

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

April 7, 2015

Present: Robert Bailey, Pat Clark, Gary Gammons, Norm Lyons, Bruce Rolfe, Janet Sutherland, Brenda Borden – Treasurer and Mike Gibson – DPW.

Absent: Terry Strong – President.

President Pro-tem, Norm Lyons, conducted the meeting in the absence of President Terry Strong.

Guests: Library Board President - Ralph Weessies, Crystal Rolfe and State Senator - Margaret Obrien.

(Gammons/Clark) Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(Clark/Sutherland) Motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2015. Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Ralph Weessies – Library Board President,
 - a. Discussed basement shelving – has eliminated free-standing shelving.
 - b. The newly revised agreement between the library and council will be reviewed and will report back to the village library board committee.
 - c. Asking that the village contribute funds to the library – dedicated to the library.
 - d. Roofing & Skylights issue.
 - e. Volunteers needed to work at the library.
- 2) State Senator Margaret Obrien presented a tribute plaque to Bruce and Crystal Rolfe for their 25th anniversary as owners of the Climax Crescent Paper. She also shared state budget information for the upcoming sales tax increase proposal.

Communications: Norm asked the Council if they would support a resolution in support of the State Sales Tax increase proposal to be voted on in May 2015. No motion was presented.

Community development:

- 1) Raised beds in the well field for vegetable growing.
 - a. Seeking permission from the council
 - b. 4 to 6 beds with dimensions of 4' x 12' x 8' tall. Estimated cost at \$27 each.
 - c. Purpose to raise vegetables and give away produce.
 - d. A way to increase community involvement.
 - e. Raised beds at new vacant lot on Main Street, just north of the tracks.
- 2) Flower barrels in the downtown area. 4-H to plant and village to purchase flowers.
- 3) **(Rolfe/Bailey)** Motion to have the DPW build and set raised bed gardens in the well field for the community garden at a cost not to exceed \$200. Roll call vote – Unanimously approved.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are complete for February.
- 2) Will begin work on signs to identify cameras on Consumer Energy poles.
- 3) Wagner Door has installed the door at the DPW building.

- 4) East wall of the Hall has been dry walled and the existing door has been closed off.
- 5) The JD 2520 has been repaired.
- 6) Kubota tractor purchase. There is an extra cost of \$1575 for the bucket attachment which was not expected. The bucket would be an important piece of equipment during snow removal. **(Clark/Rolfe)** Motion to add on bucket cost of \$1575 to the Kubota purchase price of \$8670. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 7) The water tank lost pressure last week – the water level in the tank was lower than indicated. The tank level controls malfunctioned. Motor Shop Electric looked into the problem and suggested the backup batteries are weak and recommended new ones. The company will price other ways to prevent the problem from happening again.
- 8) Library skylights: Lyster Exteriors do not recommend skylights. They lessen the longevity of any roof. Solar dome skylights are not recommended.

Water: No report.

Parks/Library:

1. Issue of kids sitting unobserved inside the library. Proposed that a mirror be placed in the particular corner so area can be observed from the desk.
2. Kids are still congregating behind the library.

Streets: No report.

Administration: **(Clark/Sutherland)** Motion to approve bills totaling \$31,241.65. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Safety:

- 1) Sheriff report – 14 runs for the month of March.
- 2) Report of resident shooting a pellet gun from an apartment balcony. Child was observed and parent was spoken to by a council member. Suggestion – write a letter to the apartment owner alerting him to the incident.

Ordinance:

- 1) Complaints of dogs being walked and owners not cleaning up after them.
 - a. A woman has been observed walking her dogs. Pat will deliver waste bags to the woman and ask for her cooperation.
- 2) People living in a trailer on the Anderson property. Letter to be written to the Andersons.
- 3) Abandoned animals with food were observed in the vacant home at 329 W. Maple. Animal control to be contacted.

Old business: None

New Business:

- 1) **(Clark/Gammons)** Motion to place one portable toilet in the park from May 1 to Sept 30. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) Place email discussion on the agenda for April 21.

(Clark/Sutherland) The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk