

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

May 8, 2013

Present: Pat Clark, Jim Cummings, Tom Jones, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, Kyle Smith – President.
Absent: Bill Twiss, Scott Torrance – Clerk and Brenda Borden – Treasurer.

Guests: Bruce Rolfe, Marty Reschner, Mark Gay – DPW.

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

(Lyons/Cummings) Motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2013 as presented. Unanimously approved.

Guests: None.

Communications:

- 1) President Smith contacted Mrs. Boerson regarding their tenant on E. Maple Street. The tenant has been having parties with extremely loud noise. She took care of the situation.
- 2) The Harvester is paving the drive between their building and the village hall. Project will be close to \$3000 and a catch basin will be installed.
- 3) 102 S. Main: Working on installing a septic system. Cost close to \$7000 and will have to install in lot to the south. However, the health department will require that the lots be combined before they approve the septic system.
 - a. **(Strong/Cummings)** Motion to authorize two parcels to be combined into one lot. Parcel numbers (unconfirmed at writing of minutes) are [#3912-03-435-230 or 102 S. Main Street] and [# 3912-03-435-240 or 104 S. Main Street]. 102 S. Main has a structure on the property and 104 S. Main is a vacant lot. Unanimously approved.
 - b. Noted that the property appears to be a teenage hangout: drinking, loud noise, trucks parked on sidewalks and blocking pedestrian traffic and reckless driving by these individuals. Asked that this behavior be controlled. Mr. Reschner said the goal of the property is to have a used car business.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are done for May.
- 2) 53 sections of sidewalk removed and will begin pouring on Friday. 16 or 17 of those sections will be paid for by CTS, as these sections contain communication boxes.
- 3) \$1425 spent on repairs to the Large Truck. (Brakes, muffler, wheel damage).
- 4) Scott's Busy Youth – 4H planted flowers in the planter boxes.
- 5) Mark Gay completed his test and will wait for results.
- 6) Mr. Cummings and President Smith will meet with Zach Reschner regarding behavior on or around the property at 102 S. Main. If complaints continue, then village council will write a formal letter.

Water:

- 1) 40 unpaid water bills. Water shut offs will be on the 16th. Notices have been sent.
- 2) Discussion on Wellhead protection – may be mandatory at some point.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) **(Jones/Lyons)** Motion to approve \$150 toward the purchase of flags for the cemetery for Memorial Day. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Streets/Census: No report.

Administration:

- 1) Pat Clark has been in contact with a WMU student to work with the village on the master plan. He sent her a resume and will forward that to the Admin Committee.
- 2) Working on Grants and is taking the initial steps in the process. The village currently does not take credit card payments. Would like to look into remote depositing.
- 3) **(Jones/Strong)** Motion to approve the Space Mountain 7K race to take place along village streets on the morning of Memorial Day. Unanimously approved.

Public Safety:

- 1) Discussion on opening up discussion with the township regarding the current fire department funding to make it a fair for both entities.
 - a. **(Strong/Lyons)** Motion to request a meeting with the Township Board with the intent of reviewing 1) security in the area and 2) review the joint fire resolution. Unanimously approved.
- 2) Three companies contacted and received quote from two companies. The video system will positively impact the safety and preserve/protect the small town feeling. Dome camera is okay with Consumers Energy. High Definition 1080, 6 cameras
 - a. **(Cummings/Strong)** Motion to accept bid by Midstate in the amount of \$9,503.00 to install a video security system with 6 cameras and recording. Roll call vote: Ayes – Cummings, Jones, Strong, Clark and Smith; Nays – Lyons. Motion carried 5 to 1.

Ordinance:

- 1) Milburn Davis, building north of tracks on Main St.: Will send a letter regarding signs, remove vehicles, blight and unsafe building condition.
- 2) 206 W. Maple – verbal notification regarding the garage as an unsafe structure.
- 3) 113 W. Maple – Garage structure – leaning and hole on east side.
- 4) Resident on N. Main street still has not changed to Best Way. Will send ordinance violation to Republic Waste Disposal and notify them of the civil infraction.

Old Business:

- 1) Create a policy regarding the removal of trees on village property and who gets the wood.
- 2) Invite the members of the Township Board to ride with members of the Village Council in the Memorial Day Parade.

New Business: The Rotary Club is working on the Memorial Day Festival activities.

(Lyons/Jones) The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk