

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
December 1, 2009

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

Absent: Thomas Jones

One vacant seat – resignation of Lisa Strong

Guests: None

(Hopkins/Lyons) Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(Lewis/Lyons) Motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2009. Unanimously approved.

Guests: None

Communications: None

Public Works:

- 1) Working on an estimate for supplying electricity to the Cemetery. Will need to have an address for the cemetery.
- 2) Hot water heat in the hall is not working.
- 3) Looking into the purchase of 2 or 3 brooms for the Kubota sweeper.
- 4) Changing equipment over to winter running.
- 5) Few residents followed the leaf pickup schedule posted in the Crescent. Would like to have a flyer delivered to each homeowner for the next year.
- 6) Dorian Holcomb part-time hours: There was concern that Dorian's hours were over the limit of 20 hours per week. In April 21, 2009 minutes, 30 hours were approved for snow removal/public safety issues. Recent pay periods have shown the part-time hours over 30 hours. Mr. Gibson presented payroll figures and additionally information to justify the additional use of part-time employment. Due to the water system controls issue, the water level in the tower had to be monitored constantly. It was more cost effective to have Dorian monitor the levels than to pay overtime on full-time wages. The leaf pickup requires extra manpower to pickup the leaves before they collect around the storm drains, before adverse weather and before snow falls. Mr. Gibson was commended in his effort to keep payroll costs to a minimum and to use the part-time labor when he considers it necessary.
- 7) Water sampling is complete for December.
- 8) John Cook has not obtained his CDL yet and results are not in for the water system exam he took in November. It was noted that his job is contingent on passing the water system exam and obtaining the CDL.

Water:

- 1) Water meters will be read on December 15th.
- 2) The clerk did not send out delinquent letters on November 1st according to ordinance.
- 3) The clerk did not contact Sturgis Bank, Camille Wilson, regarding the loan as directed.

Parks / Library:

Volunteer appreciation day will be December 12th from 9 – 12 noon.

Streets / Census – No report

Administration: No report.

Public Safety:

- 1) Meeting with township fire committee on Wednesday 12/2.
- 2) The Fire Marshall will be visiting the area within the next 10 days.

Ordinances:

- 1) Toured the village for ordinance violations.
- 2) Looked for ordinances pertaining to dogs.
- 3) Looked for business ordinances.

Old Business:

- 1) MCC final invoice due. **(Lyons/Lewis)** Table issue until December 15th. Ayes – Lewis, Lyons, Hopkins and Smith. Nays – Strong. Issue tabled until December 15th.
 - The MCC representative, Ellen Fox, was ill and could not attend tonight's meeting. The issue: The village has received an invoice for final payment which is 17 months past due. The code books arrived in April 2008 according to contract, but never received a final invoice. There was a page overrun issue which was resolved in December 2007 and MCC agreed to discount the total and the village agreed to pay a new total of \$6,500. In July 2008, the council wanted to add two ordinances to the code book, consisting of 4 pages, and found the update to affect 23 pages at a cost of \$19 per page. The updating was put on hold and options were to be reviewed. The past due invoice will not be paid until the representative visits the council to explain the updating options.

New Business: None

(Lyons/Strong) The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk