

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

June 2, 2009

Present:, Gary Gammons, Thomas Jones, Norm Lyons, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, President – Kyle Smith and Treasurer – Deb Wyant.

Absent: Bill Lewis.

Guests: Bob Doxey, Chuck Betz, Bruce Rolfe and John Cook – DPW.

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

(L.Strong/Lyons) Motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2009. Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Mr. Doxey, 400 S. Main, asked the Council what action they were going to take to help him with his basement flooding. Stated the problem began with heavy rains in September 2008. After the rain, it was discovered that a pipe was never reconnected (the 2008 Main Street road construction) between the school's catch basin (at the south school entrance) and the village's leach basin.

- Note: During this period there was heavy rainfall and currently the area water table is the highest in many years. The project engineer has been contacted and they have looked at the area and have even gone into the Doxey home to look at the basement. Visual evidence is not conclusive that the flooding or the crack in the Doxey basement was caused from the pipe never being connected. The damage could be from the high ground-water table due to the extraordinary amount of precipitation.

- 2) Mr. Betz, School Board President, noted the school was never notified that the drain was disconnected from the village basin. Mr. Betz requested documentation as to why the pipe was disconnected and never reconnected into the newly constructed village leach basin.
- 3) Adult night school education program was also discussed with Mr. Betz.

Communications: Email contact from John Gisler, Communications director for Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Government, regarding transparency of local governments desiring online access to many aspects of local government. Due to the technical ability of Council member, Tom Jones, the village has a functioning website which provides a lot of information. However, manpower and software adaptability does not enable more online access.

Public Works:

- 1) Water sample reports are complete
 - 2) Water hydrants have been flushed
 - 3) John Cook would like to purchase his own insurance and would like to opt for the \$200 monthly health insurance.
- **(Lyons/L.Strong)** Motion to pay John Cook \$200 for monthly health insurance beginning in June 2009 and obtain proof of insurance and cost once he has obtained the insurance. Roll call vote: Ayes – L.Strong, Lyons and Smith; Nays – Jones, T. Strong, and Gammons. Motion failed due to tie vote.
- **(Jones/Gammons)** Motion to pay John Cook \$200 for monthly health insurance retroactive to date of hire (January 1, 2009) and obtain proof of insurance and cost once he has obtained the insurance. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, T.Strong, L.Strong, Gammons and Smith; Nays – Lyons. Motion carried 5 to 1.

Administration: The website has been updated to reflect suggestions by the Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Government organization.

Streets: Motorcycles are traveling at high rates of speed through the village.

Parks/Library:

- 1) Alarms have been installed on the library doors.
- 2) To prevent potential theft of the X-box computer system, Best Buy technicians will stop by and make the system more secure.
- 3) The internet goes down quite often at the library and the DSL internet box, which is located in the basement of the library, constantly needs resetting. A cost estimate to have CTS re-route the box and wires to the main floor would be approximately \$600.

Water: No report

Public Safety:

- 1) Two young adults had a fire burning next to the wood steps at the back entrance of the library. The sheriff department was called and did talk with the two individuals. Mr. Gammons was directed to get the police report on the fire vandalism. The Council would consider pressing charges on the fire vandalism behind the library.

President's Time:

- 1) President Smith has made the following changes in committee chairs: Norm Lyons to head the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning committee and Lisa Strong will head the Cemetery, Parks and Library committee.

Old Business:

- 1) **(Lyons/T.Strong)** Motion to approve the SWEP program and allow the organization to perform various beautification projects in the village between June 29 and July 9 and have the DPW determine the various projects for the youth. Unanimously approved.

New Business:

- 1) The second half of the April 2009 Treasurer's report was handed out.
- 2) President Smith was in contact with the village attorney regarding the potential lawsuit by Bob Doxey. Discussed the option of a second opinion by another engineering firm. Mr. Strong will contact the project engineer for a written history of the drain issue and steps that were taken to correct the problem and also look into the cost of a second opinion from an independent engineer.

(Jones/T.Strong) The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk