

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

October 3, 2006

Present: Dave Dell, Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Terry Strong, Bill Rogers.

Absent: Lisa Strong, Tricia Willis

Also Present: Deb Wyant.

(T. Strong/Jones) Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(Dell/Jones) Motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2006 with the following corrections:

1) Guest, Michelle Walters and 2) change two “homes” to two “properties” connecting to the water system. Unanimously approved.

Guests: None

Communications: Noted.

Public Works:

Four sealed bids were received for the sale of the John Deere 855 tractor. Bids ranged from \$2500 to \$4275. **(Jones/Lewis)** Motion to accept the bid from Mary Jane Duke for \$4275. Unanimously approved.

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are complete for October.
- 2) Water meters have been read and billed.
- 3) Poured 5 more grave stone foundations. Waiting to put stone back on foundations.
- 4) Regional water meeting in Kalamazoo on October 18.
- 5) Contacted by Battle Creek to see if we are interested in purchasing their Aquatrol water system. Bill Lewis will follow up.

Administration:

- 1) The Village website is up and operational. The address is www.climaxmichigan.net.

Parks/Cemetery: The baby of Mr. & Mrs. Rainwater was exhumed. The cost to exhume the baby was the same as the costs of a grave opening. The Cemetery committee will adjust the ordinance/resolution to include the cost to exhume.

Public Safety/Fire:

1. A Sheriff Deputy will be available for the school's homecoming parade.
2. The Council received a letter from the Township Board to re-negotiate a new fire protection fee resolution. Terry will forward a letter offering a Tuesday, October 24 meeting date.
3. Discussed the Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan (KCHMP). Adopting this plan will enable the village to be eligible for federal funding for Hazard Mitigation projects. By adopting the KCHMP, the village proclaims that the ongoing KCHMP activity and plans reflect the concerns and needs of community. There are ongoing hazard mitigation activities and actions within Kalamazoo County. Implementation will reduce loss of life, destruction of property and economic losses due to natural and technological hazards.

(T.Strong/Lewis) Motion to adopt resolution 2006-10 Participation in the Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, Dell, T.Strong, Lewis and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – L.Strong and Willis. Motion carried.

Ordinance:

- 1) Discussed abating ordinance violations. The process for abating violations after attempts in contacting the homeowner needs to be reviewed, such as creating a standard form to track the violation, corrective measures, authorization from the Council to abate the violation and eventual charge to the property owner for costs incurred. Bill Lewis will talk with Mike Gibson to determine if the DPW or an outside company would clean up violations.
- 2) Sheriff Department issued a citation to a property owner for an ordinance violation.
- 3) Tom Jones is continuing to gather information on solicitation ordinances.

Water: Bill will contact Battle Creek regarding the Aquatrol system.

President's time: Discussed COG happenings.

Old Business:

- 1) Bill Rogers talked to Climax Township Supervisor - Jim Hughes regarding the Township's open meetings act violation. Comments regarding negotiating a settlement were made since the Township Supervisor admitted making a mistake. Nothing can be done until the Township Board has a chance to review the issue and therefore tabled any further discussion until the next meeting.
- 2) The Boundary Commission's 30-day public comment closes on October 30th. The Council would like all village residents to have the opportunity to submit comments (pro or con) to the Boundary Commission since many residents did not have the opportunity to attend the 4:00 p.m. meeting.

(T.Strong/Jones) Motion to send to all village residents the Boundary Commission's 30-day comment sheet and a cover letter explaining the comment process and invite residents to make their opinions known to the Commission. This would be an opportunity for those who could not attend the Boundary Commission meeting to express their opinion.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk