

# *Village of Climax*

Regular Meeting

July 2, 2013

Present: Pat Clark, Norm Lyons, Terry Strong, Kyle Smith – President. Absent: Jim Cummings, Tom Jones, Bill Twiss and Brenda Borden – Treasurer.

Guests: Bruce Rolfe, Ron and Denise Kenney, Dave Dell, Bill Rogers, Terry Avery and Mark Gay – DPW.

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

**(Lyons/Clark)** Motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2013 as presented. Unanimously approved.

## Communications:

- Bret Riser, of Calhoun Conservation, regarding sewer. He works with communities to help develop their own waste treatment facility. He will send information to us.
- Consumers Energy sent us a resolution to change street lighting. Will review the resolution and consider adopting it next meeting.

## Guests:

- Terry Avery (250 N. Main): Complaint about the building at 240 N. Main. Back part of the building is cracking and called Milbourne Davis regarding the mess. Promised to clean up, but nothing has been done yet. Part of the building is in the yard of Mr. Avery. Section of roof is loose and will blow off in the next good wind. Mr. Strong will contact MTS.
- Dave Dell / Bill Rogers: Complaint about the railroad crossings and junk/mess condition of home at 300 E. Maple. Railroad has been contacted and a contact number has been given. The track supervisor in Battle Creek is Mr. Kevin Comadoll (269-966-5154). Calls have been made sporadically to Mr. Comadoll for over two years and MDOT has even helped out, but have never received a return call from Mr. Comadoll. Crossing maintenance fees have doubled this year – allowed by the State of Michigan. Was \$1200 per crossing, now is \$2100 per crossing.
- Denise and Ron Kenney: They visited the meeting regarding Josh Suedemeyer. The child now has many other children following him. Spoke of his destructive nature and lack of respect toward people, property and animals. Some children are afraid to play in the park due to this child's nature.
- Bruce Rolfe: Many homes are bank owned and have tall grass – brings down the appearance of the village. Discussion centered on mowing grass and charging back to banks. A resolution would be needed to set a maintenance fee. Home owners would need to be contacted, if no response then the property would be mowed and charges attached as a lien on the property. Discussion on who would mow. The Village DPW or hire it out. If the village hires it out, we will be billed immediately and payment may or may not be received when home is sold – if charges are not attached to the property and collected at time of sale. Will the attorney need to be involved to create such a resolution? Mr. Strong will look into this.

## Public Works:

- 1) Water samples and pump reports are done for July.

- 2) Bids for library siding are being received.
- 3) Mark Gay – DPW passed the water certification on the first attempt and has received his certificate. President Smith brought up Mark’s request of making the \$1 pay increase retroactive from the time he took the exam. **(Strong/Clark)** Motion to make the \$1 per hour pay increase for Mark Gay retroactive from the date (May 2, 2013) of taking the water exam. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Water:

- 1) Many pools are being filled in due to high maintenance costs.
- 2) **(Lyons/Clark)** Motion to send a septic system inspection letter to business and residential property owners notifying them of the required inspection prior to sale of property. Unanimously approved.

Parks/Cemetery/Library: No report.

Streets/Census: No report.

Administration:

- 1) **(Clark/Strong)** Motion to offer the part-time DPW position to Dave Lodes at a maximum number of 1040 hours a year at a rate of \$9.51 per hour. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Public Safety: No report

Ordinance: Discussed items earlier in meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: Next Movie in the Park will be July 20<sup>th</sup>.

(Lyons/Jones) The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Scott Torrance - Village Clerk