

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 3, 2009

Present: Thomas Jones, Bill Lewis, Norm Lyons, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Salli Thompson, President – Kyle Smith and Treasurer – Deb Wyant. Absent: None

Guests: John Cook – DPW, Billie King.

**(Lewis/T.Strong)** Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

**(Thompson/Lyons)** Motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2009. Unanimously approved.

Guests: No comments.

Communications: Information received from the census bureau.

## Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are done.
- 2) Pavement bids are being sought.
  - East Hancock and Snapdragons are in need of repair. Possibly contacting an engineer to determine the road base quality. Need to look at the catch basin quality in the Snapdragon area. Terry will contact WMU for possible engineering assistance.
- 3) Tractor purchase: The cost of a new tractor is \$23,500. Financing is 30% down with a 9.9% interest rate. The cost of financing is high, can we repair the old tractor at a fraction of the cost and operate it for 2009. Scott will look into financing options. There may be other financing options less costly or the cost of financing may be less in 2010. Direct Mr. Gibson to get a cost on the repair of the Kubota.

## Streets:

- 1) Terry contacted the engineer at Wightman regarding the drainage problem on N. Main Street. The gravel at the edge of the road will take a couple of seasons to settle. The problem has resulted from ruts made by the mail carrier vehicle and the heavy rains a few weeks ago.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2009-10 BUDGET**

The Council meeting was suspended at 8:00 p.m. to hold the **Public Hearing** on the 2009-10 Budget. The major changes in the 2008-09 budget are:

- Increasing the General Operations millage rate from 8 mills to 9 mills – an increase in revenue of approximately \$14,000.
- Re-instating the fire protection fee in the budget – an increase of \$26,000.
- A 2% DPW wage increase was built into the budget, but failed to pass.

Employee wage increase failed: **(Jones/T.Strong)** Motion to give a 2% raise to the DPW supervisor and part-time employee, excluding the new hire effective 4/1/09. Roll call vote: Ayes - Jones, T.Strong and Smith; Nays - Lewis, L.Strong, Lyons and Thompson. Motion failed 4 to 3.

Resolution to set the 2009 millage rate: **(Lyons/L.Strong)** Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-02, to set the 2009 millage rate of 9 mills Operating and 2 mills Hydrant (water system). Roll call vote:

Ayes – Lewis, Lyons, L.Strong, T.Strong, Thompson and Smith; Nays – Jones. Motion carried 6 to 1.

Budget approval: **(L.Strong/Lyons)** Motion to approve the 2009-10 Village Budget as presented.

- Total General Fund revenues / expenses: \$231,552.00
- Total Major Street revenues / expenses: \$45,300.00
- Total Local Street revenues / expenses: \$26,325.00
- Total Water Fund revenues / expenses: \$93,140.00
- Grand Total all revenues / expenses: \$396,617.00

Roll call vote: Ayes – Lewis, Lyons, T.Strong, Thompson and Smith; Nays – Jones and L.Strong. The 2009-10 Budget was approved 5 to 2.

**The Public Hearing was closed** at 8:42 p.m. and the Regular Council meeting was resumed.

Parks/Library:

- 1) The Library restroom maintenance is complete. The walls were painted and a new ceramic tile floor was installed.
- 2) An EBay trading instruction class will be held.
- 3) A motion for the purchase of a new toilet and sink for the library restroom was offered. The motion failed due to lack of support.

Public Safety:

- 1) Discussed a proposal to keep Sheriff coverage under 25 hours/month during summer months. Lowering the number of hours will provide revenue for a surveillance camera system. The camera system is hoped to deter vandalism in the park and Main Street area.
- 2) Since Main Street is so smooth, skate boarding on the street has become a problem. The children do not obey traffic rules and seems to make a game of getting close to moving vehicles.
- 3) Salli should have the surveillance camera pricing prepared for the next meeting.

Ordinance:

- 1) Lisa has contacted the building inspector to inspect two locations: The building north of the tracks and a home on E. Maple (no building permit). MTS will contact the owners and the village council will be advised. A hearing officer may be required for the building on N. Main.

President's Time:

- 1) Kyle had a "Village of Climax" sign made, to be placed at the intersection of 40<sup>th</sup> and MN Avenue.
- 2) The part-time DPW position's total number of hours was to be 1000 hours per year. During the last two years the amount had increased to approximately 1500 hours. The DPW has been notified and the hours will be backed down to 1000/year.
- 3) Kyle received a complaint from Trent Piper, a private snow removal business, that snow was being pushed back into the business driveway by village snow plows. Village plows cannot help the fact that when streets are plowed the snow will be pushed back into driveways. This happens to all driveways and the business is not being singled out.

Old Business:

- 1) "Off-year" auditor review. Scott will get written proposal from the auditor.
- 2) Water service shut off, for non-payment, is set for two water service customers.
- 3) Items: Council member participation in the Founder's Day events and annual yard sale date were tabled until the following meeting.

New Business: None

(T.Strong/Lewis) The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.  
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk