

# Climax Township

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 08, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, reading of "The American's Creed"

PRESENT: Supervisor – Phyllis Simmons, Trustees – Monique Strong, Richard Thierjung, and Clerk – Marcia Lewis. Absent: Treasurer – Don Schultz

- 1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **(Strong/Thierjung)** Motion to approve the agenda with change. Unanimously approved.

### APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

- 2) **(Thierjung/Simmons)** Motion to accept the March 11 Township board regular meeting minutes and March 26 special meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

### SUPERVISOR REPORT:

- 1) Supervisor read a prepared document outlining the history of land donated by local families to Climax Township that now makes up Gilson Cemetery. Those families include Silas Carney, Hollan Gilson, and Mrs. Arthur (Polly) Miller. Most recently, the daughters of Ed & Ida Orosz have donated land to the Township that is adjacent to the cemetery. To recognize these families Supervisor requested approval to initiate a donation fund for the purchase of four polished engraved granite markers (24x12x4) that will be placed on cement foundations. Campbell Murch Monument Co. in Mattawan estimate the cost to be \$900. Cemetery Sexton Mike Kline and John E. Simmons have volunteered their time to pour the foundations. **(Thierjung/Strong)** Motion to set up the fund for the Township Supervisor to handle donations with the stones to be placed at the appropriate sites in the cemetery to honor the people that have donated their land. Unanimously approved. Donations should be sent to Climax Township and designated on the check that they are for the Gilson Cemetery marker project.

GUESTS: none

CITIZENS: Terry Strong, Climax Village Council Trustee requested a meeting be scheduled between the Council and Township Board to discuss fire protection. Board suggested meeting after May 6 and noted a previously approved motion to discuss a possible fire millage on the Nov 2008 ballot.

### FIRE & RESCUE:

- 1) 6 runs in March 2008.
- 2) Firefighters on leave of absence- one in military for the last 4 years, 2 because they have not passed the Medical First Responder class and have since moved out of the community.
- 3) Fire Chief and Clerk have reviewed and calculated a current cost per fire run. Last fee schedule was approved in 1997.
- 4) Clerk requested training report (including live burn participation) be included with monthly board report.
- 5) Equipment approved by the FEMA grant is being ordered.

- 6) Board requested Fire Chief bring a new set of turn-out gear to display at an election.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Next meeting April 24.

ROAD COMMITTEE: Chair Bob Schaller introduced several road committee members in attendance and read a letter sent to Supervisor from KCRC Director Joanna Johnson regarding their decision not to proceed with the 43rd/44th/Q road project. The road committee requested this project go forward if possible. Discussion followed with suggestion that an additional meeting might result in possible resolution. Noted the drain culvert causing flooding at Q Ave and 43<sup>rd</sup> curve has been cleared. **(Simmons/Thierjung)** Motion to give authority to the chairman of voluntary road committee with Monique Strong as representative of Climax Township Board to meet with KCRC in company of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Wolf, and Mr. & Mrs. Merle Case to address the extension of 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Street to the Climax Village limits. Bob Schaller will coordinate this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

CLERK'S REPORT:

- 1) **(Strong/Thierjung)** Motion to accept the revised version of the March bill package. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) Climax Township has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$8,730 to improve our polling place. The grant has Federal funding under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the Michigan Secretary of State's Bureau of Elections is responsible for overseeing the grant process. The grant encompasses replacement of the entrance door, replacing the hand rail, constructing handicap parking spaces and signage. Work to be completed by Sept 30, 2008. **(Lewis/Strong)** Motion to accept the award of a Polling Place Accessibility grant in the amount of \$8,730 which is 100% reimbursable to Climax Township, and authorize Supervisor Phyllis Simmons to sign the Work Plan agreement. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 3) To account properly for the 3 grants awarded the following motions were needed:  
**(Lewis/Simmons)** Motion that in order to reflect the pass-thru of income from awarded grants the following sub-accounts of 000-698000-698003 (Gen. Fund Revenue/Sundry/Grant Money Received) be added : 6980031 2007 FEMA Grant, 6980032 2007 DNR Grant, 6980033 Polling Place Grant. Unanimously approved.  
**(Lewis/Simmons)** Motion that in order to reflect the pass-thru of reimbursed expenses from awarded Polling Place grant the following account be added: 9560001 Polling Place Grant as a sub-account of 265-956000E Twp Hall & Grounds/Miscellaneous. Unanimously approved. **(Lewis/Strong)** Motion that in order to reflect the pass-thru of reimbursed expenses from awarded 2007 FEMA grant the following account be added: 9700001 2007 FEMA Grant as a sub-account of 336-970000B Fire Department/FD Capital Outlay. Unanimously approved. **(Lewis/Thierjung)** Motion that in order to reflect the pass-thru of reimbursed expenses from awarded 2007 DNR grant the following account be added: 9710001 2007 DNR Grant as a sub-account of 336-971000 Fire Department/FD Equipment Purchases. Unanimously approved.
- 4) **(Simmons/Strong)** Motion that we accept April bill package in the amount of \$26,017.87. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion of proposed Burning Permit Violation fee schedule. **(Strong/Lewis)** Motion to adopt the proposed Burning Permit Violation fee schedule relating to Ordinance No. 121 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 2) Discussion of proposed Emergency Service fee schedule. **(Simmons/Strong)** Motion to adopt the Emergency Service fee schedule as regarding to Ordinance 119. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 3) **(Lewis/Thierjung)** Motion to adopt proposed 2008-09 Budget Amendment to reflect the pass-thru of reimbursed amounts relating to the FEMA, DNR, and Polling Place grants awarded in the amounts of \$95,130.15, \$6,000.00, and 8,730.00 respectively. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 4) Discussed proposed cemetery burial fees from Cemetery Sexton Mike Kline. Board would like further clarification on proposed charges for snow removal and ground thawing. **(Thierjung/Simmons)** Motion to allow Mr. Kline the Sexton to adjust the pricing on the opening and closing of graves with the snow removal to be discussed at a later date. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 5) Supervisor and Clerk have been advised there is a leak at the northeast corner of the Township hall roof. **(Strong/Thierjung)** Motion that Clerk contact a roofer to address the leak in the roof in the northeast corner of the Township Hall, cost not to exceed \$1,000. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 6) Supervisor noted that the Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner will be attending our next regular board meeting in May.

**(Thierjung/Lewis)** Motion to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.  
Marcia Lewis-Climax Township Clerk  
Approved at the May 13, 2008 Board Meeting

**Correction:**Noted the drain culvert causing flooding at Q Ave and **44th** curve has been cleared.