

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
February 15, 2011

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

Absent - None.

Guests: Mike Gibson and Bruce Rolfe.

Agenda: **(Lyons/Jones)** Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

Minutes: **(Lewis/Lyons)** Motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 1, 2011 as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Slann/Strong) Motion to approve the February 2011 Bill Package totaling \$14,979.28. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Jones) Motion to approve the January 2011 Treasurer's Report as presented:

Village of Climax Combined Funds on Account as of 1/31/2011

	Sturgis Bank and Trust	First National Bank of MI CD's	Fund Totals
General Fund	\$ 120,929.17	\$ 40,374.20	\$ 161,303.37
Water	\$ 63,423.71	\$ 75,459.79	\$ 138,883.50
Major Streets	\$ 69,598.92	\$ 21,207.80	\$ 90,806.72
Local Streets	\$ 48,546.92	\$ 10,064.29	\$ 58,611.21
Perpetual Care (CD)	\$ 11,406.63	\$ -	\$ 11,406.63
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Total	\$314,105.35	\$ 147,106.08	\$ 461,211.43

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: No comments

Communications: Noted

Public Works:

- 1) Peerless Midwest pump inspections have been done.
- 2) Gift Certificates for road commission plow drivers who helped so much while the F-350 plow was down. Public funds are not able to be spent for this purpose. On behalf of the

community, the Council would like to thank the KCRC employees who helped clear our streets. A card of thanks was suggested to be given to them.

- 3) Bids on leaf vacuums have been received. It was suggested that the large leaf vacuum's engine be rebuilt at a cost of \$1400. Discussed the wear and tear on the equipment, the service to the residents, repairs needed to keep them running.
- 4) **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to authorize Lee Crotser to rebuild the engine on the large leaf vacuum, not to exceed \$1400 and the expense to be placed in the 2011-12 budget year. Roll call vote – Unanimously approved.
- 5) Mr. Gibson contacted the County for Chip Sealing of the roads: Maple (Tracks to the village limit) and Maple Circle. Costs are expected to be the same as last year.
- 6) Water disconnections will be done on Wednesday the 16th. Currently there are 15 homes which have not paid their water bills.

Streets / Census:

- 1) Street light out at Sheldon and Cherry – Clerk to report to consumers
- 2) Mr. Hopkins was given some information about financing of village improvements. Possible suggestion of LED lights to replace street lights.

Parks/Library: No report.

Water: Funding the “Water Contract” portion of the water fund. We need to make the paper transfers to show the funding of the Water Contract. The water system bond is paid from the Water Contract sub account.

Administration/Employee Relations:

- 1) Reviewed the 2011-12 budget. The budget hearing will be set for the second meeting in March (March 15th). Council was advised to review the budget. Any adjustments will be made on March 1st.
- 2) **(Jones/Lewis)** Motion to hold the public budget hearing on March 15, 2011. Unanimously approved.

Public Safety:

- 1) Security cameras are getting better. More communities are using them in solving crime.
- 2) Speed limits on the north entrance and the east entrance of the village might want to be graduated down from 55 mph to 25 mph.

Ordinance:

- 1) Call from MTS regarding new rules and regulations on outdoor burners.

President's time:

Old Business:

- 1) Discussed the 111 W. Maple property:
 - Phyllis Simmons called President Smith and gave info on the property.
 - President Smith contacted the County Treasurer, Mary Balkema
 - Deb Wyant reviewed the time line of the property's tax delinquency.
 - More questions were raised. The property was sold and a tax bill was sent out in 2007. This person should have taken title of property and the village should have been billed for the difference between the purchase price of \$250 and the total delinquent. This was not done.

- Treasurer, Deb Wyant, will contact the County Treasurer for a further explanation.
- Since revised totals were given to the village today, the due date of our county bill should be changed to 30 days from today.

2) Library audit bill: The library was billed \$200 for their portion of the audit. In the past, the bill was included in the village portion. **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to pay the library audit bill of \$200. Ayes: Jones, Strong, Lyons, Hopkins and Smith. Nays: Slann, Lewis. Motion carried 5 to 2. It was noted that the library will need to budget the cost of the audit in the future.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:5 p.m. (Lyons/Strong)
Scott Torrance – Village Clerk