

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 6, 2007

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

Absent: None

(Jones/L. Strong) Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

(Jones/T.Strong) Motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2007. Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Library Trustee, Marcia Lewis presented Jean Jones to the Council and asked that she be appointed to serve on the Library Board. **(Lewis/Willis)** Motion to appoint Jean Jones to fill a four year vacancy on the Library Board – term to end in November 2010. Unanimously approved. One Library Board positions remain to be filled.
- 2) Stacey Thompson asked about the progress of the city incorporation.

Communications:

- 1) Letter from the township board requesting a formal response from the village council as to the council's intentions regarding the fire fee resolutions of 1989.
- 2) Letter from resident commending the Village DPW on the fine work of clearing the snow from the roads.

Public Works:

- 1) Water system controls are down again. The main control has a problem with it.
- 2) Battle Creek City is preparing a list of computer controls available to the Village
- 3) Looking into a tree line or a fence to cut down drifting along N. Main.
- 4) Problem with cars parked overnight at the end of Ebinger street and unable to clear snow.
- 5) Results of the State water system inspection indicate the system is in satisfactory condition.

Streets:

- 1) Received the first invoice for the Main Street construction project.
- 2) Bill Twiss noted that Census papers have been received and will begin filling out the information.

Water: The city of Battle Creek has replaced their water system controls and has spare parts for our control system. Discussed building up an inventory of spare water control parts in the event of another card failure. **(Lewis/T.Strong)** Motion to give Mike Gibson authorization to spend up to \$4500 to procure water system control cards from the City of Battle Creek. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Administration:

- 1) Health insurance: Currently pay \$175 per employee per month. Consider raising the payment to \$200.
- 2) Longevity pay: The current scale is 10+ years. Consider adjusting the scale and adding another tier for 20+ years. DPW employee, Mike Gibson, has been with the Village for approximately 19 years.

- 3) Consider pay raises of 2.5% for employees
- 4) Reviewed the 2007-08 budget. Noted: Consider placing the Perpetual Care funds into a higher CD account at a higher yield.

(Jones/Lewis) Motion to raise the monthly employee insurance contribution from \$175 to \$200 per month for full-time employees effective April 1, 2007 and adjust the personal manual accordingly. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Jones/Twiss) Motion to give a 2.5% raise to DPW employees effective April 1, 2007. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- 1) The advisory vote: It was determined that an advisory vote for City Incorporation could not be pursued as there are no state statutes authorizing such an election. Therefore, the Council's intention to determine the opinion of village residents in this manner has been dropped.
- 2) The Boundary Commission's adjudication for City Incorporation has been moved to May.
- 3) Looked over the Solid Waste Bid and is not what was expected. Council members will meet with the attorney at his office to go over revisions.

New Business:

- 1) New cable franchise agreement received from CTS. Forwarded to the attorney for his review.

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