

# *Village of Climax*

Special Meeting

June 27, 2008

Opened meeting at 7:00 p.m., at the Lawrence Memorial Library.

Present: David Dell, Thomas Jones, Bill Lewis, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss; President: Bill Rogers and Treasurer: Deb Wyant. Absent: None.

Guests: None

Purpose, as posted on the special meeting notice, was to discuss and agree on the language of a letter to be sent to the Climax Township Board regarding the fire millage and any other business as necessary.

The meeting opened with the reading of the letter to be sent to the Township Board. The Council discussed each paragraph for content and clarity. Of the original letter, paragraph two was edited and combined with paragraph one and the last paragraph was eliminated.

**(T.Strong/Twiss)** It was moved to accept the letter as amended and send to the Township Board by certified mail along with the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter fire payment. Ayes – Dell, Lewis, T.Strong, Twiss and Rogers; Nays – Jones and L.Strong. Motion carried 5 to 2.

Further discussion centered on various questions and comments:

- 1) The Council is grateful for the township board authorizing a millage proposal on the November ballot.
- 2) Is the millage proposal too high for today's economic conditions?
- 3) Prepared millage income figures show that a lower millage can satisfy the fire department operations and also relieve the strain on the township budget; can this information be forwarded to the Board for their consideration?
- 4) It is up to the Township Board to direct the millage amount and a sufficient millage proposal was discussed at the joint council/board meeting to fully fund the fire department and relieving the township budget completely.
- 5) Were sufficient figures presented at the joint meeting to make a millage proposal decision?
- 6) Can millage options appear on the ballot?

**(Jones/Twiss)** It was moved to give authority to Terry Strong to provide proposed millage recommendations to the Township Board, for their consideration, regarding the funding of the fire department. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.  
Scott Torrance - Clerk