

# *Village of Climax*

Regular Meeting

February 1, 2005

Present: Bill Rogers, Terry Strong, Salli Thompson, Bill Twiss, Bradley J. Wyant.

Absent: Tricia Willis, Treasurer Deb Wyant

One vacant trustee seat

Also Present: Steve Johnson, Tom Jones, Marcia Lewis, Dave Weissert, Jerry Cuyler, Phil Slaughter, Bill Sackrider.

(Thompson/Twiss) Minutes of the January 18, 2005 meeting were approved without exception. Unanimously Approved.

Guests: Steve Johnson presented the Fire Departments 2004 fire runs. 27 responses in the Village. The average response time was 3:49 minutes. The department's proposed budget is \$61,950.00

Tom Jones introduced himself to the Council. He is interested in the Trustee position opening.

Phil Slaughter, representing the American Legion, requested to have the Memorial Day parade along village streets. Unanimously approved.

Communications: Reviewed the Ron and Denise Kenney situation resulting from their residential home situated in a commercial (C-1) district. The Council will look into the possibility of a text amendment to allow residential and commercial to co-exist and remove the "non-conforming" issue.

(Twiss/Strong) Motion to adopt Resolution 2005-01 "12<sup>th</sup> Annual walk for warmth." Unanimously approved.

## Public works:

- 1) Requesting bids on the lighting/electrical system in the Village Hall.
- 2) Peerless Midwest performed the annual pump inspection. Results in a couple weeks.
- 3) Pump reports and water samples for February are done.
- 4) Street light is out at 148 Maple circle. Consumers has been contacted.
- 5) Received water tower report from Dixon Engineering.
  - a. Inside of the tank needs maintenance – sand blasting/painting with an estimated cost of \$40,000
  - b. Cathodic system needs replacing. Estimated cost \$14,000.
  - c. Dry area in the tank needs painting. Estimated cost \$8,000.
  - d. Outside of tank, although not an essential maintenance item, needs painting. Estimated cost \$75,000 to \$120,000.
- 6) To reduce the amount of heavy lifting, Mr. Sackrider proposed the purchase of forks for the John Deere front end loader. (Strong/Twiss) Motion to authorize Meryl Colville to make forks for the John Deere front end loader at a cost of \$900. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 7) President Rogers proposed to purchase the 4" water meter for the Township Fire Station. (Twiss/Strong) Motion to purchase a 4" water meter in the new fire station at no cost to the Township in good faith that the fire department will fill from the metered water and

not from the outside hydrant. The cost of the meter is between \$1100 and \$1200. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Administration: The Council reviewed the proposed 2005-06 budget and made various changes. It was proposed to eliminate the annual trash pickup from this year's budget and begin offering trash pickups every other year.

Old Business: A response was just received from Nextel's attorney regarding the antenna. The letter given to the Council to review and discuss at a future meeting.

New Business: Discussed employee wage increase for the 2005-06 budget year. Payroll research has been done of like-sized communities to determine if our employees were receiving fair compensation. The results showed that we are slightly above the average. A motion was offered to increase the wages by 2%, however the motion did not receive any support. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. (Strong/Twiss)  
Scott A. Torrance – Village Clerk