

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 20, 2012

Present: Trustees: Dave Hopkins, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, President – Kyle Smith and Treasurer – Brenda Borden.

Absent - Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, and Jason Slann.

Guests: John Cook.

Agenda: **(Strong/Hopkins)** Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.

Minutes: **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 6, 2012 as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Hopkins) Motion to approve the March 2012 Bill Package totaling \$14,944.51. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Strong/Lyons) Motion to approve the January (\$463,846.35) and February (\$457,375.25) 2012 Treasurer's Reports as presented. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: No comments

Communications: Noted

Public Works:

- 1) Burial service this week.
- 2) Will begin mowing in the cemetery.
- 3) Will look into spraying for fleas in the sand area of the park. The spray must be safe for people.
- 4) Need to sign up for the MI Deal buying group.
- 5) Look at section of sidewalk north of the tracks on Main Street.

(Lyons/Strong) The Council meeting was suspended at 8:00 p.m. to hold the **Public Hearing** on the 2012-13 Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2012-13 BUDGET

The major changes in the 2012-13 budget are:

- Employee pay raises of 3% built into the budget.
- Expected to lose a major portion of the State Revenue Sharing – statutory amount.

Budget approval: **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to approve the 2012-13 Village Budget as presented.

- Total General Fund revenues / expenses: \$207,397
- Total Major Street revenues / expenses: \$41,452.00
- Total Local Street revenues / expenses: \$25,563.00
- Total Water Fund revenues / expenses: \$84,454.00
- Grand Total all revenues / expenses: \$359,491.00

Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Strong/Lyons) Motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m. and resume the Regular Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

REGULAR MEETING

Street:

- 1) Street renaming - Have a sign made to recognize or memorialize Raymond Smith. This sign could be placed beneath the Cherry Street signs. There would be no renaming of the street.
- 2) Street lights change to LED.
 - a. If Consumers did the work, there would be little change in cost. The village is charged per light – the cost to switch to LED is not significant.
 - b. If the village installed the LED lights and poles, then there would be a significant decrease in cost per light. A grant would be needed to cover the cost to install the lighting.
- 3) **RESOLUTION 2012-01** – A resolution to allow Consumers Energy to change a light from Mercury Vapor to High Pressure Sodium (HPS). **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to approve Resolution 2012-01. Unanimously approved.

Library: A noon hour coffee club event to be held on Tuesday 3/27 at the library at 1pm.

Water: Will look into power factor correction capacitors. This will make the well pump motors run more efficiently and provide a cost savings.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2012-02** Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Unanimously approved.

Public Safety:

- 1) Received the township fire budget.
- 2) Fire department increased the pay rate.
- 3) 8 emergency runs in the village for February.

Ordinance:

- 1) Shed in village right-of-way – Mr. Lyons will contact Prein and Newhoff to determine where the resident's property line begins.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Fire Department open house will be Saturday, May 5th from 1 – 5pm.
- 2) Joint meeting with the township board set for Thursday, April 5th at 7pm. Clerk to post meeting.
 - a. Possible topics to discuss:
 - i. Use of township hall to hold village meetings.
 - ii. Joint township/village parade float – Terry to help organize it.
 - iii. DPW to plow township hall drive, grass cutting
- 3) The township is getting assessed directly by the Drain Commissioner. Does the Drain Commissioner have the right to do this?

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. (Hopkins/Lyons)
Scott Torrance – Village Clerk