

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

June 6, 2006

Present: Dave Dell, Bill Lewis, Tricia Willis, Bill Rogers.

Absent: Lisa Strong, Terry Strong and Tom Jones.

Also Present: Chuck Betz, Mike Gibson, Jan Vosburg, Bill Twiss, Mike Belote, Bruce Rolfe, Rob Perrin and Deb Wyant.

(Dell/Lewis) Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

Adjourned regular meeting to hold the public hearing on the proposed rezoning of the East side of North Main Street, north of the railroad tracks to the village limits from I-1 (Industrial) to C-1 (commercial). The depth of the proposed rezoning is the depth of the lots along main street and does not affect land zoned "agriculture".

Questions were heard and discussed. (Willis/Dell) Motion to adopt Ordinance #43 – To amend the Climax Village zoning map to rezone certain parcels. Roll call vote: Ayes – Dell, Lewis, Willis and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – L.Strong, T.Strong and Jones. Ordinance #43 was adopted by a vote of 4 to 0.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

(Willis/Dell) Motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2006 without exception. Unanimously approved.

Communications: Reviewed

Guests:

- 1) Rob Perrin, Rotary Club representative, visited with the Council to answer questions in regard to the Rotary Club's desire to work up a cemetery service activity to straighten stones, repair foundations and to improve the appearance of the Prairie Home Cemetery. The Rotary Club will match the expenses of the Village to move this project along.
(Dell/Lewis) Motion to match funds with the Rotary Club to do grave stone maintenance in the Prairie Home Cemetery and to spend a maximum of \$1000. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) Mike Belote of West Leroy Bible Church sought permission to hold a music program in the village park on July 2nd. (Dell/Willis) Motion to give permission to the West Leroy Bible Church to hold a music program in the village park on July 2nd.

Public Works:

- 1) Mr. Gibson presented his recommendation on a tractor purchase – John Deere 2520. It is a 26.5 horse, with cab, mower deck and snow blower at a cost of \$20,500. The John Deere 855 will be placed up for bid and expected to receive \$7000 to \$8000.
(Dell/Lewis) Motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere Tractor 2520 in the amount of \$20,500 on a 3-year installment plan. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) Water samples and pump reports are done for June.
- 3) Working on the stop light project.

- 4) Consumers Energy has confirmed the electric and gas has been disconnected from 111 W. Maple and ready for demolition.
- 5) **(Dell/Lewis)** Motion to keep the copper tubing, for water service connections, that was purchased by Mr. Gibson and pay Municipal Supply Company. The cost for copper tubing has increased from under \$2 per foot to over \$5 per foot. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 6) The window air conditioner has been removed from the hall and the Council is willing to sell it to the township for \$1 or \$2 dollars if they so desire it.
- 7) Water samples to detect lead and copper will be taken next week.

Streets: The construction project for work on the intersection at Maple Circle and Maple Street was postponed due to weather conditions and should be scheduled shortly.

Ordinance:

- 1) Ordinance violations discussed.
- 2) Garbage ordinance: Bill Rogers will set up a time to have the Ordinance Committee meet with the garbage haulers.

President's time: Reviewed history of asking the Township Board to work on easing the \$28,000 Village Fire Department contribution to the Township. Joint committees have been formed to look at fire department costs and good things have come from these meetings, but still no relief for the village residents. A letter to the Township had been composed to address the issue. A motion was made to send the letter, but later rescinded and tabled until a future meeting.

Old Business:

1) Mr. Warren of 111 W. Maple Street asked for more time to remove personal items from the building. The Council is aware of his heart surgery a few months ago, but feels Mr. Warren has had ample time to make arrangements to remove items in the building. Inspectors, contractors and excavators have all agreed the building is unstable and presents a danger to the public and the Council feels impelled by these safety concerns to avoid any more delays. **(Lewis/Dell)** Motion to give Mr. Warren until the close of business on Monday, June 12 to remove personal items from the building. Unanimously approved.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk