

Village of Climax

Regular Meeting
September 17, 2013

Present: Pat Clark, Norm Lyons, Bruce Rolfe, Terry Strong, Kyle Smith – President, and Brenda Borden – Treasurer

Absent: Jim Cummings, Tom Jones.

Guests: Mark Gay - DPW.

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

(Lyons/Strong) Motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2013 as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Clark) Motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2013 as presented. Unanimously approved.

(Lyons/Strong) Motion to approve the September 2013 Bill Package totaling \$16,551.43. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Strong/Lyons) Motion to approve two Climax Township Fire Fee invoices totaling \$15,530. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved

(Lyons/Strong) Motion to approve the August 2013 Treasurer's report – total fund balance is \$423,573.16. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Guests: Chris Phillips, representing Best Way Disposal, visited the Council to discuss the upcoming contract renewal and changes to keep residential costs down. Currently recycling is in a 90-gallon container and is picked up weekly. Best Way is proposing that the recycling be pickup up once a month – starting in December. This would be a cost savings that would be handed down to the residents in the village. Best Way would notify residents by a separate letter or a note in the quarterly invoice, the Clerk would place a note in the Newsletter he is preparing. A transition period would be established in October and November where the recycling would be picked up on the 1st and 3rd weeks. Customers with large amounts of recycling can request a 2nd 90-gal container.

Communications:

- 1) Joint board meeting with the township: Confirmed the date of Tuesday, September 24 for the joint board meeting. Agenda items for the meeting would include, reviewing the fire resolution – a long term funding solution that would secure the needed financing for the department and would also spread the costs equally among all township residents., single waste hauler for entire township – the village residents realized significant savings by going to a single waste hauler, EVIP – intergovernmental cooperation, what else can we work together on to secure statutory funding from the State of Michigan and Dangerous building ordinance – how is it working for the township.
- 2) Received several notes and comments from residents of their checks not be cashed promptly, sometimes taking weeks. There was a problem with the internet connection being down and the tax software. The problems are corrected and checks have been deposited.
 - a. Looking into newer depositing methods or possibility of credit card payments.

Public Works:

- 1) A bid of \$100 was received for the removal of wood for the tree in the cemetery.
(Lyons/Clark) Motion to approve the bid by Jesse Eyre for \$100 to haul away wood within 72 hours after the tree is cut. Unanimously approved.

Streets: The third bid was received for the reconstruction of Hancock street. Mr. Rolfe will compile the bids. Work expected to be done in the next budget year.

Parks / Cemetery / Library:

- 1) The library plans to re-open by 1st week of October.
- 2) The library building siding project is complete.
- 3) Library historical society is willing to categorize cemetery records.

Water/Sewer: No report

Administration: No report.

Public Safety:

- 1) County Sheriff is looking into the BB gun incident and the cat killing incident.

Ordinances:

- 1) Reviewed the Consumers Franchise agreement and the opinion of the attorney. The attorney made two suggestions in Section 3 of the agreement:
 - a. This section gives consumers the right to trim trees under its lines. Issues have occurred that “trim” seems to give Consumers the right to “clear cut”. Mr. Soltis suggested that a slight modification be made to “prohibit clear-cutting, except where the Village consents, to give the Village control over tree trimming.”
 - b. Mr. Soltis suggests a modification to the language, “subject, however, to the supervision of the highway authorities.” Council would like the following added to the previous sentence – “in cooperation with Village authorities.”
- 2) Proposed bicycle ordinance language was also sent to the attorney to deal with children’s biking behavior in the downtown area. Mr. Soltis suggested adopting the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and mirror the careless and reckless driving provisions of the code.
- 3) The Council directed the Clerk to contact Mr. Soltis and have him prepare a resolution to adopt the Motor Vehicle Code and have language apply to bicycles.
- 4) If individuals touches, spits or throws something at a person, that is an assault already covered by State Law.
- 5) If people are in the park at night, we could use existing ordinances or strengthen existing ordinances prohibiting the activity. The village could adopt our own Trespassing Ordinance mirroring the existing State Statute – this would provide that once a person is told that he or she can no longer be on certain premises, just coming onto the property would constitute a violation.

Old Business: There has been no work on the Main Street crossing as verbally promised to the Clerk on an August 6th phone contact with Mr. Kevin Comadoll of CN Railroad – Track Supervisor. He was told the Maple Street crossing would be repaired and Maple Street shut down for a week, then they would move to Main Street and repair that crossing which would also take a week.

New Business: Trash pickup is Saturday, September 21st.

(Lyons/Strong) The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk