

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 5, 2013

Present: Pat Clark, Tom Jones, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss, Kyle Smith – President, and Brenda Borden – Treasurer. Absent: None. Vacant – 1 Trustee seat

Guests: Tracy Inglett, Climax Township Supervisor – Don Schultz, Charles Foote, Mark Gay – DPW.

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

**(Strong/Jones)** Motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2013 as presented. Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Climax Village Auditor, Charles Foote, reviewed the Audit with the Council.
- 2) Climax Township Supervisor, Don Schultz, addressed park renovation funding proposed by the Rotary Club. Work up renovation ideas and take back to the Rotary Club for potential funding.
- 3) Tracy Inglett moved to Climax from Battle Creek. He enjoys the nice community.

**(Jones/Lyons)** The Council meeting was suspended at 8:15 p.m. to hold the **Public Hearing** on the 2011-12 Budget.

## PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2013-14 BUDGET

The major changes in the 2013-14 budget are:

- Employee wage increases of 1.5%
- Proposed millage increase of 1 mil. This would increase General Fund from 9 to 10 mils and the Water Fund would remain the same at 2 mils.
- Fire Protection Service Fee projected to increase from \$25,000 to \$34,000 – based on the proposed township budget.

Resolution to set the 2013-14 millage rate: **(Strong/Lyons)** Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-01 – to set the 2013 millage rate of 10 mills operating and 2 mills Hydrant (water system). Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Budget approval: **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to approve the 2013-14 Village Budget as presented.

- Total General Fund revenues / expenses: \$234,264
- Total Major Street revenues / expenses: \$44,087
- Total Local Street revenues / expenses: \$25,325
- Total Water Fund revenues / expenses: \$91,375
- Grand Total all revenues / expenses: \$395,051

Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

**(Jones/Lyons)** Motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:40 p.m. and resume the Regular Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

## REGULAR MEETING - Resumed

### Communications:

- 1) The library plans to digitize the card system and village would need to purchase and install a video security system.

### Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are done for March.
- 2) The large tree has been removed along Lovell Street at a cost of \$1500.
- 3) Waiting for another bid to come in for the Library siding.
- 4) Contacted Lyster Contracting to look at the well house damage to offer a cost to repair.

Water: Received the report from Peerless-Midwest on the condition of the wells and pumps. Pump #2 is 9% below capacity. It was last overhauled in 2003. **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to contract with Peerless-Midwest to overhaul pump #2 within a maximum cost of \$18,000. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: East Leroy Township is considering pulling out of the Library agreement.

Streets/Census: No report.

### Administration:

- 1) Postmaster for the Climax Post Office plans to visit the council next meeting.
- 2) **(Clark/Strong)** Motion to give a 1.5% pay raise to the DPW employees effective April 1, 2013. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, Twiss, Strong, Clark, Smith; Nays – Lyons. Motion carried 5 to 1.
- 3) **(Lyons/Clark)** Motion to approve the presented bill package totaling \$11,175.56. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

### Public Safety:

- 1) February sheriff calls totaled 12 (5 at school and 2 at the apartments)
- 2) Would like to open up talks with the township regarding the Joint Fire Resolution.
- 3) 8 fire/ems runs in January

Ordinance: President Smith contacted the Environmental Health and found they handle all the records for septic systems. According to their records, a holding tank was installed and not a septic system at 102 S. Main Street.

Old Business: None

New Business: The Rotary Club is working on the Memorial Day Festival activities.

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