

Village of Climax  
Regular Meeting  
January 19, 1999

Present: J. Davis, D. Guidarini, K. Guidarini, B. Twiss,  
BJ Wyant  
D. Stevenson.  
Absent: L. Phoenix  
Also Present: Holtz, B. Wyant.

(K. Guidarini/D. Guidarini) Motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 1999 without exception. Approved - all present.

(Twiss/D. Guidarini) Motion to approve the January 1999 Bill Package. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

Guests: None

Communications: None

(K. Guidarini/D. Guidarini) Motion to adopt the policy covering damage done as a result of snow plowing operation within the Village of Climax, Michigan. All in favor - motion carried.

Policy adopted: The following is a written policy proposed for adoption as a means of standardizing the handling of complaints from citizens regarding damage to property as a result of snow plowing operations performed by Village employees within the Village of Climax, Michigan.

This will cover, primarily, damage to mailboxes and newspaper delivery receptacles located by the roadside on streets within the Village.

Damage to those items will ordinarily be caused by the force of snow being removed from the roadway. The repair of such damage will be the responsibility of the homeowner or resident. The quality of the mounting post and hardware should be sufficient to withstand the force of the snow. Only damage that is caused by the actual striking of a mailbox or newspaper receptacle or its mounting bracket or post by a Village owned vehicle will be the responsibility of the Village for repair. It must be shown beyond a reasonable doubt that there was actual physical contact

between the mailbox or newspaper receptacle assembly by the truck or the attached plow.

Policy adopted by the Climax Village Council at a regular meeting on January 19, 1999.

Public Works report:

1. The new snow plow (truck) has yet to have the equipment placed on the truck. An estimated one to three weeks before completion.

2. Budget items reviewed.

- A. New roof & siding of the dormers.
- B. Truck w/8' bed.
- C. Sidewalks - \$4000.00
- D. Catch Basins - \$3000.00
- E. Air conditioning for Hall.

Administration: Discussed budget items. Discussed Sheriff patrol budget. The cost per hour may need to be increased. Looked at employee compensation with addition of disability insurance, increase in health insurance and overtime policy.

Water: D. Guidarini met with Gove Associates regarding the sewer system. A feasibility study would need to be done, a look at available grants, how to charge for project and informing village residents.

Stevenson reviewed the COG restructuring recommendations. (K. Guidarini, Twiss) Motion to vote in favor of the amendments of the Council Of Governments restructuring. Roll Call: Ayes - all. Motion carried.

Stevenson reviewed the GIS - Geological information system. This is a very expensive system charged to the county. The individual units in the county would fund this project. No figure or formula has been set yet. Cost to the county could be in hundreds of thousands of dollars. COG is looking for a vote to implement this system which would benefit the larger communities.

Due to the unknown cost and the village's use of the information it was determined that the system would not be feasible.

(D. Guidarini/J. Davis) Motion - Since no dollar figures are available, the Village would support the concept, but declines participation in the system and its funding. All in favor - motion carried.

Kalamazoo Regional Water & Wastewater Commission Resolution discussed. (D. Guidarini/Twiss) Motion to support the resolution to make the commission a reviewing agent in connection with water and wastewater contracts with the City of Kalamazoo and others. All in favor - motion carried.

The meeting was closed at 10:05 p.m. (K. Guidarini/D. Guidarini)

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk