

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting  
November 17, 2009

Present: Trustees: Dave Hopkins, Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, President – Kyle Smith and Treasurer – Deb Wyant.

Absent: Lisa Strong.

Guests: Skip and Carolyn Crawford, Bruce Rolfe and John Cook.

Agenda: **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

Minutes: **(Lewis/Jones)** Motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 3, 2009 as presented. Unanimously approved.

**(Lewis/Lyons)** Motion to approve the November 2009 Bill Package totaling \$19,683.81 (includes the removal of the MCC bill of \$900) as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

**(Lyons/T.Strong)** Motion to approve the October 2009 Treasurer's Report as presented:

## Village of Climax Combined Funds on Account as of 10/31/2009

	<b>Sturgis Bank and Trust</b>	<b>First National Bank of MI CD's</b>	<b>Fund Totals</b>
General Fund	\$ 116,616.19	\$ 40,205.74	\$156,821.93
Water	\$ 39,396.04	\$ 45,261.93	\$84,657.97
Major Streets	\$ 67,700.83	\$ 21,115.76	\$88,816.59
Local Streets	\$ 31,636.87	\$ 10,036.13	\$41,673.00
Perpetual Care (CD)	\$ 11,406.63		\$11,406.63
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00		\$200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$266,956.56</b>	<b>\$ 116,619.56</b>	<b>\$383,576.12</b>

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Crawford requested a variance for their home from commercial to residential due to high taxes and high insurance. They have a non-commercial residence located in a commercial zone and have paid high taxes and have been unable to get affordable home insurance. They were directed to contact the Township Assessor to clear up any clerical errors that may be present. They were also given a copy of an ordinance #41, to show their insurance carrier, that permits residential structures in the commercial zone and considers the homes conforming and capable of being reconstructed or remodeled.

Communications: Lisa Strong submitted her resignation due to increased family responsibilities. **(Lyons/Jones)** Motion to accept the resignation of Lisa Strong with deep regret. Unanimously approved.

Public Works:

- 1) The DPW has been busy picking up leaves.
- 2) Parking on the streets between 3 and 6am is not allowed. Notes are being placed on the vehicles.

Streets: Receiving various census materials.

Parks/Library:

- 1) The installation of electric outlets and lights in the cemetery was proposed. But due to the revenue cuts, the DPW was directed only to get cost estimates.
- 2) President Smith met with Eric Adams regarding the adult education class and the loitering issue.

Water:

- 1) Clerk was directed to contact the bank regarding the status of the bank loan.
- 2) Received new rules for ground water testing which take affect December 1, 2009.

Administration:

- 1) Dorian's hours have increased. Due to revenue issues, Mr. Gibson will be directed to keep Dorian's hours at 20 hours per week.

Public Safety:

- 1) Reported on the fire department run stats.
- 2) Terry presented the letter to the township board regarding the status of the township/village fire department committee. Set Wednesday, December 3 for a committee meeting.
- 3) Received the Sheriff Department call report.
- 4) Terry talked with the Sheriff Deputy regarding individuals causing problems and loitering and harassing village residents around the Take Out and Library.
- 5) Reviewed an Education Policy letter to be sent to the Climax-Scotts Superintendent Newington. **(Lyons/Hopkins)** Motion to send the letter to the Climax-Scotts Superintendent. Unanimously approved.

Ordinance:

- 1) Who looks at/inspects buildings to see if business is in zoning ordinance compliance?
- 2) Fire Marshall – Local fire department members do not qualify as Fire Marshalls.
- 3) What businesses are in the village and do they comply with safety standards.
- 4) The empty lot next to the fire station had the weeds removed by The Grounds Keeper.
- 5) Proposed to look into an ordinance for dog owners to pick up after their animals while walking them in the village.

Old Business: **(Lyons/Lewis)** Motion to have the clerk invite the MCC representative, Ellen Fox, to attend the next council meeting to discuss the issue of updating ordinances with MCC. Unanimously approved.

New Business: Consumers Energy Alliance. Will not attend meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. (Lewis/Lyons)  
Scott Torrance – Village Clerk