

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
September 16, 2008

Present: Trustees: David Dell, Thomas Jones, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss and Treasurer: Deb Wyant.

Absent: Bill Lewis and President: Bill Rogers.

Guests: Bruce Rolfe, Bill Sackrider.

Agenda: **(Dell/Twiss)** Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Unanimously approved.

(Jones/Dell) Motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008 as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Jones/L.Strong) Motion to approve the September 2008 Bill Package, removing the bill for 2nd quarter township fire protection (6,622.44) totaling \$16,763.81. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(L.Strong/Dell) Motion to pay the 2nd quarter township fire protection in the amount of \$6,622.44. Roll call vote: Ayes – Twiss, L.Strong, Dell, T.Strong; Nays – Jones. Motion carried 4 to 1.

As many investment banks are failing and also with the possibility of savings banks failing, the council looked at the funds held in the village accounts to determine if any account is over \$100,000. At the present, no account is over \$100,000. Assignment given to the Administration committee to keep accounts under \$100,000 – this can be done by diverting a portion of the funds into short term certificate of deposits.

(Jones/Dell) Motion to approve the August 2008 Treasurer's Report as presented: Major Streets = \$73,778.39; Local Streets = \$45,986.20; General Fund = \$73,816.80; Water Fund = \$86,865.97, Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63; Totals = \$291,853.99. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: Mr. Rolfe commended the DPW on keeping the debris from the catch basins during the heavy rains. (Note: Reports of 11.5 inches of rain fell over a 3-day period (Sept 12-14) which caused flooding conditions throughout south west Michigan.)

Communications were noted.

Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are complete.
- 2) The 1999 Dump Truck needs repair to the power steering and brake motor. The brakes failed due to this motor. **(Dell/Twiss)** Motion to authorize repairs to the 1999 Ford Dump Truck in the amount of 901.17. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 3) A tree limb fell on the home at 125 Sheldon. The tree is in the village right-of-way. The home owner's insurance agent had been contacted, but the tree still remains on the home.
- 4) The library railing has been repaired.

Streets:

- 1) **(L.Strong/Jones)** Motion to authorize P.K. Contracting to mark the pavement (Maple Street) at a cost of \$3537.20 – amend the Major Street construction line item and draw the additional funds from the Major Street Fund Balance. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Parks: Would like to have the DPW check into the condition of the tennis court and determine if pavement sealing and marking is necessary.

Water: Mr. Lewis made a well head presentation to the township board and Trustee, Richard Thierjung, will work together with Mr. Lewis on the project. A resolution was made on part of the township and the Council would like to work up a resolution from the village and have it ready for the next meeting.

Administration: The public works maintenance worker job description and job applications are ready.

- 1) The job will be posted as soon as possible in the Crescent, Kalamazoo Gazette, Battle Creek Enquirer, and Michigan works website.
- 2) Application deadline will be October 17th.
- 3) Interviews will be conducted by the Administration Committee and will be held 10/17 thru 10/31.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Fire department will hold a CPR class on 9/22 from 6 to 9 (information course only – no certifications will be given)
- 2) Public warning system in the village. Discussed placing a siren in the village. Costs can run \$19,000 to \$25,000 for these systems. Can we get a grant to help fund the system? Can we work with the township for the placement of sirens throughout the township?

Ordinance:

- 1) Discussed various ordinance violations.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. (Dell/Twiss)
Scott Torrance – Clerk