

# *Village of Climax*

Regular Meeting

January 16, 2007

Present: Bill Lewis, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss, Tricia Willis.

Absent: Tom Jones and Bill Rogers.

Also Present: Bruce Rolfe, Bill Sackrider, and Deb Wyant.

Agenda: (Lewis/L.Strong) Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Unanimously approved.

(Twiss/Lewis) Motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 2007 without exception. Unanimously approved.

(Lewis/Willis) Motion to approve the January 2007 Bill Package totaling \$19,761.75 including the removal of the bill for Ford, Kriekard PC of \$468.75. Roll call vote: Ayes – Willis and Lewis; Nays – Twiss, L. Strong and T. Strong. Motion failed 2 to 3.

(Willis/L.Strong) Motion to approve the January 2007 Bill Package totaling \$20,230.50. Roll call vote: Ayes – L. Strong, T. Strong, Twiss and Willis; Nays – Lewis. Motion carried 4 to 1.

(Willis/Lewis) Motion to approve the December 2006 Treasurer's Report. Major Streets = \$181,470.01; Local Streets = \$34,170.14; General Fund = \$152,468.85; Water Fund = \$79,987.18, Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63; Totals = \$459,502.81. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: Sheriff deputy, Sergeant Don Ester, visited with the Council to update them on new reporting and retrieval systems the department is engaged in.

Communications: F.O.I.A. request from the township attorney for all information pertaining to the lawsuit with the township: bills, minutes of bill approval, minutes/correspondence of Council approval of lawsuit, copies of checks, FOIA procedures and policy and Council approval of the FOIA procedures.

## Public Works:

- 1) Peerless-Midwest performed the annual water system pump inspection.
- 2) The current tree service company is going out of business and need bids from other tree service companies.
- 3) Water samples & pump reports completed.
- 4) DPW employees are remodeling their office at the hall.
- 5) DEQ annual inspection is scheduled.
- 6) The water system is still operating on one control panel.

## Administration:

- 1) (Twiss/L.Strong) Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-01 the Council's support of the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Walk for Warmth fund raising activity: the Kalamazoo County Walk for Warmth is a county-wide effort to provide emergency heating assistance to those in need - seniors, the disabled, single parents and the working poor - who do not qualify for aid from other sources. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) (Twiss/Willis) Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-02 (Village Flag Days) – selecting days that flags will be placed along Main and Maple Streets in honor of the national holidays (MAY –

Memorial Day, JUNE – Flag Day, JULY – Independence Day and NOVEMBER – Veterans Day) Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Fire/Public Safety:

- 1) The township board accepted the Village's rescinding of its motion to cancel the current township-village fire fee resolution.
- 2) Township proposed more questions to have answered, but voted 3 to 2 to move ahead with formulation of a fire millage language.
- 3) Township fire department initial aid agreement: The surrounding municipalities that own fire departments are negotiating an initial aid contract. This is different than the current mutual aid agreement. Initial aid will require that affected fire departments will be toned out and will respond together to all accidents/fires in certain areas. Since fire department is owned and operated by the township, there is little or no input the Council has and it was agreed that they should not get involved.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.  
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk