

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

July 17, 2007

Present: Trustees: David Dell, Bill Lewis, Lisa Strong, Terry Strong, Bill Twiss; President: Bill Rogers; Treasurer: Deb Wyant.

Absent: Thomas Jones.

Also Present: Bruce Rolfe, Bill Sackrider, David Carrigan.

Agenda: **(T.Strong/L.Strong)** Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

(T.Strong/Twiss) Motion to approve the minutes of July 3, 2007 with the following correction: C&O railroad to C&N railroad. Unanimously approved.

(Twiss/L.Strong) Motion to approve the July 2007 Bill Package totaling \$23,597.92. Roll call vote: Ayes – Dell, L.Strong, T.Strong, Twiss and Rogers; Nays – Lewis. Motion carried 5 to 1.

(T.Strong/Twiss) Motion to approve the June 2007 Treasurer's Report as presented: Major Streets = \$62,425.40; Local Streets = \$14,184.91; General Fund = \$74,803.41; Water Fund = \$34,652.53, Perpetual Care Fund = \$11,406.63; Totals = \$297,472.88. (The following exception noted: The treasurer's report indicates the Nextel income (\$1060.90) was placed in General Fund. The deposit will be corrected in July and properly placed in the Water Fund.) Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved (6-0).

Citizen time: No comments

Communications:

- 1) A message was passed along from Jerry Jerue regarding the malicious damage done to his car. He asked what the council plans to do. Residents need to be vigilant and if any destruction is witnessed they need contact the sheriff department at 383-8821, then press #6. The council is aware of the large number of people that usually gather on main street on Friday and Saturday nights. Loitering and curfew ordinances had been looked into, but are difficult to legally enforce. Devices that produce high pitch sound, which only youth can hear, have been discussed in the past. Hiring an officer or security person to patrol the area on weekends may be an option.
- 2) MML convention will be held in the fall.
- 3) Letter from the township rejecting the council's request to adjust the 4th Qtr fire protection figure.
- 4) Letter from the village attorney indicating the township rejected the case evaluation settlement.
- 5) Complaint of resident on Sheldon Street burning chicken waste in their burn barrel. Visited twice by the fire chief and fire was extinguished.

Public Works:

- 1) Water sample completed for July.
- 2) Fire hydrants have been painted and serviced.

Streets: (Twiss/T.Strong) Motion to spend up to \$2000 on sidewalk repair and maintenance. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Water:

- 1) Bill will set up a time to meet with the engineers to discuss the wellhead protection program and grants that are available.
- 2) No response from CN railroad as to their water usage. CN railroad has without authorization or notification hooked up to the village water system and withdrawing thousands of gallons of water. Water system reports indicate large amount of water usage on three separate occasions. This would indicate that CN railroad has taken water at least 3 times this year. The clerk was instructed to bill CN railroad for 3 separate withdrawals of 35,500 gallons of water at \$2.10 per gallon, plus a quarterly administration fee of \$6.
- 3) Bill held his water system public information hours and no resident from the village visited with him. He did however have a township resident visit with water system questions.

Public Safety/Fire:

- 1) Reviewed sheriff reports
- 2) Terry went to the monthly fire department meeting – no meeting was held.

Ordinance/Zoning:

- 1) No word yet from CN on questions regarding a quiet zone (no whistles/horns) for trains passing through.
- 2) Barking dogs – complaint of dogs barking on South Lovell. Lisa will write a letter to the owner of the dogs.

Old Business: None

New Business: (T.Strong/Dell) Motion to authorize the DPW to pick the best valued bid to remove the tree at 145 N. Main Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
Scott A. Torrance - Village Clerk