

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

July 20, 2010

Present: Trustees: Dave Hopkins, Bill Lewis, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, President – Kyle Smith and Treasurer – Deb Wyant.

Absent: Steve Davis and Tom Jones

Guests: Mike Gibson and Bruce Rolfe.

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

Minutes:

- 1) **(Lewis/Hopkins)** Motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of June 15, 2010 as presented. Unanimously approved.
- 2) **(Lyons/Lewis)** Motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 6, 2010 as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Strong) Motion to approve the July 2010 Bill Package totaling \$21,739.69, after removing the bill for Peerless Midwest, Inc in the amount of 18,882.10. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Lewis) Motion to approve the June 2010 Treasurer's Report as presented:

Village of Climax Combined Funds on Account as of 6/30/2010

	Sturgis Bank and Trust	First National Bank of MI CD's	Fund Totals
General Fund	\$ 55,835.07	\$ 40,301.40	\$ 96,136.47
Water	\$ 37,218.96	\$ 85,402.92	\$ 122,621.88
Major Streets	\$ 71,114.83	\$ 21,167.61	\$ 92,282.44
Local Streets	\$ 43,353.81	\$ 10,051.85	\$ 53,405.66
Perpetual Care (CD)	\$ 11,406.63	\$ -	\$ 11,406.63
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Total	\$219,129.30	\$ 156,923.78	\$ 376,053.08

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: None

Communications:

- 1) When the property at W. Maple and S. Main became delinquent, the Village was reimbursed by the County and the County attempts to collect the funds. The property is going up for auction and if it does not sell the Village will be required to pay back the County. The amount is approximately \$14,000
- 2) Citizen suggests weed killer to be used in flower boxes.

Public Works:

- 1) The Road Commission will provide us a bid to paint center lines on the newly resurfaced road.
- 2) Several calls to the Village office about yards with tall weeds.
- 3) 155 S. Lovell has not been mowed, 331 Columbine has tall grass, 317 W. Maple has tall grass and 320 W. Maple – House is dilapidated and tall grass.
- 4) Village hall – service door painted.
- 5) Library – paint touched up. There is a power line between the Take Out store and the Library that prevents painting the south side. Mr. Gibson suggested siding on the south side. Another suggestion was made to strip all paint off and let the cedar wood dry out for a couple of years. The reason paint is not adhering is due to the fact the wood was painted too soon and trapping the moisture in the wood. Vinyl siding would solve the problem.

Streets / Census:

- 1) Census material has been destroyed.
- 2) No complaint on the roads. Have not received a bill as of yet.
- 3) Sidewalks will be looked at soon and work on in September.

Water:

- 1) Need to look at pulling out a Water Fund CD from FNB. With the little percentage rate, we may want to pull all CD's from FNB for the Water System. **(Lewis/Strong)** Motion to pull the maturing CD in the amount of \$40,062.95 from FNB and place in the Water Fund. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Safety:

- 1) More fire runs noted in the past month.
- 2) Would it be feasible for the Village to purchase the delinquent property on Main and Maple? It would be nice to set up a working relationship with the township to share a municipal building.
- 3) Midnight vandals – contact the Sheriff Department. The calls will be logged and patterns established from the complaints.

Ordinance:

- 1) Reviewed a courtesy letter to be sent or left at the door of village residents with ordinance violations.
- 2) Reviewed ordinance violations.
- 3) Left messages with the DNRQ and still no response.
- 4) Has contacted MML regarding ordinances dealing with dumpsters.

Old Business: The pump house generator has been started at various times throughout the year. Runs on propane and runs very good.

New Business:

- 1) Discussed individual Trustee(s) directing the DPW. Employees are to be directed through the Village President or through the Village Council. An individual Trustee does not have the authority to direct the DPW. President Smith directed the Clerk to add “employee relations” on the agenda with Administration.
- 2) Honoring the Veterans in the community. The township holds a veteran program and asked the village if it would like to join them. Bill Lewis will work with the township to include the village.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. (Lyons/Strong)
Scott Torrance – Village Clerk