

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

August 7, 2012

Present: Pat Clark, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong and Kyle Smith – President.

Absent: Tom Jones, Scott Torrance – Clerk and Brenda Borden – Treasurer.

Two vacant Trustee positions.

Guests: Bruce Rolfe and Bill Sackrider – DPW.

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

(Lyons/Clark) Motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2012 as presented. Unanimously approved.

Guests: No comments

Communications: Bill Twiss submitted a letter of intent to serve on the Village Council.

(Lyons/Clark) Motion to appoint Bill Twiss to the Council to fill a vacant Trustee position. Unanimously approved. Bill will be sworn in at the next Council meeting on August 21st.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are done for August.
- 2) KCRC has chip sealed the selected streets.
- 3) Continuing the Hydrants maintenance.
- 4) Several applications have been submitted for the DPW job opening.
- 5) Vandalism: A plastic bulb had been removed from the park monument and someone had defecated in the bulb.
- 6) Bill Sackrider will be paid for his time at his current pay rate.

Water:

- 1) Water bills totaled \$10291.45 for the April – June 2012 quarter.
- 2) More water was pumped in July than for the entire 2nd quarter – due to the drought.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) Movie in the park set for August 18th. The target group is ages 3 through 10. Thinking about holding a movie in September.
- 2) Looking into Christmas lights on the pine tree – will need to provide electrical service to the tree. Ms. Clark will look into hiring an electrician to do the work.

Streets/Census: No report.

Administration:

- 1) President Smith recommended Terry Strong as Pro-tempore. **(Lyons/Clark)** Motion to appoint Terry Strong as President Pro-Tempore. Unanimously approved.
- 2) President Smith spoke with the village attorney – Bob Soltis regarding the following:
 - a. Lowering the number of Council Trustee positions from 6 persons to 4.
 - i. Would put more responsibility onto the 5 members of the Council.
 - b. Making the Clerk and Treasurer appointed positions rather than elected positions.
 - i. Council adopts an ordinance and after 45 days the ordinance becomes law.

- ii. If someone challenges that, they have up to 45 days to collect 10% of the registered voters signatures to hold up the process.
 - iii. Would allow the Council to select someone qualified to hold the positions.
 - iv. The individuals do not have to be residents of the village and can select someone within a 20 mile radius.
- c. Making the DPW supervisor a salaried position.
 - d. Personal Time Off (PTO) and updating the Personal Manual.
 - i. Keep vacation and personal time together or divide it? When an employee is dismissed, are they paid for their accumulated personal time? These things need to be reviewed. Currently the vacation time and personal time is not separated.
- 3) Dead line for DPW applications is August 20, 2012.
 - 4) Clerk directed to order two DPW certification study guides. \$59 for study guides
(Strong/Clark) Motion to order 2 study guides for the DPW Water Certifications.

Public Safety:

- 1) Fires along the train right-of-way due to sparks emitted from the trains.
- 2) Reviewed the fire runs for July and sheriff patrols.

Ordinance:

- 1) Discussed the meth house at 110 S. Main.
- 2) Condition of the building just north of the tracks on Main Street.
- 3) New owners of 150 N. Church.

Old Business:

- 1) Yard sale turn out?
- 2) Movie in the park – estimated 80 people in attendance – good turn out.

New Business:

- 1) General annual meeting for the MML is Oct 3 – 5 on Mackinac Island.
- 2) Training disks from the MML for newly appointed/elected officials.

(Lyons/Strong) The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
Transcribed from digital recording by: Scott Torrance - Village Clerk