

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

June 7, 2011

Present: Dave Hopkins, Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Norm Lyons, Jason Slann, Terry Strong, Kyle Smith – President and Deb Wyant - Treasurer.

Absent: None

Guests: Lisa Strong, Bruce Rolfe, John Cook.

(Lyons/Slann) Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Jones) Motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2011 with the addition of the following clarification: Under “Parks/Library #2” “Public wireless access of library records. If public wireless access becomes available, how will privacy be maintained and secure.” Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Lisa Strong, representing the Library Board, sought permission to hold an outdoor movie in the park on Saturday, July 9th. In conjunction with Friends of the Library, the Library Board will host the movie, “The Tigger Movie” in the park on a large screen. **(Slann/Jones)** Motion to approve the Library Board’s request to use the library and grounds to show a movie and have activities on 7/9. Unanimously approved.
- 2) **(Strong/Jones)** Motion to approve the Library Board’s request to hold a book sale in the park and on the sidewalk. Unanimously approved.

Communications: Noted

Public Works:

- 1) Water sample and pump reports are done for June.
- 2) Will be taking the final two water samples for the 2011 water monitoring schedule on Monday.
- 3) Working on the 2010 water consumer confidence report that is due to DEQ on July 1.
- 4) Have been marking water mains, valve tops and service lines for the CTS project. Had many complaints from residents that were unaware of the CTS project. Bill Sackrider has been helping to mark the mains.
- 5) Drywall around the skylight in the library has been repaired. Work was done by Larry Sackrider. Labor was donated.
- 6) Picnic table in park should be fixed this week.
- 7) Street signs damaged in the storm have been replaced.
- 8) Water building roof leaked during storm due to high winds. Most of the shingles are original and need to be replaced.
- 9) Drove around village to access the trees. Fifteen trees that were damaged in the storm. Three are just off the village right-of-way. Received a bid from Martin’s tree service.
- 10) Have picked up around 25 truck loads of brush since storm. Estimated 15 more to go. Large limbs that have to be cut up, logs that have to be lifted with tractor, stumps with roots still attached are being put next to road. Whole trees are being drug up to the well house brush pile along with old dog houses, lumber and sometimes garbage.
- 11) Community Association bought 15 flags for the village. \$250 approximate cost.
- 12) Other items:
 - **(Strong/Lewis)** Motion to pay Bill Sackrider to handle excess work load at his last wage rate. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

- Clerk directed to send a letter to the two homes with trees that are rotted. The village cannot force them to take down the trees, but we should warn the residents of the safety issue. (305 S. Main and 215 S. Main)
- **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to contract with Martin's Tree Service to take down 11 trees at a cost of \$6950. All trees are in the public right-of-way. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, Lewis, Strong, Lyons, Hopkins and Smith; Nays – Slann. Motion carried 6 to 1.
- Discussed the brush pickup situation. Council agrees the brush pickup is a courtesy provided for the residents. It is not meant to haul entire trees away for residents. Reviewing ordinance 26-27.3 describes a brush pickup program and policies associated with the pickup. A policy was formed in the following motion:
(Strong/Lewis) Motion to adopt a DPW brush pickup policy limiting limb size to three inches in diameter and length not to exceed 4 feet. All of the brush (including the amount the DPW will handle) is the responsibility of the landowner to dispose of properly. Unanimously approved.
- CTS Project
 - i. Line of trucks on road without a flag man.

Water: No report.

Parks/Cemetery/Library:

- 1) No word from Randy Stafford on his family's foundation work at the cemetery. Would like Mike to call and confirm when the work will be done. The Council has given him ample time to get the project done and if it is not started in a reasonable time, will consider rescinding the motion to allow the work.
- 2) Would like to publicly acknowledge the local businesses that help in giving service to the village. The Council appreciates your willingness to serve the community.
- 3) Smoking in the park is not allowed.

Councilman Jason Slann was excused from the meeting – family obligation.

Streets/Census:

- 1) A letter was received from Consumers Energy - Mercury Vapor lights are being phased out. Consumers will replace burned out Mercury Vapor lights with the optional high pressure sodium light at no cost.
- 2) Light out at 331 Snapdragon.
- 3) 2011-12 Street Projects: **(Hopkins/Strong)** Motion to approve KCRC bids to perform chip sealing on the following streets: Major Streets - \$10,188.00, Local Streets - \$18,667.50, totaling \$28,855.50, per the KCRC written bid. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
 - a. Prairie Place – entire street @ \$3,930.00
 - b. Prairie Drive – entire street @ \$6,408.00
 - c. Maple Circle – entire street @ \$8,329.50
 - d. Maple Street – Railroad crossing to Main Street @ \$10,188.00

Administration:

- 1) Treasurer's report: **(Jones/Lewis)** Motion to approve the April 2011 Treasurer's report – funds totaling \$387,193.85. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to approve and pay the invoices for CT Electrical \$738.67 and Galesburg Hardware \$136.19. These invoices are for installation of the warning siren. Roll call vote: Ayes – Jones, Strong, Lyons, Hopkins, Smith; Nays – Lewis. Motion carried 5 to 1.

- 3) Revenue Sharing program – Economic incentive revitalization program. There will be requirements to be met in order to receive statutory amount.
- 4) Discussed the combining of General Fund, Major Street, Local Street and Water fund checking accounts into one shared account. Recommendation from BSA software group and supported by the State of Michigan and village auditor. Possible conflict with ordinances that may require a separate account for the Water system. Will check with Berkadia Bank and BSA for more clarification.

Public Safety: No report.

Ordinance:

- 1) Violations reviewed.
- 2) Post brush policy and grass ordinance on bulletin board.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

(Lewis/Lyons) The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk