

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 3, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.

PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Kirkham, Murphy, Snyder.

ABSENT: Bailey

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant, Stan Sunnock, Red Lowe.

The minutes of the March 20th, 1990 council meeting were approved

Oath of office was administered to all newly elected officials: President-Kyle Smith, Treasurer-Brad Wyant, Clerk-Scott Torrance, Trustees-Michael Elwell, Michael Glazer and Lowell Snyder.

Treasurer's report: Motion by Glazer to approve the March 1990, Treasurer's report. Motion was supported by Kirkham. Roll call vote - Yea. All Present.

Communications were read.

Michael Bailey presented her resignation as Village trustee due to her moving out of the village. (effective immediately)

Motion by Murphy to give permission to the American Legion Auxillary to distribute Poppies on May 18th and 19th. Supported by Kirkham. All in favor.

President Kyle Smith announced the following changes in committees and committee chairmen.

- . Michael Glazer - Finance/Insurance/Administration.
- Chuck Kirkham - Water/Maintenance.
- Greg Murphy - Ordinance/Census/Planning Development.
- Lowell Snyder - Cemetery/Parks/Library.
- Michael Elwell - Public Safety/Law Enforcement/Fire.
- Vacancy - Streets/Lights/Sidewalks/Zoning.
- President Pro-Tem - Chuck Kirkham.

Act 51 Report to be responsibility of Clerk and Treasurer.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION: Murphy presented the final budget for 1990-1991 to the council.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.

PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Kirkham, Murphy, Snyder.

ABSENT: One seat vacant due to resignation of Michele Bailey

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant, Bob Baugher, David Hodges

The minutes of the April 17th, 1990 council meeting were approved

Snyder made a motion to appoint Dave Hodges as Trustee to fill the vacant position. Glazer supported the motion. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

Oath of office was administered to Hodges by the Clerk.

BILL PACKAGE: Two changes were made to the bill package. Bob's Welding and Climax Postmaster were deleted. Kirkham made a motion to accept bill package(including the two changes). Glazer supported. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

Communications were read.

Greg Murphy presented his resignation as Village Trustee.(effective immediately). We are grateful for his contribution to the Village and will miss him on the council.

President Kyle Smith turned the meeting over to President Pro-tem Chuck Kirkham. Upon doing so Kyle asked for council approval to transfer all stock interest in the Harvester from Bruce L. and Mary E Smith to Kyle Smith.

A Motion was made by Kirkham to approve the transfer of all stock interest of the Harvester, located at 101 S. Main, Climax, Michigan, from existing stockholders Bruce L. and Mary E. Smith to new stockholder Kyle Z. Smith. The motion was supported by Murphy. Roll call vote: Yea - Elwell, Hodges, Kirkham, Murphy, Glazer, Snyder. Nay - none, Abstained - Smith.

Trustee David Hodges was appointed as Street Administrator.

Motion by Murphy to retain the services of the accounting firm - Foote, Iles & Lloyd to audit the records of the Village. Glazer supported. Yea - all present.

NOTICE: Due to the printing of new water bill forms, all water bills will be delayed another 2 to 3 weeks.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
May 1, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder.
ABSENT: One seat vacant due to resignation of Greg Murphy.
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant,

The minutes of the April 17th, 1990 council meeting were approved.

Elwell made a motion to appoint Nathan Strong as Trustee to fill the vacant position. Hodges supported the motion. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

Oath of office was administered to Strong by the Clerk.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Glazer and supported by Kirkham to approved the Treasurer's Report. Motion was carried. Yea - all present.

Communications were read.

Permission was given to the American Legion to hold a parade on Founder's Day 5-28-90.

Motion by Kirkham to appoint Dave Hodges as Street Administrator. Supported by Snyder. Roll call vote. Yeas - Elwell, Glazer, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong, Smith. Nays - none. Abstaining - Hodges.

Committees were organized by President Smith.

Finance/Administration: Discussion on the Cable TV Contract. Glazer made a motion that The Village of Climax extend both CTS Consent agreement and Antenna field land lease agreement an additional five years each. Total payments on the Land Lease Agreement raised to 2000.00 dollars. Land Lease payment schedule to be suggested by CTS. Supported by Elwell. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

Water: The color of the Water Tank was decided on. White with Blue lettering.

Motion by Glazer to appropriate up to 50.00 for Kirkham to attend a meeting in Kalamazoo. Hodges supported. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 1990**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant, Brenda Bishop, Gary Longman.

The minutes of the May 1st, 1990 council meeting were approved.

Bill Package: Motion was made by Kirkham and supported by Glazer to approved the Bill Package with the following corrections: Delete bills for Sweepster and Climax Township and adjust the amount to 70.00 for Ben Holtz insurance. Motion was carried. Yea - all present.

Communications were read.

Discussion on the possibility of a child care facility within the Village. Feasibility study is needed before any action can be taken.

Gary Longman spoke on behalf of the Summer Recreation Program (4 week program for student in grades 1-6)

A motion was proposed by Glazer to donate 400.00 to the Summer Recreation Program for the summer of 1990. Supported by Kirkham. Roll call vote. Yea, all present.

Ordinance: Discussed date for trash pick-up. Only one trash pick up day for the year of 1990. Strong made a motion to have the trash pick-up date set for Monday, June 25th at a cost of 2000.00. Hodges supported the motion. Roll call vote. Yea, all present. The date will become effective upon acceptance by Michigan Disposal.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant, Mike Gibson, Richard Fuller.

The minutes of the May 15th, 1990 council meeting were approved.

Deviated from the regular order of business to hear from an individual interested in the position of "Ordinance Officer". Mr. Fuller seems to be a very good candidate for the position as he has had previous experience as ordinance officer. The selection was put into the hands of the Ordinance Committee to finalize the agreement and will report back to the Council the following June meeting.

The Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 1990 was approved by the Council. Motion by Glazer, Seconded by Kirkham. Roll call vote - yea. All present.

Communications were read.

- The Village has received approval from Michigan Disposal Service on the Trash Pick Up date. There will be only one pick up this year. Monday - June 25th.

Committee reports:

Finance/Administration: Glazer reported on his committee meeting. Employee compensation was discussed: A motion was made by Glazer, Supported by Kirkham for the purchase of a time clock. Roll call vote: YEAS: Elwell, Hodges, Glazer, Kirkham, Strong. NAYS: Snyder. Abstaining: Smith. The motion was passed by majority vote.

Glazer made a motion that Village equipment be labeled "Village of Climax" and that Village equipment be used only on village time. Kirkham supported the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion and approval to increase employee compensation was postponed until the next meeting due to lack of information.

Streets: Confirmation was received by the State of Michigan acknowledging the appointment of Dave Hodges as Street Administrator.

Water/Maintenance: Motion by Kirkham to pay the Township of Climax for first quarter's Fire Protection in the amount of

1743.31. Seconded by Elwell. Role call vote - Yea. All present.

New business: The new "Climax" sign on the corner of "MN" and 44th has been stolen. New ideas need to be generated to find a solution to the problem.

Meeting was adjourned at 8.50.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 19, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant, Mike Gibson, Billy King,
Bill Taylor, Leonard & Marian Peck, Joseph Rocha, Alisia Story.

The minutes of the June 5th, 1990 council meeting were approved.

Deviated to hear from: 1. Billy King presented plans for furniture needed in the historical room of the Library and asked for financial support from the council. The council requested that the library board come up with an exact list of furniture needed and dollar amount before any donation be offered.

2. Group representing area residents voiced their concerns regarding the high rate of speed that cars are traveling in the village. Children's lives are at stake and we don't need to have a death of a child caused by the careless and reckless driving of a few individuals. Several solutions were discussed such as "speed bumps", but until a solution is found, residents are urges to write down the description of the cars, license (if possible) and notify the State police or Sheriff's department immediately.

Bill Package: With the exception of the Kehoe Kavanaugh bill, which needs to be moved to Water operations, the Bill Package totaling 10,267.00 was approved. Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Hodges. Roll call vote, Yea. All present.

Communications were read.

A reminder to Village residents ONLY: Trash pick up day is Monday, JUNE 25th.

Committee reports:

Finance/Administration: Motion by Glazer, supported by Elwell that employee compensation be adjusted for the following:

Mike Gibson: Hourly wage be raised to 8.00 an hour, including in the raise is compensation for his S-4 (which he has received) and D-4 rating (to be completed in the fall of 1990), 80.00 per month to cover insurance costs. Retro active back to 4-1-90. Ben Holtz is his supervisor.

Ben Holtz: Hourly wage be raised to 10.00 an hour, 80.00 per month to cover insurance costs, a 5% cash retirement bonus to be paid at the end of the Village's fiscal year. Retro active back to 4-1-90. Ben must be present at each council meeting for 1 hour.

Roll call vote: Yea, all present. Motion approved.

Streets: Committee report discussed.

Cemetery: There are many tree limbs in the cemetery that need trimming.

The Cemetery committee will look into the purchase and placement of a "Prairie Home Cemetery" sign for the Cemetery.

Ordinance: Strong reported on his committee meeting. Strong made a motion that the Village offer to hire Richard Fuller as ordinance officer with pay and number of hours worked each month subject to the approval of the Ordinance Committee. Elwell supported the motion. Roll call vote: Yea, all present.

Old business: Review of individual council member's code book tabled until the next meeting.

New business: Climax sign design and placement was put into the Streets/Sidewalks/Zoning committee - David Hodges.

Motion that the Village will charge 10 mills operating fund and 1 mill hydrant rental for the Village's fiscal year of 1990 with a taxation hearing set for 7-17-90 was presented by Hodges and supported by Glazer. Roll call vote: Yea, all present.

NOTE: The number of mills voted on this year has not been raised. The Village is allowed 17 mills, but has operated on 11 mills for many years.

NOTE: Tax bills will be sent out approx. July 1, 1990. If your Bank doesn't require the Tax bill and you don't receive it then contact Brad Wyant - Village Treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 3, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder.

ABSENT: STRONG

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Billy King.

The minutes of the June 19th, 1990 council meeting were approved with the following corrections: 1) Public works manager is to be present at one meeting a month for a minimum of one hour. 2) The motion of charging 10 mills operating fund for the fiscal year of 1990 was offered by Kirkham, not Hodges.

Deviated to hear from Billie King. She presented plans for furniture needed in the historical room of the Library. Several furniture packages were presented to the Council for review upon which Glaser made a motion to donate 5000.00 to the Lawrence Memorial Library for the purpose of purchasing package #4 - a furniture set containing two 8 foot tables, 12 wooden chairs and 30 stackable chairs. Motion was supported by Elwell. Roll call vote. Yea, all present. Motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Glazer made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report, Hodges supported. All in favor. Report was approved.

Communications were read.

Committee reports:

Public Safety: There was discussion over a need of a walkway from the Village limits to Sinclair's Market. The idea was given to the Street Committee for further investigation.

Streets: Committee report discussed. Hodges presented a report to the Council on the condition of streets, sidewalks and trees and any appropriate improvements.

Hodges made a motion to remove the tree in front of the house on 126 N. Main street and also trim or remove other hazardous trees with a budget limit of 500 dollars. Snyder supported the motion. Roll call vote. Yea, all present. Motion was carried.

In an effort to help reduce speeding and reckless driving within the village, speed bumps were investigated. Hodges presented samples of a plastic, removable speed bump to the council. They are 6 feet in length and kept in place by 12" long bolts. Each segment would cost 130 dollars. It was suggested that the Village purchase a few for experimental purposes.

Old business: Review of individual council member's code book tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 17, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Mr. Fuller, Brad Wyant.

Minutes of the July 3rd meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Fuller is the new Ordinance Officer for the Village. He was given the oath of office during the meeting and the contract was signed. He will begin immediately.

BILL PACKAGE: Kirkham motioned that the Bill Package in the amount of 10,545.13 be approved with the following correction: The bill for Ropes Corporation in the amount of 94.65 be moved from the General Fund to Water operations. Supported by Glazer. Roll call vote. Yea - all present. Motion carried

Communications were read.

Committee reports:

STREETS: Bicycle path was discussed as a quote was received. It was proposed that the path would lead from the west side of the railroad tracks to Sinclair's market. Dimensions: A 5 foot path, 1-1/2 inch of asphalt with 4 inch gravel base. Discussion was put on hold until the council receives other quotes.

A updated quote for each 6 foot speed bump is 100.00.

The street committee will check into Railroad crossing maintenance as they are rapidly deteriorating.

WATER: The painting/restoring of the water tower is complete. Both the inside and outside of the tower have been restored and water will be pumped back into the tank during the week of July 16. The tank will be filled only after appropriate water tests and the disinfection process have been completed.

NOTICE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS: Monday or Friday mornings are set for flushing of the Village water. The process stirs up sediment in the water system and water may appear discolored

The updated Water Ordinance has been finalized and will be published in the Crescent for two weeks.

Kirkham made a motion that Ordinance 29 (Water Rate Ordinance) be adopted July 17, 1990. Glazer seconded the motion. All present in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Garage Sale signs are not to be posted on any public utility poles. This is against Village Ordinance and

signs will be taken down. You may post your sign on a separate stake near the poles.

Old business: Review of individual council member's code book tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting was temporarily adjourned at 8:30 to hold a Public Hearing on Increasing Property taxes.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 8:30
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
Absent: None
Citizens present: None

The letter regarding the Millage Proposal (Resolution 90-1) was read and explained by Treasurer Brad Wyant.

Meeting was opened up for Public Discussion.

Motion by Kirkham to adjourn Public Hearing. Seconded by Hodges. All present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Regular Council meeting was resumed at 8:45.

Glazer made a motion to pass Resolution 90-1 (The 1990 Millage Proposal). Hodges seconded the motion. Yeas: Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong, Smith. Nays: none. Motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant.

Minutes of the July 17th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Kirkham, Seconded by Glazer to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 1990. Roll Call vote. Yeas - all present.

Communications were read.

Committee reports:

PUBLIC SAFETY: Topics of On-Street Parking and Reckless Driving were discussed. Elwell had talked with residents regarding the speeding problem. Streets are becoming quieter as the Sheriff's Dept has increased their patrol throughout the Village.

NOTICE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS: IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DISCHARGE ANY FIREARMS WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS. (SECTION 2.415 Village Ordinances).

STREETS: Hodges reported on his progress regarding the railroad crossings, quotations for construction of bike path west of the Village and Speed bumps

New Business: Garage Sale signs are not to be posted on any public utility poles. This is against Village Ordinance and signs will be taken down. You may post your sign on a separate stake near the poles.

Discussion of weed control for the roads entering into the Village.

A section of sidewalk to be looked at for repair

Old business: Review of individual council member's code book tabled until the next meeting when the Ordinance officer will be present.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 21, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant, Frank Bowman, Phil Scramlin

Minutes of the August 7th meeting were approved.

Deviated to hear from visitors: Frank Bowman representing the Rotary Club asked for permission to stretch two cables diagonally across the intersection of Main St. and Maple St. for the purpose of hanging Christmas decorations/lights.

Motion offered by Glazer and supported by Kirkham to give the Rotary Club permission to permanently attach two cables diagonally across the Main St. and Maple St. intersection (above the signal) for the purpose of hanging Christmas decorations. All in favor. Motion carried.

Phil Scramlin voiced concerns regarding disturbances.

Bill Package: Motion by Glazer to accept the August Bill Package in the amount of 10,740.00. Seconded by Kirkham. Roll Call Vote. Yea - all present.

Communications were read.

Committee reports:

STREETS: Another bid was received regarding the proposed bike path. However, the cost at this time is too great for the Village to pursue. Alternative ideas were discussed.

The "Welcome to Climax" sign at the north end of the Village has been stolen. There was discussion on having a fine and penalty for those caught with possession of a sign, along with a reward for information resulting in apprehension. This was put into committee for further study.

CEMETERY: The sign for the cemetery is near completion. The Village Christmas tree and parking lot next to library were put into committee for further study.

NOTICE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS: IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DISCHARGE ANY FIREARMS WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS. (SECTION 2.415 Village Ordinances).

NOTICE: Garage Sale signs are not to be posted on any public utility poles. This is against Village Ordinance and signs will be taken down. You may post your sign on a separate stake near the poles.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant.

Minutes of the August 21st meeting were approved.

Communications were read.

Motion by Glazer to approve 75.00 for Scott Torrance - Clerk to attend a day long Government seminar in Jackson, Michigan on Wednesday, September 26, 1990. 50.00 for registration costs and 25.00 for travel expenses. Supported by Elwell. Roll call vote. Yea, all present. Motion was approved.

Committee reports:

PUBLIC SAFETY: NOTICE TO PARENTS: For the safety and protection of your children: please review with your children the dangers of playing in the streets and stress to them rules of crossing streets.

ORDINANCE: There was discussion on creating an ordinance restricting large animals within the village limits. The council would like input from residence regarding this matter. (You may contact any of the council members or village clerk.) President Smith placed the matter into committee for further study.

Motion by Glazer to move the "Regular Council Meetings" from the Village Hall to the new conference area in the Lawrence Memorial Library. The motion was supported by Elwell. Motion was unanimously approved.

ALL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS: will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. As of the next meeting, Tuesday, Sept 18, 1990, the meetings will take place in the conference room located in the Lawrence Memorial Library. All meetings, unless posted, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS: IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DISCHARGE ANY FIREARMS WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS. (SECTION 2.415 Village Ordinances).

NOTICE: Garage Sale signs are not to be posted on any public utility poles. This is against Village Ordinance and signs will be taken down. You may post your sign on a separate stake near the poles.

NEW BUSINESS: The preliminary figures on the population of the village, as provided by the 1990 Census Bureau, showed 575 residents. This appears very low. Through the preliminary efforts of Chuck Kirkham and other members, the Council has

challenged this figure. During the meeting it was estimated that the population of the village is 633.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 1990**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant, Billie King.

The meeting was held for the first time in the Historical Society's conference room.

Minutes of the September 4th meeting were approved.

BILL PACKAGE: Glazer motioned to accept the September Bill Package in the amount of 11,776.53 including the following addition: Kalamazoo Office Furniture, 5000.00 to the General Fund disbursements. Kirkham supported the motion. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

Communications were read: A meeting for local officials on ground water contamination will be held in Charleston Township Hall on September 27th. Kirkham will attend.

The Village received notification from the State confirming that the mileage of streets within the village matches their records.

Smith reported that plans for a new "Village of Climax" sign has been placed in hands of the Community Association committee headed by Cleon Mack.

Committee reports:

PUBLIC SAFETY: NOTICE TO PARENTS: For the safety and protection of your children: please review with your children the dangers of playing in the streets and stress to them rules of crossing streets.

Elwell has been in contact with Public Safety Officials regarding reckless driving within the village. Residents CAN help to report violators. The license plate number must be written down and submitted to the Sheriff's Department. More information will be gathered by the clerk for this procedure of IDENTIFYING and CONVICTING reckless drivers.

STREETS: Hodges reported on his quarterly committee meeting. Topics discussed were: 1) The proposed bike path and 2) Parking Area for library visitors.

CEMETERY: Vandalism in the cemetery was discussed. Snyder will research ways of cleaning up the cemetery and report back to the Council.

The need of a Copier for the library was discussed. Snyder will also work with the Library committee in obtaining one.

ORDINANCE: Strong reported on his quarterly committee meeting. The ordinance "Codification of Ordinances" was received from the Village attorney.

OLD BUSINESS: Kirkham will be the designated Council Member over the Village Works Manager. Any Council decisions involving the Works Manager will be directed through Kirkham.

NEW BUSINESS: The Council members, Treasurer, Clerk reviewed two sections of their code books for completeness.

A trash pickup for the fall was discussed. Strong will look into it.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall as the Historical Society Conference Room was locked.

Minutes of the September 18th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Kirkham to approve the Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 1990. Elwell supported. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

Motion by Kirkham to have President Smith approach the Library Board and Historical Society to have keys made for the Clerk and President. The council does appreciate all their effort in the remodeling project. It is a beautiful building and with the addition of the conference room, the community as a whole, can make additional use of the facilities. Supported by Glazer. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Communications were read:

It was recommended to appoint the building inspector to investigate house at 128 S. Church.

Clerk reported on the Small Government Seminar he attended.

Snyder reported on the meeting he attended regarding groundwater contamination.

Motion by Snyder to subcontract Ben and Mike to dig new grave sites at the Roof Cemetery upon the request of the Roof Cemetery Board. Kirkham supported. Unanimous vote in favor of motion.

Committee reports:

STREETS: Hodges will contact the Township Road Commission regarding the sidewalk extending from the west of the Village to Sinclairs Market.

Parking area has been tabled indefinitely due to lack of interest.

CEMETERY: The need of a Copier for the library was discussed. Snyder has done some preliminary work and found a used copier under \$1000.00.

Christmas Tree project was placed in the hands of the Community Association.

ORDINANCE: Mr. Fuller verbally announced his resignation as Ordinance Officer, due to lack of time.

Motion by Strong to pay Mr. Fuller 42.00 (6 hours) for services rendered, contingent on receipt of Social Security Number and Village Code Book. Hodges supported the motion. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

OLD BUSINESS: A trash pick-up was discussed. Smith provided information on the different costs and the Council decided to try a 50 yard dumpster for 5 days. This will be on a trial basis and if successful the village will provide a trash drop-off several times a year.

Motion by Elwell to set up a 50 yard dumpster at a cost of 535.00 plus 30.00 delivery plus 2.00 a day rental. To be placed in the parking area on the corner of North Main and East Maple from October 19 to October 23 or until dumpster is full. Restriction: Trash only, no hazardous waste or oils, Village residents only. Supported by Kirkham. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Gil Collver, Greg Murphy, Allan
Hayward, Billy King.

Minutes of the October 2nd meeting were approved.

Deviated to hear a presentation from Collver and Murphy on
setting up a Public Service Channel. This would be a joint
effort on behalf of The Mascom Group and CTS.
It was recommended to appoint the Building Inspector to
investigate the house at 104 S. Main.

Allan Hayward discussed with the council various projects within
the Climax Township: Recycling, Bikepath, Civil Defense Warning
System, Ordinance enforcement.

Elwell volunteered to work on the Civil Defense Warning System in
behalf of the Village.

The need to establish an area wide emergency plan was discussed.

Kirkham made a motion to accept the October 1990 Bill Package
totalling 22,287.74. Snyder supported the motion. Roll Call
Vote. Yea: Hodges, Elwell, Snyder, Kirkham, Strong, Smith.
Abstain: Glazer.

Communication were read.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 1990**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.

PRESENT: Smith, Hodges, Kirkham, Strong.

ABSENT: Elwell, Glazer, Snyder

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant

Minutes of the October 16th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Kirkham made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 1990. Strong supported. Roll call vote: Yea, all present.

Communications were read.

Public Safety: Council directed the Clerk to draft a letter to all stores selling produce in the climax area requesting that egg sales be discontinued two days prior to Halloween.

Streets: Hodges presented his progress on the railroad crossings, bike path, sign.

Water: Kirkham is checking into the quality of the Municipal water.

Ordinance: Ordinance enforcement was discussed

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant.

Minutes of the November 6 meeting were approved.

Communication were read.

Glazer made a motion to approve the Bill Package in the amount of 8679.28 with the following adjustments: Move invoice for Bosker Brick Co. in the amount of 34.00 from General Fund to Local Street and the addition of an invoice for Harco Tech. Corp in the amount of 489.00 to General Fund. Elwell supported. Roll call vote. Yea, all present.

The audit report as of March 31, 1990 was received from the auditors. Contents were reviewed and the comments were discussed.

Finance: The cable access channel was discussed.

Public Safety: The Civil Defense Warning System was discussed. A possible system has been selected which would cost in excess of 10,000 dollars. We have applied for Federal Assistance to fund such a project. Also 1000.00 in funds have been promised by the Climax Community Organization.

Streets: Act 51 report for 1988-1989 was returned to us. Treasurer, Brad Wyant, suggests that we submit the report and future reports to the auditor to have them filled out completely and correctly.

Water: Kirkham has investigated the quality of the municipal water supply and suggests if residents have any complaints or questions regarding the quality of water within their home to contact Ben Holtz at the Village Hall: 746-4174. Samples of water are collected monthly and sent to an independent lab where it is tested.

Kirkham reported that the water pumps have been tested and are in good condition.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Ben Holtz, Brad Wyant, Sherry & Phil Cooley, Billy King.

Minutes of the November 20 meeting were approved.

Deviated to hear from Sherry & Phil Cooley regarding their connection fee. They were misinformed by council members and along with the Clerk's misprint of the "Water Connection Moratorium" notice in the Crescent 10/5/90, the Cooleys' wanted clarification on the charge.

The Lawrence Memorial Library has been looking into purchasing a copier and Billy King presented a request for a contribution from the Village.

A motion by Glazer was offered to contribute 350.00 towards the purchase of a copier for the Lawrence Memorial Library. Hodges supported the motion. Roll call vote: Yeas - Hodges, Elwell, Glazer, Kirkham, Strong and Smith. Nays: none. Snyder abstained. Motion passed.

Communication were read.

Finance: The cable access channel was discussed.

Water: Motion offered by Kirkham to extend the starting date of the Cooley connection fee payment schedule from October 11, 1990 to January 11, 1991. Elwell supported the motion. All members in favor. Motion passed.

Ordinance: Strong has looked into ordinance officer replacement and has received information from a private company that assists with ordinance enforcement.

Old Business: Code book to be reviewed during the next meeting.

New Business: Motion by Elwell to pay all Council members through December 1990. Glazer supported. All members in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: Elwell
ALSO PRESENT: Brad Wyant, Gary Webster.

Minutes of the December 4th meeting were approved.

Deviated to hear from Associated Government, Inc represented by Gary Webster. Associated Government Services, Inc is a company which contracts with Municipalities in providing different services, as in our case, Ordinance Enforcement. For a small fee, Associated Government, Inc will take an Ordinance Violation from beginning to final resolution.

Communications were read. A meeting with the public to discuss Nitrate contamination in Resident wells will be coming soon. Also there will be tests for Nitrate Contamination for non-municipal water supply residents in the near future. Details are not specific yet. Those residents hooked up to the Municipal Water Supply are not affected and don't need to have their water tested.

Public Safety: Civil Defense Warning System tabled at this time due to lack of public interest and support.

Finance: Amendments to the budget were reviewed with the Council. Glazer made a motion to adopt the amended 1990-91 budget. Supported by Kirkham. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

Glazer notified Council Members that he is forming the 1991-92 Budget and all budget requests need to be in by next meeting.

Water: Kirkham submitted his committee report - No major projects planned for the coming year. The water tank has been renovated and put up to standard, the pumps have been inspected and are in good condition and more people have been hooking up to the system.

Ordinance: There was discussion over acquiring the service of Associated Government Services, Inc. to handle Ordinance Enforcement within the Village. Strong will gather more information. Further discussion tabled until next meeting.

New Business: President Smith directed the Finance/Administration Committee to investigate the procedure in becoming a City.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 2, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Brad Wyant.

Motion by Kirkham and seconded by Strong to amend the Minutes of the December 18th meeting to include the Bill Package totaling 9774.77 with the following changes: Battle Creek Farm Bureau bill in the amount of 26.50 be moved to Major Street and Balkema, Inc. bill in the amount of 165.00 be moved to Water Operations. The motion to approve the Bill Package was offered by Glazer and supported by Kirkham. Roll call Vote: Yea, all present. The motion by Kirkham to amend the minutes was passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Hodges and Seconded by Kirkham to approve the December 31, 1990 Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Yea, all present.

Communications were read.

Finance: Last meeting Glazer asked that the various committees present 1991-1992 budget needs during this meeting. These budget needs were discussed.

Streets: Hodges presented his committee report.

Parks/Recreation: Snyder was directed by Smith to get bids on a new tractor and present these bids during the next council meeting. He was also directed to get a bid on the cost to repair the existing tractor. A decision will be made next meeting based on these bids.

Water: Kirkham presented a letter from Peerless-Midwest regarding the Well Pump activity.

New Business: There was discussion over the sale of an air conditioner without approval from Council. Kirkham strongly advised that all Village property needs to have approval from the Council before it can be disposed of.

The Council will be creating another Newsletter during the upcoming months. Smith directed all members to submit articles relating to their assigned responsibilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 15, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chuck Kirkham.
PRESENT: Elwell, Glazer, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: Smith
ALSO PRESENT: Brad Wyant, Ben Holtz, Larry Leach.

Bill Package: Motion by Elwell to accept the January 1991 Bill Package in the amount of 5058.56 with the following amendments: Move Sweepster bill from General Fund to Major Street Fund and split Kalamazoo County Road Commission bill between Local Street Fund and Major Street Fund. Seconded by Snyder. Roll call vote: Yea - all present.

Communications were read.

Public Safety: Elwell held a committee meeting on the Civil Defense Warning System. He will be looking for at least 3 bids and will have representatives present information to the Council. Also discussed the possibility of looking at Galesburg's new siren.

Elwell presented a 1990 summary report of the Sheriff Department's activities in our community:

Made 171 traffic stops
Wrote 126 citations
Handled 38 complaints
Arrested 2 drunk drivers
Arrested 3 other people on warrants

The Council is grateful to the Sheriff Department in helping to make our community a safe place to live.

Streets: There is a lot of community interest in the Sidewalk Project extending from the railroad on West Maple to Sinclairs. Hodges will continue working along with the Community Association to develop the project.

Parks/Recreation: Snyder along with Ben Holtz presented bids on purchasing a new tractor and the repair of the existing tractor. The council discussed repairing the tractor verses the purchase of a new one and felt that a new tractor purchase would be the best way to go. Snyder and Holtz were directed to obtain more local bids and investigate many of the service aspects provided by the vendors.

Water: Kirkham discussed the community meeting which he attended regarding Nitrate contamination in the area water. He said that our area ranks 2nd in the severity of the contamination. Said the meeting was well organized and very informative.

Ordinances: The Agreement papers were received from Associated Government Services. Strong will submit them to the attorney for evaluation.

New Business: We have not received payment regarding the September 22nd water hydrant accident involving Christopher Fuhrman. All other means of collection have failed and Clerk has been directed to take Mr. Fuhrman to Small Claims Court.

There have been numerous complaints of dogs running loose within the village. This will not be tolerated and Sheriffs department has been notified.

Village Ordinance 2.408: Any dog or dogs running at large and committing personal or property damage other than damage to the owner's premises, or creating a disturbance shall be ordered properly confined to the owner's premises, and upon failure of the owner to confine such dog or dogs, after having been ordered so to do, said dog or dogs may be impounded by the Marshall.

Council is not satisfied with the current Village Attorney and will be looking for another Attorney.

Fire Chief Larry Leach presented the 1991 Fire Department Budget to the Council. The Quarterly payments to be made by the Village to support the Fire Department will be 1735.00.

Old Business: Council Members are asked to submit articles for the Spring issue of the Newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Glazer, Elwell, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Brad Wyant, Ben Holtz.

Minutes of the January 15 meeting were approved with the following correction: Strong would verbally check with the attorney regarding the Associated Gov't Services contract.

Treasurer's report was approved. Motion by Glazer and supported by Kirkham. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

Communications were read.

Cemetery/Parks: Tractor bids were presented by Snyder & Holtz. Glazer made a motion to allow Holtz 300.00 to apply toward a down payment on a tractor. Snyder supported the motion. Roll call vote. Yea - all present.

~~Water: The American Legion approached the village regarding hooking up to the Municipal Water System. It was agreed to hook them up at a rate of 2000.00 connection fee.~~

Ordinance: Strong has been reviewing the Village Ordinances and discussed his findings with the council. Many of the Ordinances need to be reviewed and revised.

The selection of a Village Attorney was discussed. Some resumes were received and agreed that the next step is to invite those Attorneys to a future Council meeting.

Finance: The first draft of the 1991-92 Budget was presented to the council for review and discussion. All line items were reviewed and changes were noted.

There was discussion over the Civil Defense Warning System. As of this time there will be no money set aside in the 91-92 budget for the purchase of the system. It was felt that a Civil Defense "Plan" should be created prior to the warning system. Also it was felt that there should be more interest from residents within the Village to justify the cost of such a system. As of this point, no resident has attended a meeting to voice a need for a Warning System. The Warning System project will be tabled and placed back into committee.

New Business: Recycling was discussed. Recycling of our waste has become an important issue and ideas of handling it was discussed. Feedback from residents of the village is encouraged.

Old Business: The Council received information from the Municipal League on requirements needed in becoming a city. There are advantages and disadvantages, however more research is needed to see if Climax meets the requirements.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Glazer, Elwell, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Brad Wyant, Ben Holtz, Kathy Schoen, Robert Soltis.

Minutes of the February 5th meeting were approved.

Deviated to hear from guests: Upon invitation, Attorney Robert Soltis attended the meeting. The Village is looking for a new attorney and Mr. Soltis discussed his background, attorney costs and what he could do for the Village.

Kathy Schoen attended the Meeting on behalf of the Recycling Project to find out what the Council member's opinions were regarding the Project. She noted that the existing Grant will run out of money in May and because the Program has been very successful she would like to see funding become available to avoid any interruptions in service. If the Village chooses not to participate in the new joint government Recycling Program, Village Residents would be unable to use the Service.

The Recycling issue was then discussed as Strong presented the council with information and highlights taken from a previous meeting with the Township. Strong made a motion to participate in the joint Recycling Program with Charleston Twp., Climax Twp., Pavilion twp., City of Galesburg and Village of Augusta. And to explore funding methods for this program. The motion was seconded by Kirkham. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The February Bill Package in the amount of 5647.46 was approved by a motion from Glazer and seconded by Kirkham. Roll call vote. Yea, all present.

Communications were read.

Motion by Glazer to allow the American Diabetes Association to sell silk carnations on the Friday and Saturday before Mothers Day (May 10 and 11, 1991). Seconded by Snyder. Unanimous Approval.

Cemetery/Parks: A tractor has been purchased with a 300.00 down payment. Kubota, 1550 diesel, a small commercial type.

Streets: Hodges reported on the bids he received for local Streets and the Sidewalk project.

Ordinance: A motion was made by Strong that the Village of Climax employ Associated Government Services, on a contractual basis, for the services of Ordinance Enforcement. The contact between Associated Government Services and the Village will be Appointed by the Village President. Glazer supported the motion. Roll call vote. Yea, all present.

Finance: The 1991-92 Budget was discussed and some line items in the various funds were adjusted.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 5, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.

PRESENT: Smith, Glazer, Elwell, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.

ABSENT: Hodges

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Wyant, Kathy Pierce, Amanda Sinclair, Beth Reid, Heather Moreland.

Minutes of the February 19th meeting were approved.

Deviated to hear from guests explain about Girl Scout Week: March 10 - 16, 1991. Kathy Pierce, along with three Girl Scouts summarized the Girl Scout program to the Council. Beth Reid talked about the spaghetti dinner to raise money for Girl Scouts. It was very successful as over 230 people attended. Later a desert auction was held. Amanda Sinclair discussed the Mall Event to be held on March 16, at 12:00 at the Lakeview Square Mall. There will be events held to help further Literacy in America. Heather Moreland told the Council about the upcoming Girl's Camp in May and individual troop camp outs in June.

Girl Scout week (March 10 - 16, 1991) is the 79th anniversary of their organization.

Communications were read.

Glazer made a motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Kirkham seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yea, all present.

There was discussion over the Recycling issue and how to fund it. Two alternatives were looked at: Special assessment of 25.00 per household per year or to take the funds from the General Fund. It was decided to fund the project from the General Fund for at least the first year and if at all possible, to continue funding in this manner for future years.

Motion by Kirkham to fund the Recycling Project from the General Fund for the 1991-92 Budget year. Seconded by Elwell. Roll call vote. Yea, all present. Motion approved.

Finance: Glazer submitted the finished 1991-92 budget to the Council. After its review, Glazer motioned to accept the proposed 1991-92 Budget. Elwell supported the motion. Roll call vote. Yea, all present. Motion approved

Streets: More bids were reviewed for the construction and upkeep of our Major and Local streets and the Sidewalk project.

SEALED BID: The Village is selling its used 1976, 185 Cub Low Boy Tractor w/chains, snow plow, blower, broom and mower. For more information and/or inspection contact Ben Holtz at 746-4174. Bids are to be mailed to Village of Climax, P.O. Box 145 and must be in by Friday 3-15-91. The bids will remain sealed until opened by the Council on March 19, 1991.

Old Business: Strong will get a written proposal from Attorney Robert Soltis. Upon review of the proposal, if all is satisfactory, the Council will select Mr. Soltis as the new Village Attorney.

New Business: Pay for Village Election Workers was discussed and Torrance proposed that the Election Chairman receive 5.00/hour and Election Workers receive 4.50/hour to bring wages up with the majority of other county governments. Upon discussion, Kirkham made a motion to raise worker wages 50 cents - Chairperson at 5.00/hour and Workers at 4.50/hour. Seconded by Strong. Roll call vote. Yea, all present. Motion approved.

Suggested by Brad Wyant - Treasurer, to drop the current Accounting firm and search for another as soon as possible.

Motion by Glazer and supported by Kirkham to terminate Boley, Jackson Accounting firm and select another immediately. Approved unanimously by all Council members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Smith.
PRESENT: Smith, Glazer, Elwell, Hodges, Kirkham, Snyder, Strong.
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Wes Graham, Ben Holtz, Kathy Schoen, Janet Torrance, Brad Wyant.

Minutes of the March 5th meeting were approved.

Deviated to hear from guests. Wes Graham approached the council regarding the possibility of developing his property.

Kathy Schoen attended the meeting on behalf of the recycling program in order to answer any questions and to find out where the Village now stands. The Village will participate in the Recycling program and will fund its through the General Fund. This will eliminate the need to assess Village residents.

The March Bill Package in the amount of 4607.15 was approved by a motion from Kirkham and seconded by Strong. Roll call vote. Yea, all present.

Communications were read.

A letter was received by Attorney Robert Soltis outlining his Profession fees. At that time, Strong mad a motion to accept the proposed fees and appoint Robert Soltis as Village Attorney. Motion was seconded by Glazer. Roll call vote. Yea, All present. Motion passed.

Cemetery/Parks: A total of 4 sealed bids were received for the sale of the Village's cub tractor. These bids were opened in front of the council by the clerk. The sale went to the highest bid of 700.00 offered by Mr. John Cernius.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk.