

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

May 18, 2010

Present: Trustees: Steve Davis, Dave Hopkins, Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, and Treasurer – Deb Wyant.

Absent: President – Kyle Smith.

Guests: Mike Gibson, Bruce Rolfe and John Gisler.

Agenda: **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to approve the agenda w/amendments. Unanimously approved.

Minutes: **(Strong/Hopkins)** Motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 4, 2010 as presented. (Note: Corrected company names to read, Liquid Engineering and Corr Pro) Unanimously approved.

**(Jones/Lyons)** Motion to approve the May 2010 Bill Package totaling \$7,735.47 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

**(Lyons/Jones)** Motion to approve the April 2010 Treasurer's Report as presented:

## Village of Climax Combined Funds on Account as of 4/30/2010

	<b>Sturgis Bank and Trust</b>	<b>First National Bank of MI CD's</b>	<b>Fund Totals</b>
General Fund	\$ 70,597.34	\$ 40,283.80	\$ 110,881.14
Water	\$ 40,263.47	\$ 85,368.68	\$ 125,632.15
Major Streets	\$ 65,131.84	\$ 21,161.46	\$ 86,293.30
Local Streets	\$ 41,747.31	\$ 10,049.82	\$ 51,797.13
Perpetual Care (CD)	\$ 11,406.63	\$ -	\$ 11,406.63
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$229,346.59</b>	<b>\$ 156,863.76</b>	<b>\$ 386,210.35</b>

FDIC Limit \$ 250,000.00

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) John Gisler spoke regarding construction of an arena in Kalamazoo. The project is temporarily shelved, but will probably start back up again in the near future. Tax payer may be asked to pay for it, however the opinion over council members is that tax payers should

not have to foot the bill for Millionaires. On June 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at Perkin Restaurant, a meeting will be held with professors who have studied arenas in cities.

- 2) American Legion representative did not appear at the Council. **(Lewis/Lyons)** Motion to give permission to the American legion to use the streets for the 2010 Memorial Day parade and ask them to attend a Council meeting next year in April. Unanimously approved. (Sheriff has been contacted and will attend the parade.)

Communications: Noted.

#### Public Works:

- 1) Pump #1 is rebuilt and back online.
- 2) The KCRC contracts need to be signed and work should begin in July.
- 3) Preparing the streets, cemetery and parks for Memorial Day.
- 4) Ask about the Longevity issue. Mr. Gibson's longevity was paid on base rate rather than the W-2 total. There are several versions of employee manuals in existence which contain different wording on the item.
- 5) Flowers will be planted at the village entrances.

**(Strong/Jones)** Motion to allow Space Mountain to use the streets for the 7K run. Unanimously approved.

#### Parks/Library:

- 1) There will be a bid on new lighting for the park. Lights have been damaged by individuals in the park after dark.
- 2) Lisa Strong would like to apply for the open position on the Library Board.
- 3) **(Jones/Lewis)** Motion to appoint Lisa Strong to the Library Board. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

#### Water:

- 1) Working on grant application for the wellhead security / protection.
- 2) The following motion failed for lack of support: Transfer an amount from the FNB Certificate of Deposit into water operations. The Council will wait to determine the need to transfer at a later date.

#### Administration:

- 1) The Administration Committee will review the personnel manual on Monday.
- 2) Fee schedules need to be passed by resolution.

#### Public Safety:

- 1) **(Strong/Lyons)** Motion to set a joint meeting with Climax Township to discuss the fire department funding for May 20, 2010 at 7 pm. Unanimously approved.
- 2) A Sheriff Deputy is scheduled for the Memorial Day parade.

#### Ordinance:

- 1) Complaint received on the junk yard on South Main Street.
- 2) Home at Thistle / Columbine has been cleaned up.
- 3) DNR to look into the junk yard on South Main Street.
- 4) Looking into the parking of a semi truck along village streets.
- 5) There has been a lot of pedestrian traffic through the cemetery. The fence is torn down on the west end. Adult education students cut through the cemetery to smoke on the private property on the west end.

- 6) Michigan is changing the fire works law. When this happens we will need to adjust our code.

Old Business:

- 1) Attorney bill – The village received a bill for \$160 from the attorney, Bob Soltis, for services rendered in researching the need of a site plan for an AT&T tower on the north end of Lovell Street. AT&T contacted Mr. Soltis directly in regard to the site plan issue. When the village paid a monthly attorney retainer, which Mr. Soltis discontinued over 2 years ago, the cost would have been absorbed. Since that time, no policy had been established to handle requests sent directly to the attorney. It is the Council’s opinion that since AT&T initiated the request and since they contacted the attorney directly they should have received the bill.
- 2) **(Lyons/Davis)** Motion to rescind the attorney bill in the amount of \$160 and have the Clerk inform the village attorney of the decision and to establish a policy that any requests directed to the attorney from outside sources is to be authorized by the Council before any work commences. Unanimously approved.

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. (Lyons/Davis)  
Scott Torrance – Village Clerk