

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

April 15, 2008

Present: Trustees: David Dell, Thomas Jones, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss; President: Bill Rogers, Treasurer: Deb Wyant.

Absent: Bill Lewis.

Guests: Jim & Faye Cummings, Bruce Rolfe, Mike Gibson, and Bill Sackrider.

Agenda: **(T.Strong/Twiss)** Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Unanimously approved.

(T.Strong/L.Strong) Motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2008. Unanimously approved.

(Jones/T.Strong) Motion to approve the April 2008 Bill Package totaling \$69,219.97. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved

(T.Strong/L.Strong) Motion to approve the March 2008 Treasurer's Report as presented: Major Streets = \$147,893.08; Local Streets = \$47,030.62; General Fund = \$121,686.79; Water Fund = \$87,174.70, Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63; Totals = \$415,191.82. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Communications: MML conference notice and township letter requesting road update for election purposes.

Guests: Jim & Faye Cummings spoke about their home's foundation and the sidewalk removal around the building. The sidewalk connects to the foundation and they fear that any removal could disturb the foundation and allow water to enter into the basement. Decided village officials, Jim and the engineers would meet the next day to determine a solution.

Public Works:

- 1) A resident requested a section of sidewalk to be placed between the sidewalk and the road for handicap accessibility purposes. The resident will pay for the additional section.
(Jones/Dell) Motion to approve the citizen request to add a section of sidewalk between the road and the existing sidewalk at 142 E. Maple Street. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) The compost pile in the well field has been removed. 20 loads were removed at a cost of \$95 per load.
- 3) Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sackrider will attend a water system meeting on April 23rd.

Streets:

- 1) Mr. Twiss, President Rogers and Mr. Gibson met with road construction engineers and discussed the sidewalks at the center of town. These sidewalks are not included in the road project cost. The council deliberated on whether to replace the sections of sidewalk now while the area is torn up or wait. The existing sidewalks are uneven and in need of replacement. To remove these sections of sidewalk at a later date may crack the new sections. The estimated cost should not exceed \$25,000. **(T.Strong/Dell)** Motion to replaced the sections of sidewalk in the center of town in conjunction with the Main Street road project and approve the cost overrun of not more than \$25,000 and amend the budget to reflect the additional cost. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

2) Discussed the Main Street road project and questions from residents. A letter informing the Main Street residents of the road project should have been mailed to them prior to the start of the project. An information letter should be considered prior to any future large street projects. As the project moves along, questions come up – the following are answers to previous questions:

- By the end of April, the sidewalk renovations should be complete.
- S. Main curbs will be left intact.
- N. Main curbs, north of the post office will be left intact.
- Clerk to place a road related notice on the outside bulletin board.
- Look into the possibility of shrinking the construction map.
- Mail boxes being taken down. The postmaster is aware of the situation and will work with residents to provide their mail.
- Election on May 6. Access to the township hall will not be blocked. Cars might not be able to park in the street during the election.
- There will be access to all businesses on Main St.
- Main St. will not be entirely closed. There may however be periods of time the road will be blocked.

Parks: There is a village position open on the library board. Scott was directed to contact the attorney to determine if a council member can also serve on the library board.

Administration:

- 1) New code books are finished and they have arrived. The next step is to adopt an ordinance to approve the revised code books.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Will try and set up a meeting with the township.
- 2) The fire department may look into CPR training for the community.

Ordinance: Some of the problems with barking dogs and dogs running loose have been resolved, but there are still problems.

President's time: None

Old Business:

- 1) Curbside trash pickup date will be May 17th. It is hoped the street construction will not hinder the pickup.
- 2) In discussions with the road engineers in regard to the railroad crossings, CN railroad knows of the construction and it is hoped they will join in the coordinated effort. However, they have their own schedule.

New Business:

- 1) **(Twiss/Jones)** Motion to allow the American Legion to hold the Memorial Day parade on May 26th.
- 2) The 4th quarter 2007-08 fire protection fee invoice and final fire budget was received from the Township. There are questions on two line items – Legal fees and miscellaneous – and the council directed Scott to write to the township clerk to seek clarification or details of the expenses within the two expense items. **(Jones/Twiss)** Motion to request clarification of the Legal fee and Miscellaneous expense items. Unanimously approved.

- 3) **(Jones/Dell)** Motion to set the village yard sale date for June 21 and approve funds to advertise in local newspapers, not to exceed \$150. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, Twiss, T.Strong, Dell and Rogers; Nays – L.Strong. Motion carried 5 to 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Clerk