

Village of Climax  
Minutes  
October 6, 1998

Present: C. Cole, S. Gray, K. Guidarini, L. Phoenix, S. Thompson,  
B. Twiss, D. Stevenson.

Absent: None

Also Present: Kim Noga, Ron Scheske, Leonard Eishen, Bill & Theta  
Taylor, Billie King, Charlie Allen.

(Phoenix/Guidarini) Motion to approve the minutes of September 15.  
Approved - all present.

Guests: Bill Taylor asked about the petitions that were handed  
into the clerk. As the proposed Ordinance #35 (Ordinance to  
establish the Office of Village Manager) stated in Section 9 of  
Ordinance #35:

This ordinance shall become effective 45 days after the date of  
adoption. If a petition, signed by not less than 10 percent of the  
registered electors of the village, is filed with the Village Clerk  
within the 45 day period, this ordinance shall not become effective  
until after the Ordinance is approved at an election held on the  
question as provided by law.

107 signatures were collected. As of the March 2, 1998's list of  
registered voters in the village, 50 signatures were needed.  
Ordinance #35 will not take affect on October 3, 1998. The clerk  
was instructed to work with the Village Attorney to prepare the  
wording for the March 1999 General Election Ballot.

Sturgis Bank & Trust representatives visited the council to  
introduce the new bank. At the Treasurer's earlier recommendation,  
the council elected to keep the village's funds with First of  
America until the village was contacted by the Sturgis Bank and  
until fees for the various services were known.

Mr. Eishen covered the concerns of replacing checks, fee structure,  
sweep ability, interest rates and the advantages of a smaller bank.  
A meeting will be set up between the bank and the Treasurer to  
facilitate the transfer of funds.

Communications:

Homecoming Parade was reviewed.

Land use plan - The Village is being billed for work on the land  
use plan. The "survey expense" is being removed from the bill as  
it was not part of the proposed quote.

CN is planning repair of the tracks between October 26 and November 5.

Discussed Y2K problems. All internal software and hardware will be 2000 ready. We need to plan ahead in event there is a disruption of external services such as: Power companies, Telephone, etc...

Computer hardware bids proposed to council. Clerk directed to look into leasing of computer hardware.

(Cole/Guidarini) Motion to approve the September 30, 1998 Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Ayes - all.

Public Works report: 1) Sidewalk project underway, 2) Park equipment is ready to install, 3) Beginning leaf pickup, 4) Shared cost for dumpster is increased to \$340.00 per year., 5) Harco to work on anode system in the water tower, 6) Bulletin board is installed.

Administration: 1) Ben to attend council meetings, 2) Fall activity logs for employees to fill in. To begin 10/19/98, 3) Look into subcontractors for snow removal in the event the old truck breaks down prior to the receipt of the new truck.

Parks: Working up a ceremony or party to celebrate the installation of the new park equipment. Would like to schedule the activity as soon as the equipment is installed.

(Guidarini/Phoenix) Motion to reimburse Cole for costs of supplies for the celebration. (\$50.00 limit) Roll call vote: ayes - all present.

Public Safety: Patrol hours for September were 26.25 hours.

Streets: Discussed the positioning of the post office box along the street.

Work order: Check Snapdragon and other streets for road breakup. Make repairs when necessary.

Work order: Get third bid on snow blower.

Ordinance: 215 South Main is past the 10 day time limit. Not much effort has taken place in the clean up. The council is in agreement to send the violation to the Sheriff's Department to have them make a visit and issue a citation.

The Dalton property has been cleaned up.

President's time: Sewer Hook up. The possibilities of a study group will be discussed. The study group will look into the

various aspects of a sewer system in the village. An existing sewer line is only 4 miles away.

(Twiss/Cole) Motion to send Stevenson to GLVA session on November 7 in Frankenmuth, at 45.00 plus motel and travel expenses. This conference will look into understanding the new general law village act. Roll call vote: ayes - all present.

The meeting was closed at 9:55 p.m. (Guidarini/Cole)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk