

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 17, 2015

Present: Robert Bailey, Pat Clark, Gary Gammons, Norm Lyons, Bruce Rolfe, Janet Sutherland, Terry Strong – President and Brenda Borden – Treasurer and Mark Gay - DPW.

Absent: None. Also Present: None

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

(Clark/Lyons) Motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2015. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Gammons) Motion to approve the March 2015 Bill Package totaling \$5,343.21. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Clark) Motion to approve the February 2015 Treasurer's report – total fund balance is \$480,271.38 Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: none

Communications: Discussed the May 2015 State ballot proposal – increase in sales tax to 7%. Does the council want to support this tax increase by resolution? Council members will read more on the ballot proposal before proceeding.

Community Development: No report

Public Works:

- 1) **(Clark/Bailey)** Motion to approve the purchase of materials up to \$175 to close up the door from the Hall office to the garage and to drywall the entire wall. Roll call vote: Ayes - Bailey, Clark, Gammons, Rolfe, Sutherland and Strong; Nays – Lyons. Motion carried 6 to 1.
- 2) Winter equipment has been removed and switched to spring.
- 3) A recommendation from the contractor suggests that the skylights be removed from the library. They are notorious for leakage problems and costly to replace. If lighting is an issue, then simply install more lighting. **(Rolfe/Clark)** Motion to authorize Lyster Exteriors to remove the two skylights from the library according to the contractor's recommendation. Ayes - Bailey, Clark, Gammons, Rolfe, Sutherland and Strong; Nays – Lyons. Motion carried 6 to 1.
- 4) DPW will purchase barrels to replace existing trash barrels. Council was in agreement. Cost to be within \$600 DPW spending limit.

(Clark/Lyons) The Regular Council meeting was suspended at 8:00 p.m. to hold the **Public Hearing** on the 2015-16 Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015-16 BUDGET

The highlights in the 2015-16 budget are:

- Employee wage increases of 2%, Mark Gay \$2 raise.

- Proposed millage voted at the March 3rd meeting set at 11.5 mils (10 mils (General Fund) and 2.5 mils Water Fund). An extra ½ mil added to the Water Fund to assure sufficient funds to for future expenses.
- The fourth year of Water Fund payback (\$10,000) to the General Fund (Water tower painting – totaling \$100,000).
- Significant road maintenance to be done on Maple Street and Snapdragon Street which will tap into the road’s Fund Balance.
- No other significant expenses expected.

Budget approval: **(Clark/Gammons)** Motion to approve the 2015-16 Village Budget as presented.

- Total General Fund revenues / expenses: \$236,751
- Total Major Street revenues / expenses: \$84,291
- Total Local Street revenues / expenses: \$39,410
- Total Water Fund revenues / expenses: \$91,514
- Grand Total all revenues / expenses: \$451,966

Roll call vote: Ayes - Bailey, Clark, Gammons, Lyons, Sutherland and Strong; Nays – Rolfe.
Motion carried 6 to 1.

(Clark/Lyons) Motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:08 p.m. and resume the Regular Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

Streets:

- 1) Climax Township has the best roads in the county according to a KCRC report.
- 2) Waiting for weather to warm up to begin the use of hot patch to fill in pot holes.
- 3) Need to look into grants to help maintain village streets.

Parks, Cemetery Library:

- 1) Decorations removed from pine tree in park
- 2) Park bench to be repaired.
- 3) Continuing the work on the Memo of Understanding between the Village Council and Library Board.

Water: No report.

Administration:

- 1) Reviewed budget amendments. **(Lyons/Gammons)** Motion to approve 2014-15 budget amendments as presented. Roll call – unanimously approved.
 - a. General Fund \$8,702
 - b. Major Street \$1,947
 - c. Local Street \$1,940
 - d. Water Fund \$1,322
- 2) The Council presented a “Certificate of Support” to be presented to Mike Gibson for his years of dedicated employment to the village. Motion offered by Clark, Supported by Sutherland to support the certificate and its presentation to Mike Gibson. Ayes - Bailey, Clark, Gammons, Rolfe, Sutherland and Strong; Nays – Lyons. Motion carried 6 to 1.
 - a. The certificate reads, “In recognition of 28 years of service to the Village of Climax, we extend our unanimous support to Mike Gibson. We are grateful and supportive of your continued position as DPW Supervisor. Your dedication and overall

commitment to this Village and its residents has set the standard for service delivery on par with a municipality much greater in size and resources. Your work with Vendors, Government Entities, members of the Community, and Village Trustees all exhibit your ongoing wish to make this the best community it can be.”

- 3) There are new changes to the FOIA. Pat handed out MML information regarding the changes in the act. The changes will be reviewed in committee.
 - a. Clerk to email the council the current FOIA policy.

Public Safety: The fire department had 4 runs in February 2015. No report from the Sheriff Dept.

Ordinances:

- 1) To help village residents become aware of existing ordinances, it was suggested that an article be placed in the Crescent newspaper on a monthly basis. The article could be called, “The Muni Moment” and council members, on a rotating basis, would submit a short article on a topic or ordinance summary that pertains to their committee.
- 2) Reviewed ordinance violations: Lots of junk debris at 115 Watson St.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Lyons/Gammons) The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk