

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting  
December 3, 2013

**Present:** Pat Clark, Jim Cummings, Tom Jones, Norm Lyons, Bruce Rolfe, Terry Strong, Brenda Borden – Treasurer and Mike Gibson – DPW. **Absent:** Kyle Smith – President,

**(Jones/Lyons)** Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

**(Lyons/Clark)** Motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2013 as presented. Unanimously approved.

Guests: None

Communications: MML new elected officials training.

Public Works:

- 1) Pump reports and water samples have been completed for December.
- 2) New pickups are running around \$26,000, but with government discounts the cost can drop to \$21,000. Waiting to receive quotes from various dealers.
- 3) Have 3 quotes on a new mower, costs on a new broom and brushes for the John Deere.
- 4) Discussed trading in the Kubota tractor or selling it on our own. We can get \$3500 for trade in or potentially \$4000 to \$6000 if we sold it ourselves. For the little difference, Mike was directed to trade in the tractor.
  - **(Cummings/Clark)** Motion to purchase a 60 in. Heavy-Duty Rotary Broom for the JD tractor at a cost of \$3292.72 from Dadow Power Equipment. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
  - **(Lyons/Cummings)** Motion to purchase a Kubota zero turn mower, at a cost of \$7,799.00 from Bronsink & Bos Equipment. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 5) DPW will put lights on the tree in the park.

Water:

- 1) Meters to be read on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) 110 S. Main does not have an occupancy permit yet.

Parks: No report.

Streets: No report.

Administration:

- 1) Holiday bonus for the DPW employees.
  - ❖ **(Clark/Jones)** Motion to pay employees a 1% holiday bonus based on their annual base wages (hourly rate times 2080 hours). Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) **(Jones/Lyons)** Motion to approve \$400 as the maximum amount for the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) county services contract. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 3) Village Christmas decorating event. The event will be judged on Friday, December 13 and announced on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Judges will be Faye Cummings, Pat Clark and Terry Strong.

Ordinance / Fire:

- 1) MTS looked at the building at 240 N. Main. A citation will be issued for public nuisance, blight – if no movement on repair issues. Also will issue a citation for the vehicles on property.

- 2) Motor Vehicle Code Book – where do we get this from?
- 3) Will issue a blight citation for home on corner of Sheldon and E. Maple, if not cleaned up.
- 4) Clerk to purchase an inexpensive digital camera for the village.
- 5) Will need to send a certified letter along with invoices for properties that have to be mowed by the village. Doing so will allow us to place unpaid costs as liens on the property. In order for the village to collect, the charges/liens have to be applied to properties prior to the sale.

Public Safety:

- 1) Working with Mid State to correct problems with surveillance cameras.
- 2) Tentative date for Village Public Forum meeting at the high school. Bruce will contact the superintendent for possible dates in January.

Old Business: Need to address the way to handle the residents that are habitually late on their water bills. Many wait and pay when the final shut off notice is delivered to their door. Some wait until the DPW is there to shut off water.

New Business:

(Lyons/Jones) The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk