

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2002

Present: S. Blayden, S. Messner, L. Phoenix, Bill Rogers, S. Thompson, B. Twiss,
D. Stevenson.

Absent: Deb Wyant

Also Present: Ralph Weessies, Billie King

(Messner/Twiss) Motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2002 without exception.
Unanimously approved.

Guests: Billie King presented the results of her search for a Microfilm Reader. Ms. King has found the source for available machines, however, the cost is quite high. The Historical Society will need donations to help in the purchase.

Library Board President, Ralph Weessies indicated that Library Board member Jon Pierce has not attended a board meeting in the past year and not sure if he is still living in the village. An inquiry will be made to see if Mr. Pierce is still residing in the village and then proceed from there.

Communications: A letter was received from the Household Hazardous Waste Center indicating they now accept cell phones and rechargeable batteries from cordless tools, phones, laptops, etc.

A follow up letter was received from the United Soccer Foundation regarding the donation to the soccer foundation. The council chose not to donate to the Foundation.

Kalamazoo Public Library is requesting our current ordinances.

Information received from Mary B. Powers, Drain Commissioner, informing the Village about SOS week (Save Our Soils – Save Our Stream) and urging us to pass a resolution to encourage citizens to participate in SOS Week and to learn more about the problems associated with soil erosion and sedimentation. (Twiss/Phoenix) Motion to adopt resolution 2002-4, a resolution to declare May 19-25, 2002 as “Save Our Soils – Save Our Stream Week in Kalamazoo County.
Unanimously approved.

(Twiss/Rogers) Motion support the Founder’s Day Car Show and to purchase a trophy for \$15.00. Unanimously approved.

Public works:

- 1) Mr. Gibson was authorized to contact Pavement Restoration, Inc and the KCRC to begin the road improvements for Main and Maple Streets.
- 2) Mr. Gibson is authorized to hire Dorian Holcomb to help with the park project.
- 3) Water pump #1 is back online.

Administration: Reviewed the year-end budget for 2001-02.

Parks: The park deed was researched and no name restrictions were noted. However, to pass on a bit of park history, the park was originally leased for a 10 year period. The lease was negotiated on October 11, 1924 between Josephine E. Ransom and the Village. Six years later on

August 11, 1930 the property was sold to the Village. While the lease was in force, the park was to be known as the "Ransom Memorial Park." The sale voided this requirement.

"Naming The Park Contest" The Council reviewed the names which were submitted, however an appropriate name could not be selected.

Public Safety: A Sheriff Deputy will be available for the Founder's Day Parade.

Streets: No action yet on the lighting at the corner of E. Maple and Maple Circle.

(Twiss/Phoenix) Motion to contract with Pavement Restoration, Inc. for infrared repairs to the entire length of Maple and Main Streets at a cost of \$2772.00. Roll call vote: unanimously approved.

(Twiss/Phoenix) Motion to contract with Pavement Restoration, Inc. for hot rubber crack sealing to the entire length of Maple and Main Streets at a cost of \$10,853.00. Roll call vote: unanimously approved.

(Twiss/Phoenix) Motion to contract with Kalamazoo County Road Commission for crushed rock/tar (seal coating) to the entire length of Maple and Main Streets at a cost of \$39,845.24. Roll call vote: unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. (Phoenix/Twiss)
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk