

Village of Climax  
Regular Meeting  
September 2, 2003

Present: B. Rogers, T. Strong, S. Thompson, B. Twiss, Tricia Willis, D. Stevenson.

Absent: One vacant seat

Also Present: Kara Graham, Ann Mowrey, Shawn Messner, Deb Wyant

(Rogers/Strong) Motion to appoint Shawn Messner as Trustee to fill the vacant seat on the Council. She will assume Scott Blayden's term which ends in March 2005. Unanimously approved. Oath of office was administered by the Clerk. Ms Messner will chair the Water Committee.

Motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2003 with the following exception: Bill Twiss made the motion and Bill Rogers supported to approve the August 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. Unanimously approved.

Guests: High School Student Vice-President Kara Graham asked for Council approval to hold a parade on October 17 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Rogers/Strong) Motion to approve the High School parade on October 17. Unanimously approved.

Ann Mowrey received a water shut off notice. She approached the Council to discuss her situation and asked for an 8 day extension. (Strong/Twiss) Motion to extend the due date to September 11, 2003 to receive payment in full from Ann Mowrey. Unanimously approved.

Public works:

1. Water samples and pump reports for September have been completed
2. A water service hook up was completed for Rob Baird on Prairie Drive last week. Received material payment and 1<sup>st</sup> hook up payment.
3. Worked on residential water shut offs

Parks/Library/Cemetery: Discussed Cemetery rates.

(Strong/Thompson) Motion to adopt Resolution 2003-5 to increase cemetery rates, effective September 5, 2003:

Village Residents burial	250.00 per site
Village Resident cremation	110.00 per site
Non-Residents burial	1000.00 per site
Non-Residents cremation	300.00 per site
Grave opening and closing 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.	350.00
After 4 p.m., weekends and holidays	150.00 additional
Cremation opening and closing 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.	110.00
After 4 p.m., weekends and holidays	75.00 additional
Frost and snow removal	150.00
Foundation	.30 per square inch

Roll call vote: Ayes: S. Messner, B. Rogers, T. Strong, S. Thompson, B. Twiss, D. Stevenson.  
Nays: T. Willis

Motion carried

Discussed the computerization of cemetery records. In July of 2003, the Clerk commented that the current card file system seemed antiquated. Looking into the card system more, it was found that the records are up to date and accurate. In 1999 the cemetery records had been computerized and Council members wondered why the computerized records had not been updated. After searching minutes of 1999, it was found that new computer database appeared to be intended for family history research and no direction was given to the Sexton or Clerk to begin maintaining cemetery records on the computer. During the past two weeks the cemetery record database was examined. It has now been updated and now matches the card file maintained by the Sexton. The Sexton and Clerk will continue to maintain both the card file and computer database. Locating names, issuing deeds, determining available lots, etc. will be much easier by computerizing the cemetery records.

President Stevenson will talk with Mr. Gibson and direct him to record the various idiosyncrasies associated with the layout with the Village cemetery.

Updating and modernizing the cemetery map was also discussed. Can the map be placed on a computer CAD program and tied into the cemetery records? Would it be worth the time and cost? Is it necessary to update the map as long as we have the computerized records?

There are a few head stones that are unreadable and some are tipped over. What can the Village do to correct this? It was noted that the stones are private property and cannot be touched or otherwise maintained. President Stevenson will contact the village attorney for direction on this issue.

Ordinance: Discussed ordinance violations. Many properties have cleaned up.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. (Strong/Twiss)

Scott A. Torrance – Village Clerk