

Village of Climax
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2006

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

Absent: Lisa Strong, Tricia Willis.

Also Present: Mike Gibson, Georgiann Voissem, Deb Wyant, Bill Sackrider.

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

(Jones/Lewis) Motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2006 without exception. All in favor - Motion carried.

(T.Strong/Dell) Motion to approve the March 2006 Bill package in the amount of \$9769.78 and the February 2006 Treasurer's Report: Major Street \$170,276.10, Local Street \$17,713.31, General Fund \$174,792.31, Water Fund 76,901.96, Perpetual Care \$11,406.63, Totaling \$451,090.31. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Communications: Read

Guests: Ms. Voissem was interested in the 111 W. Maple Street property. The history of the property and condition of the building was reviewed with her. Ms. Voissem indicated some interest in preserving the building. Because of this, action to proceed with the demolition of the building was tabled until the next meeting.

Public Works:

- 1) Stones in the cemetery have been overturned. Mr. Gibson will contract with Patten Monument to right the stones.
- 2) The slide in the park is ready for pickup. Mr. Gibson will drive to Hillsdale to pick it up and save the shipping.
- 3) Maple Street / Maple Circle intersection: (T.Strong/Dell) Motion to accept the bid from J. Allen & Company in the amount of \$3500.00 to repair the intersection at Maple Street and Maple Circle. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 4) Water meters have been read.
- 5) Mr. Gibson will place ad in the Crescent for sidewalk bids.
- 6) Street sweeping will take place on April 3rd.
- 7) Traffic light at Main and Maple Streets: (Dell/T.Strong) Motion to purchase two new poles and a street light at the intersection of Main and Maple Streets at a cost of \$5500.00. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 8) Furnace in the Library was repaired.
- 9) Waiting for results on the annual inspection of the wells and pumps.
- 10) Continuing to look at tractors to replace the aging Kubota.

Administration:

- 1) (Jones/Strong) Motion to approve the following bills to be paid after April 1st prior to the next council meeting: Michigan Municipal League \$668.00, Accident Fund \$4884.00, MCM Group \$23,744.00 and \$100.00. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Safety:

- 1) Looked into concerns with students speeding after school. The Sheriff Dept will be contacted to step up patrol of the area. Also, the Township Board will be contacted to ask if

the speed signs can be adjusted at the south entrance to the Village. Currently it goes from 55 mph to 25 mph at the Village limit.

Streets: (Jones/Strong) Motion to approve Pavement Restoration's bid in the amount of \$12,794.00 to perform local street maintenance per the quote dated 2/8/06. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Ordinance:

- 1) (T.Strong/Dell) Motion to adopt Ordinance #42 – “Refuse Management Ordinance”. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, Dell, T.Strong and Rogers. Nays – Lewis. Absent – L.Strong and Willis. Ordinance adopted 4 to 1.

Old Business:

- 1) Reviewed Mr. Betz's (350 N. Main) request for variance. (Strong/Lewis) Motion to indicate the Council's support of Mr. Betz's desire to divide his property at 350 N. Main and to proceed with plans for his commercial development and the Village Council will follow procedures to accommodate the zoning request.
- 2) Signatures have been collected for the petitions to become a city. The signatures will be submitted to the clerk for verification.

New Business:

- 1) (Dell/Strong) Motion to pay the 4th Quarter Fire Contribution of \$7005.00. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) (Lewis/Jones) Motion to approve the Founders Day parade along Village streets on Memorial day, May 29, 2006. Unanimously approved. Terry will coordinate the event with the Sheriff Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. (T.Strong/Dell)
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk