

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

February 3, 2009

Present: Thomas Jones, Bill Lewis, Norm Lyons, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Salli Thompson,
President – Kyle Smith and Treasurer – Deb Wyant. Absent: None

Guests: John Cook – DPW, Mark (Last name?) – WMU student.

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

(Lyons/Thompson) Motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2009. Unanimously approved.

Guests: No comments.

Communications:

- 1) Methamphetamine Contamination Response Program Report from Kalamazoo Co. Health & Community Services.
- 2) Kalamazoo Transit Authority meeting.
- 3) Transportation Asset Management workshop.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are done.
- 2) The compost pile is scheduled to be removed this week.
- 3) Bids for John Deere and Kubota tractors have been received.

Streets:

- 1) Terry is re-working the street maintenance schedule. Snapdragon Street is crumbling and is in need of repair. Is a catch basin needed in the Snapdragon/Thistle area?
- 2) Drainage problem at the school driveway and Main Street. Heavy rains in 2008 caused flooding and water broke the foundation and entered the home on the south side of the school.

Parks/Library:

- 1) Maintenance items for the Library bathroom include: painting, cleaning the floor and installing a changing table. A decision will need to be made on whether to hire the work, use the DPW or utilize volunteer work.
- 2) **(Lyons/Lewis)** Motion to authorize Mr. Gibson to purchase paint for the library bathroom, refinish the bathroom floor and install the diaper changing table – not to exceed \$500. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 3) Interested people in creating an Ebay auction site are asked to contact the library. A tentative instruction date is set for the end of February.

Water:

- 1) Water control system and Well-head protection progress was discussed.

Administration:

- 1) Reviewed the draft of the 2009-10 budget.

- 2) Discussed the police protection and its effectiveness. Also discussed reducing the number of patrol hours in order to purchase a camera system. If acted upon, the funds would be taken from the “police protection” budget.
- 3) Employee hours: Currently the village has 3 employees: 2 full-time and 1 part-time. The part time position was authorized at 1000 hours, can this be reduced?
- 4) Pay cut for council members was discussed.

Fire/Public Safety:

- 1) Neighborhood watch discussed.
- 2) Salli had the first meeting as village representative on the inter-governmental fire department research committee.

Ordinance:

- 1) Lisa will contact the building inspector regarding the building just north of the tracks on Main Street.

Old Business: **(Lyons/Lewis)** Motion to pay the 2009-10 fire protection fee according to the joint resolution (89-1/89-4). Ayes: Lewis, T.Strong, Lyons, Thompson and Smith; Nays: Jones and L.Strong. Motion carried 5 to 2. Clerk directed to send a letter to the township board.

New Business: None

(Jones/Lyons) The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk