 and to approve the November 2006 Treasurer's Report. Major Streets = \$164,804.15; Local Streets = \$30,229.45; General Fund = \$169,796.46; Water Fund = \$76,680.14, Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63; Totals = \$452,916.83. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Jones, Twiss, T.Strong, Rogers. Nays – Lewis. Motion carried 4 to 1.

Streets: Bill Twiss and Bill Rogers attended a KCRC Task Force meeting on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>. The task force is made up of 5 counties to correctly plan and spend federal funding on future road projects for 2007 thru 2011. Tom Holm of KCRC spoke of the Climax/Fulton road project and that it is close to approval. Upon approval the project will take the 44<sup>th</sup> street route through the village. With that potential route, KCRC will work with village officials and look into upgrading Main Street and package the 2 jobs together using the same contractor and engineering companies. General preliminary estimates of the Main Street project are \$400,000. This would entail removing 2 inches of asphalt and resurfacing along with improved curbing. Village share would be 20% or approximately \$80,000.

**(Twiss/T.Strong)** Motion to contract with Wightman & Associates to perform an engineering study and not to exceed the Village spending limit of \$20,000 to require a bid. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Communications were reviewed.

## Public Works:

- 1) Problem with the signal to shut off water going into water tower. Found that: 1) Heaters were not working during cold spell and 2) Main computer panel – problem with 2 of the 3 control units. These units have been removed and are being rebuilt and the system is now operating on one unit. If the Fire Department must draw water, the DPW must be notified to monitor the pumps.
- 2) At Maple and Church Streets, a tree limb fell due to the ice storm. Consumers Energy was notified twice without resolution. The village hired a company to remove the limb and take down the tree. Another tree needs to come down at the vicinity of Cherry and Main streets. The costs to trim trees will exceed the 2006-07 budget and will need to be amended at a later date. **(Lewis/Jones)** Motion to remove tree at Cherry/Main for safety and amend budget at a later date. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 3) Water meters are being read.
- 4) The Gazette Hometown delivery person is throwing the paper on the ground at homes where there are no paper receptacles. The papers get caught in the snow removal equipment and

potentially can damage the equipment. Scott was asked to contact the Gazette to correct the problem.

- 5) A large wrecker is being parked at a homeowner's driveway on Hancock and Lovell streets. Parking of the large vehicle is against village ordinance.
- 6) There have been a couple of vehicles identified that have been turving the well field and neighboring homes.

Administration:

- 1) Insurance coverage for Council member Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Disability was reviewed. Discussed the need of this coverage and the savings to the Village if discontinued. **(Twiss/Jones)** Motion not to renew the Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Disability coverage portion of the insurance package. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Fire/Public Safety:

- 1) Terry attended the Fire Department officer meeting and filled the Council in on the number of runs for the year, a new Initial Aid Contract and Mutual Aid. Mutual aid has increased over the years and with the potential increase in new Initial Aid runs, this will further strain the township and village budgets.
- 2) Fire protection fee was discussed. A township wide millage is a long term solution. Because the fire department is involved in an ever increasing out-of-area aid runs, the burden on the township and village has grown.
- 3) Terry will discuss with his committee the rescinding of the resolution motion.

Old Business: Bill Twiss informed the Council of the property at the west end of Sunflower Street and how a section of the property blocks entry into the well field. He will update the Council when he gets more information.

New Business: Scott was asked to look into prepaid mail service to avoid continuous postage reimbursements to employees and Council members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.  
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk