

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2000

Present: K. Guidarini, Shawn Messner, L. Phoenix, B. Twiss, B.J. Wyant, D. Stevenson.

Absent: D. Guidarini

Also Present: Mark Langs, B. Wyant, Christi Cahow, Jenni Cahow

(Wyant/Messner) Motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2000 without exception:
All in favor - motion carried.

(Twiss/Phoenix) Motion to approve the March 2000 Bill Package. Roll Call: Ayes - all.
Motion carried.

Communications:

1) Second reading of Ordinance #38 - Village of Climax Nordic Electric Franchise Ordinance. This is an ordinance granting to Nordic Electric, the right, power and authority to transmit, supply deliver and distribute electricity and electrical services to customers within the Village of Climax for a period of 10 years.

(K. Guidarini/Wyant) Motion to adopt ordinance 38 - Village of Climax Nordic Electric Franchise Ordinance. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

2) Read notice of increase in retainer & hourly rate structure from Ford, Kriekard PC. Retainer will be 200.00 per month and hourly rate will be 90.00 per hour.

(K. Guidarini/Messner) Motion to accept new rate structure and retain Ford, Kriekard PC as Village Attorney- \$200.00 retainer and \$90.00 per hour. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

Public Works:

- 1) Tree maintenance complete
- 2) Road signs ordered
- 3) Pump #3 - Peerless Midwest recommends to rebuild the pump
- 4) Estimate received from Pavement Restoration for street resurfacing
- 5) Bike path resurfacing estimate received
- 6) Would like to begin the purchase process for the Kubota mower.

(K. Guidarini/Messner) Motion to purchase Kubota lawn mower, in the 2000-2001 budget year, for 12,500.00 divided into three yearly lease payments. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

(K. Guidarini/Twiss) Motion to raise the Public Works Manager's purchase authorization level to \$500.00. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

Cemetery/Parks: North gate to cemetery is now shut and locked to discourage unnecessary traffic.

Public Safety: 1) The County's speed control unit is available to us at no cost. We need to reserve the unit. Possible locations: 1) West Maple facing west, 2) South Main facing north, 3) Snapdragon facing south. The purpose of the unit would be to help residents realize the 25 MPH speed limit within the village.

Junk vehicles have been reported to the Sheriff's Department and all property owners have been visited or notified. Other vehicles have been added to the list. The Sheriff's Department acts as our ordinance enforcement officer.

Township board members expressed concerns regarding breaking and entering and malicious destruction of property. Topic was discussed and looking into solutions.

Discussed the Alternative School situation. It has been noted that the students are causing problems within the Village. These are people from surrounding cities attending school in the evenings. They tend to congregate before school, during breaks and after school at the Main Street area. The Sheriff's Department will be asked to monitor the area.

Ordinance violation letters are being sent out.

Administration: K. Guidarini updated and reviewed the Personnel Manual with the Council. The manual will be forwarded to the Village Attorney for review.

President's Time: Noted the lack of interest of voters in the Village. Only 16 percent - 79 out of 487 registered voters chose to vote in this Village election.

Old business: None

New Business: K. Guidarini submitted her resignation effective at the end of this meeting. The Council acknowledges her work on the Council. Katherine has done a wonderful job and will be missed.

Oath of office administered to: Trustees - Shawn Messner and Larry Phoenix. President - Don Stevenson.

The meeting was closed at 9:15 p.m. (Phoenix/Twiss)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk