

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
February 20, 2007

Present: Trustees: Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss, Tricia Willis;
President: Bill Rogers; Treasurer: Deb Wyant.

Absent: None

Also Present: Jerry Cuyler, Jerry Jerue, Ralph Weessies, Mike Gibson and Bill Sackrider.

Agenda: (T.Strong/Jones) Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(T.Strong/Lewis) Motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2007 without exception.
Unanimously approved.

(Lewis/Willis) Motion to approve the February 2007 Bill Package totaling \$19,158.25 including the removal of the bill for Ford, Kriekard PC of \$320.00 to be voted as a separate item. Roll call vote:
Unanimously approved.

(T.Strong/L.Strong) Motion to approve the bill for Ford, Kriekard, PC in the amount of \$320.00.
Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, L. Strong, T. Strong, Rogers; Nays – Lewis and Willis. Motion carried 4 to 2.

(L.Strong/Lewis) Motion to approve the January 2007 Treasurer's Report. Major Streets = \$183,529.32; Local Streets = \$34,312.24; General Fund = \$147,691.42; Water Fund = \$85,078.00, Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63; Totals = \$462,017.61, with the following exception: The General Fund and the Major Street fund are off by .30 due to a funds transfer error. Roll Call Vote:
Unanimously approved.

Guests: Library President, Ralph Weessies presented Jerry Jerue to the Council and asked that he be appointed to serve on the Library Board. (Jones/T.Strong) Motion to appoint Jerry Jerue to fill a four year vacancy on the Library Board – term to end in November 2010. Unanimously approved. Two Library Board positions remain to be filled.

Communications:

- 1) Meth Lab informational meeting on February 22nd.
- 2) Cable franchise seminar on February 23rd.
- 3) Kalamazoo Area Transportation study – need addresses of home owners on Main Street to send out road project notices.

Public Works:

- 1) A key box will be installed to organize all keys.
- 2) Have not been able to find a 3rd bid for tree work in the village.
- 3) Looking into used water system control parts from the City of Battle Creek. They have switched control systems and have spare parts available. This will be a cost savings to the Village's system and opportunity to have back up parts on hand.
- 4) Replaced shaft on the Kubota broom.
- 5) The gathering of water samples for the 2007 water monitoring system is complete.

Water: One complaint on the water rate increase was noted. The water committee will look into holding quarterly forums to field public comments regarding the municipal water system and to

answer any questions. Looking at holding the forums on selected Saturdays at the Library. Dates and times will be reviewed.

Administration:

- 1) Reviewed the FOIA policy and procedures. The Council has been reviewing Freedom of Information Act policies and procedures to have them in place for any future FOIA requests. (Jones/T.Strong) Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-05 – Designation of FOIA Coordinator and FOIA Policy. Roll call vote: Ayes: Jones, T.Strong, L.Strong, Willis and Rogers; Nays – Lewis, Absent – Twiss. Resolution adopted 5 to 1.
- 2) Reviewed the 2007-08 budget. The initial review of the proposed budget revealed that expenditures exceeded revenues by \$22,000. Further cuts in expenses had to be made to balance Revenues and Expenditures. The proposed budget will continue to be reviewed at the first meeting in March with the Budget hearing set for the second meeting in March.

Fire/Public Safety:

- 1) For information purposes only, Terry passed out the Fire millage proposals that the township board is considering.

Ordinance:

- 1) No word from Village Attorney regarding the revisions to the Garbage Ordinance and Garbage Bid.
- 2) Zoning administration and planning training is available through the Michigan Extension office.

Old Business:

- 1) MCC attorney will be in Kalamazoo to meet with Council members/village attorney to discuss the revisions to the village ordinances – April 9th at 2 p.m.
- 2) Sewer feasibility study compiled by Gove & Associates was received. This is a preliminary study to look into the possibility of sewer service in the village and also the initial step to look into grant opportunities.
- 3) City incorporation: Committee Chairman, Jerry Cuyler, presented to the Council an opportunity that would help to get more village residents involved in the city incorporation voting process. While approximately 140 signatures were gathered during the initial petition stage, not all residents were approached and renters and property owners whose properties are in trusts were unable to sign these petitions. Mr. Cuyler presented an advisory vote option. This would be an election of all registered voters in the village. It is important to note that this would only be an advisory vote and not the final vote. The results of the election would help the Council determine how to proceed with the City Incorporation.
 - a. Some concerns centered around: 1) the cost of the election, 2) would a survey be a better or less costly option, 3) should the Council wait for a decision by the Boundary Commission, 4) Which election date to hold the advisory vote on?

(T.Strong/L.Strong) Motion to put before the village residents, an advisory vote election on the City Incorporation issue on the May 2007 election date. Roll call vote: Ayes – T.Strong, L.Strong, Jones and Rogers. Nays – Willis and Lewis. Motion carried 4 to 2.

- 4) Items tabled until next Council meeting: 1) Employee health insurance cost and 2) Employee pay raise.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk