

# *Village of Climax*

Regular Meeting  
December 17, 2013

Present: Pat Clark, Jim Cummings, Tom Jones, Norm Lyons, Bruce Rolfe, Terry Strong, Kyle Smith – President, and Brenda Borden – Treasurer, Mark Gay – DPW.

Absent: None.

Guests: John Barkley, Skip Crawford and Carolyn Mench.

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

**(Clark/Jones)** Motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2013 as presented. Unanimously approved.

**(Lyons/Clark)** Motion to approve the December 2013 Bill Package totaling \$13,665.16. Roll call vote: Ayes – Cummings, Rolfe, Clark, Strong, Lyons, Smith. Nays - Jones. Motion carried 6 to 1.

**(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to approve the November 2013 Treasurer's report – total fund balance is \$495,855.70. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Guests spoke about the trespassing on their property, vandalism and breaking and entering. Individuals are cutting through their property to pass through to other properties. Tracks in snow show walking close to their homes and looking into property.
  - a. Refocusing the surveillance cameras to catch more of the street.
  - b. Ask homeowner and business owners to sign a no trespassing letter if individuals are seen on property.
  - c. Owners need to report any damage to the sheriff department. They need to be persistent with the dispatcher to send an officer out. More than likely the dispatcher is not aware of what is going on here in the village.
  - d. Every instance needs to be reported – that is the only way to build a file on these children and eliminate the problems they cause.

Communications:

- 1) Contact by Fleis and Vanderbrink to develop a well water protection plan.

Public Works:

- 1) New broom has been purchased for the JD Tractor.
- 2) Kubota dealer will pick up the Kubota tractor (trade in for new tractor) when ready.
- 3) New alternator installed on the F-150
- 4) Library asking to have septic pumped again as sewer gas odor is in the library. When ever the DPW is called regarding the problem, they detect no odor. Could it be a plugged vent. The septic tank was pumped out less than a year ago.
- 5) Mold in library basement. Dehumidifiers are needed. Books stacked close to the walls in such a way that it may inhibit circulation.
- 6) Two quotes have been received for a new truck. One quote on a 4x4 and another on a 4x2.
  - **(Lyons/Cummings)** Motion to purchase a 2013 Ford Truck F-150 (4x2) from Galesburg Ford, in the amount of \$19,311 in full (no financing), with ½ from the water fund and ½ from the General Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, Cummings, Strong, Lyons and Smith. Nays – Rolfe and Clark. Motion carried 5 to 2.

- **(Clark/Lyons)** Motion to sell the 2000 Ford F-150 on Craigs List at a cost of \$4000. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Streets: No report.

Parks / Cemetery / Library:

- 1) Library plans to open on January 6, 2014

Water/Sewer:

- 1) How to collect payment from many residents who consistently wait until last moment to pay. Some pay at the moment the DPW arrives to turn off the water. Last quarter 68 residents received disconnect notices and 1 home was turned off. Are the late fees too small? Will work on in committee.
- 2) (110 S. Main) Working on evicting the contents of the previous owner. Clean up is moving along. (115 Watson) Has received clearance for cleaning up the home.

Administration:

- 1) Tree lighting in the park had a turnout of 35-40 residents. A good turnout in spite of the bad weather.
- 2) Christmas decoration activity winners were noted. Prizes were provided by donations from participating businesses.

Public Safety:

- 1) Midstate Security, the installers of the cameras, will be coming to replace a defective camera and re-focus other cameras. **(Cummings/Jones)** Motion to pay Midstate \$4751.00, the remaining balance owed, upon approval from Jim Cummings. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) On January 20, 2014 at 7pm at the High School, the Council will host a public forum. Council members are to attend, a County Sheriff Deputy will attend.
- 3) The two children are back in town. Their return coincides with increased vandalism, spitting, harassment and breaking and entering.

Ordinances:

- 1) (240 N. Main) Owner Milbourne Davis – Inspection of building resulted in a list of issues.

Old Business: Newsletter has been sent out.

New Business: Discussed zoning and building permit approval for antenna work on the tower.

**(Clark/Cummings)** Motion to allow Nextel to perform antenna maintenance on the water tower and not require any further zoning approval, but apply for the necessary building permits. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Strong) The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.  
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk