

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

October 16, 2007

Present: Trustees: Thomas Jones, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss; President: Bill Rogers; Treasurer: Deb Wyant.

Absent: David Dell, Bill Lewis

Also Present: Bill Sackrider, Climax-Scotts School Superintendent – Geoffrey Balkam, and Bruce Rolfe.

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

(Twiss/L.Strong) Motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2007. Unanimously approved.

(Jones/L.Strong) Motion to approve the October 2007 Bill Package totaling \$22,240.18, including the removal of 2 invoices MCC totaling \$2425.00. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Jones/T.Strong) Motion to approve the September 2007 Treasurer's Report as presented: Major Streets = \$138,138.48; Local Streets = \$47,055.48; General Fund = \$146,447.01; Water Fund = \$64,285.15, Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63; Totals = \$407,332.75. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved. (Note: Water Fund deposit of \$1692.21 placed into the General Fund in error.)

Guests:

1. The Climax-Scotts school Superintendent, Geoffrey Balkam, updated the Council on the middle school's water contamination problem. The school board appears interested in tying into the village water system. The Village Council asked an engineering firm to make a cost estimate for the school to hook up to the water system. Estimates were given for two different runs: 83,093.75 and 83,688.75. These estimates were presented to Dr. Balkam to help the school board with their decision process. Planned committee meetings will be set up between the school and the village to further discuss the issue.

Communications: Noted

Public Works:

- 1) A mercury light has been installed behind the library.
- 2) One of the 5 trees has been cut down.
- 3) Still waiting for bids on new water system controls
- 4) Leaf pick up has begun. Mulching of leaves is becoming a problem. The leaf vacuum will not pick them up when they become wet.

Streets:

- 1) Main Street project contractors, MDOT, engineers and interested citizens met at the library to review the project. The start date of the project is April 1, 2008 and official end date is the end of June. The contractors have been made aware of Founder's day activities and will do their best to schedule around the event.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Fire department – 99 calls for the year, 33 calls in the last 2 months.

- 2) Terry went to the township board meeting and asked regarding the fire millage. It appears the board will do nothing until the State makes a decision on the Boundary Commission's recommendation.

There was discussion on the fire fee issue and what could the Council do. A comment was made that nothing should be done – we are all township residents and should be treated as such. Terry Strong suggested a letter to the township board regarding the fire fee issue, but no motion was made to support a letter. A question was asked on what it would cost to develop a village fire department. President Rogers asked the Fire Committee to look into the question.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) The dog issue is still a problem. Report of a pit bull dog attacking a resident while walking her dogs.
- 2) No responses to ordinance violation letters.

Old Business:

- 1) Discussed the final proof of the Ordinance review. MCC noted several word omissions contained in the original text. Council referred the corrections back to MCC to have them make the corrections. Tom Jones will divide the copy of the final draft up between Council members to speed up the proof reading.

New Business:

- 1) None.

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

Errors were noted and corrected at the November 6, 2007 meeting:

- Bill package motion made and supported (**Jones/L.Strong**)
- Treasurer's Report motion made and supported (**Jones/T.Strong**)