

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2004

Present: Shawn Messner, Bill Rogers, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss, Tricia Willis, Don Stevenson.

Absent: Salli Thompson.

Also Present: Bill Sackrider, Cathy Weissert, Sandy Gray, Deb Wyant.

(Strong/Messner) Motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2004 without exception: Unanimously approved.

(Messner/Twiss) Motion to approve the March 2004 Bill Package totaling \$25,726.70. Roll Call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Willis/Messner) Motion to approve the February 29, 2004 Treasurer's Report. Major Streets = \$140,429.05; Local Streets = \$31,798.70; General Fund = \$278,863.25; Water Fund = \$126,462.11; Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63; Totals = \$589,159.74. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: Sandy Gray representing the American Legion informed the Council of the Community Wide Prayer Breakfast being held on May 29th @ 8:00 am. This will be a tribute to our World War II Veterans. The breakfast will be held at the American Legion. Also requested permission to hold the Parade on Memorial Day and asked for police escort. Mr. Strong will request a Deputy from the Sheriff Department. (Twiss/Rogers) Motion to approve the parade on May 31st at 9:30 am along the usual route. Unanimously approved.

Communications:

1. A complaint was received that Village road signs are being turned. A package of prescription drugs were inadvertently delivered to a wrong address as a result.
2. Information of the Election Consolidation Act has been received. More information will be passed along when the dust settles.
3. A Council member will arrive late for the April meetings due to family obligations. There is no objection by others on the Council.
4. Election results were noted. All Council members and the Clerk ran unopposed. Two ran for the Treasurer's position: Deb Wyant and Marcia Lewis. Deb Wyant was re-elected.
5. The Oath of Office was administered by the Deputy Clerk and Clerk to all Council members.
6. The Village will be paying \$4,000.00 more to the Township's Fire Department budget due to the inclusion of Insurance costs.

Public Works:

- 1) Bids for the Library painting are coming in. and Library building maintenance (shelving) has been completed.
- 2) Third bid on the water tank painting is in. One more is expected to arrive.
- 3) Pole barn door has been repaired.
- 4) Ordered the new John Deere tractor through Steensma Equipment in Kalamazoo. Delivery will be after April 1, 2004.
- 5) Discussed cost to repair the old leaf vacuum. No action taken at this meeting.
- 6) Water meters have been read.

Administration: (Twiss/Strong) Motion to adopt Resolution 2004-2 to retain the tax rate to support the 2004-05 approved budget: 9 Mils for General Fund and 2 mils for Hydrant. This rate has not changed for the past 19 years. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Safety: The Sheriff Department has stepped up patrol in the Village to help control after school driving. Also noted that some mail box vandalism and yard turfing.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. (Rogers/Twiss)
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk