

Village of Climax
Minutes
October 20, 1998

Present: S. Gray, K. Guidarini, B. Twiss, D. Stevenson.
Absent: C. Cole, L. Phoenix, S. Thompson
Also Present: Ben Holtz, Bill Taylor, Billie King, Doris Lucas

(Guidarini/Gray) Motion to approve the minutes of the October 6th meeting. All in favor.

(Guidarini/Gray) Motion to approve the October 1998 Bill Package.
Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

Guests: Bill Taylor inquired about the possible sewer project and also connecting the trailer park to the water system.

Doris Lucas discussed with the council the ordinance violation notice she received. Seeking further understanding as to what items need to be cleaned up. She feels that the violation has been taken care of.

Communications: A company by the name of US Exchange has petitioned the village and is seeking a right of way to extend service into our area. The letter notes that they have competitive local telephone exchange rates and hope to provide service by February 1999.

The new Household Hazardous Waste contract was received. The clerk was directed to review the past contract and have the contract amount ready for council approval next meeting.

Public Works:

- 1) The sidewalk project on Church and Hancock streets is completed.
- 2) Started leaf pickup on 10/20.
- 3) Holes have been dug for playground equipment.

Discussed the temporary hiring of 2 part time employees to help with setting up the playground equipment and leaf pickup. Since they have been directed to get the playground equipment in as soon as possible and that the job would require more than two people, it was proposed that 2 temporary employees be hired.

(Gray/Twiss) Motion to employ two part time people to help in installing the playground equipment and leaf pickup at approximately 80 hours at \$8.00 per hour. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

(Guidarini/Twiss) Motion to purchase a John Deere snow blower from Heslinga Lawn and Garden at a cost of \$2741.90. Roll call vote: Ayes - all present.

Administration: 1) Activity report forms are made and will give to Ben and Mike. 2) Passed out audit reports and asked the council members to review and discuss at next meeting.

The Dalton property (behind the cemetery) was offered to the Village. The property is estimated at 3.5 acres. Price was not discussed pending an appraisal report.

A proposal for Police protection was discussed with the council. This plan was previously presented to the Township. Police protection was one of the services most requested by residents. "The agreement would provide, on a yearly basis, a Deputy and a fully equipped patrol car... would guarantee the Township and Village residents 40 hours of police protection a week."

Census: Twiss is gathering information on the 2000 Census. Plans to attend a meeting in Vicksburg on 10/26 to get further information and direction.

Steve Gray presented the council with his resignation, as of 10/21/98. They have sold their home and plan to move from the area.

Twiss made a motion to create Resolution 98-5, to Designate the Climax Banking Center as chief depository for the Village of Climax. However, Guidarini had concerns regarding the bank's Y2K readiness and could not support the motion. Due to lack of majority vote, Twiss rescinded his motion and tabled discussion until next meeting.

The proposed wording for the "Village Manager" was read.

Ordinance: Several violations or concerns were noted and the village will look into them.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

(Guidarini/Twiss) Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 9:25 p.m.

Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk