

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

April 21, 2015

Present: Gary Gammons, Norm Lyons, Janet Sutherland, Terry Strong – President and Brenda Borden – Treasurer and Mark Gay - DPW.

Absent: Robert Bailey, Pat Clark and Bruce Rolfe. Also Present: Marv Thum and Mark Garrett.

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

(Lyons/Sutherland) Motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2015. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Gammons) Motion to approve the April 2015 Bill Package totaling \$24,016.84. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Sutherland/Gammons) Motion to approve bills for Superior Business Systems and Consumers Concrete totaling 266.64. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Sutherland) Motion to approve the March 2015 Treasurer's report – total fund balance is \$470,921.99 Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests:

- 1) Marv Thum, representing the American Legion, asked for approval to hold the Memorial Day Parade on village streets. **(Lyons/Gammons)** Motion to approve the American Legion's request to use the village streets for the Memorial Day Parade. Unanimously approved.
- 2) Mark Garrett attended the meeting to complain about the loud noise that dirt bikes are making. In a field behind the homes on South Main, across from the cemetery/school, residents are operating dirt bikes causing excessive noise. There have been as many as 5 bikes seen racing. Homemade explosives have also been heard. Running at all times during the day and into the evening. Norm will write a letter to the property owner and Terry will be notified the next time this occurs.

Communications:

- 1) Village again contacted by a lease company wanting to purchase our water tower antenna lease with Nextel/Sprint. Council again is not interested.
- 2) Upcoming May 5th election to increase the State sales tax.

Community Development: No report

Public Works:

- 1) The backup batteries in the water tower computer system need replacing. Motor Shop Electronics presented a bid for new batteries and to upgrade the water computer system. The computer system is not detecting a drop in water level. On April 1st homes were without water due to this problem. On occasion, the DPW has had to manually add water to avert another water outage. Motor Shop will upgrade the computer software to add another level of alert that will detect no movement in the tank water level. The tank level should always be changing. If there is no change over a period of time then the DPW will be notified to investigate the situation. Parts to

- a. **(Gammons/Sutherland)** Motion to approve the Motor Shop Electric bid in the amount not to exceed \$3,324.62 to replace batteries and upgrade the water control system. Roll call vote: Ayes – Gammons, Sutherland and Strong; nays – Lyons. Motion carried 3 to 1.

Streets: No report

Parks, Cemetery Library:

- 1) Mirror placed in library to monitor individuals in the front room.
- 2) Shelf project in the library basement has begun.
- 3) 4H to plant flowers on may 17th.

Water: No report.

Administration:

- 1) **(Lyons/Sutherland)** Motion to pay Kalamazoo County ½ cost of demolition of building on 240 N. Main Street over a 3 year period. Our portion was \$12,975 / 3 years = \$4,325. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) **(Lyons/Gammons)** Motion to keep all village funds (not including the CDs) in one interest bearing account even though the total will be over the FDIC limit of \$250,000. Unanimously approved.
- 3) Equipment rental payments from MS, LS and Water funds to General Fund have been made.
- 4) The \$10,000 annual Water Fund reimbursement to General Fund has been made. This is the 3rd annual payment of 10 years.

Public Safety: No report

Ordinances:

- 1) Animal control was contacted regarding animals locked in a vacant home. They visited the home at 329 W. Maple and found no animals.
- 2) 110 S. Main Street has not pulled any building permits according to MTS.
- 3) People are living in the trailer at home on W. Maple Street next to the tracks.

Old Business: CDs have been closed at First National Bank. They will be transferred to Sturgis Bank – Climax office. **(Lyons/Sutherland)** Motion to create one Certificate of Deposit per fund (GF, MS, LS and WTR) and not make a 30 day offset. Unanimously approved.

New Business: None

(Lyons/Gammons) The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk