

Climax Township

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 7:07 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Supervisor – Phyllis Simmons, Treasurer – Don Schultz, Trustees – Monique Strong, Richard Thierjung, and Clerk – Marcia Lewis. Absent: none

Add: Treasurers report: March 31, 2008 report. Old business: Item 2 - Update on water quality, Item 3 - Joint meeting with Village Council

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Correction on April 8 minutes to read: drain cleared on Q Ave & 44th St, not 43rd St.

- 2) (**Thierjung/Strong**) Motion to accept the Climax Township board meeting minutes of April 8, 2008 with change. Unanimously approved.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

- 1) Attended meeting discussing County Waste Hauler contract, and noted other Townships experiencing road damage believed to be caused by trucks hauling tanks of manure.
- 2) May 28, 2008 meeting of the Kalamazoo County chapter of Michigan Townships Association will be held at the Climax Township Hall at 7:15 pm with a tour of Avalon greenhouse following.
- 3) Gas leak at Township hall office furnace repaired.
- 4) Eight township residents utilized the household hazardous waste facility in Kalamazoo this calendar year.

GUESTS: Wally Kipp of Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department reported countywide calls for service by the department this calendar year total 14,635, with 124 within Climax Township.

Note: this also includes the Village. Board requested separate totals for Climax Village if possible.

CITIZENS: Norm Jensen inquired about status of fire station sign. Fire Chief responded the sign is ready for installation by Burkett Signs.

FIRE & RESCUE:

- 1) 14 runs in April 2008. Noted: Climax Village rubbish pile that spontaneously combusted 3 times. Seven calls within Climax Village.
- 2) Fire Chief provided a report on individual "Staff Hours By Type of Alarm" for the month. Clerk requested this be included with monthly report to board.
- 3) Fire truck to be in Climax and Fulton Memorial Day parades.
- 4) FEMA grant almost complete.
- 5) New set of turn-out gear displayed at board meeting and at May 6 election.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Working on update of burning ordinance. Next meeting May 29 at 7:00 pm

ROAD COMMITTEE: Chair Bob Schaller and Monique Strong met with Mr. & Mrs. Wolf with no further meetings scheduled on this matter. Kalamazoo County Road Commission proceeding with modification of 43rd St. & Q Ave intersection. Trustee Richard Thierjung inquired about state laws pertaining to semi tractor's using motor brakes to slow down to make curve at Q Ave & 43rd Street. Wally Kipp will refer to Sheriff patrol cars to investigate.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (**Simmons/Strong**) Motion to accept the Treasurer's reports of March 31, 2008 with General Fund balance of \$219,241.59, and the April 30, 2008 with General Fund balance of \$224,625.80. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

CLERK'S REPORT:

- 1) Work started on hall with regards to the Polling Place Grant.
- 2) Received estimate of \$990 from Lyster Contracting for roof repairs. Work to be done on May 20.
- 3) Paris Dry Cleaner cleaned both U. S. and Michigan flags kept in the meeting room at no charge.
- 4) May 6, 2008 election went smoothly with 495 ballots cast, with 27.65% of registered voters. Thank you to Larry Leach and Bill Lewis for assistance with post on entrance door on election day.
- 5) Clerk received request to be at Climax-Scotts High School Thursday May 15 from 11:30-12:30 to assist seniors wanting to register to vote.
- 6) Clerk read letter received from Lawrence Memorial Library expressing their appreciation of library support and dates of their 2008-09 meeting dates.
- 7) Supervisor requested additional information on Prein & Newhof invoicing.
- 8) (**Schultz/Thierjung**) Motion to pass the bill package as presented in the amount of \$78,247.05, with the FEMA grant in the amount of \$55,537.95, the DNR grant amount of \$12,000. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 9) The annual meeting of the Climax Township Board and the Kalamazoo County Road Commission will be July 8, 2008 at 6:30. This will be a special meeting prior to the regular board meeting.
- 10) Discussion of remaining items to make the polling place at the Township hall ADA compliant. (**Thierjung, Schultz**) Motion that if you will allow me to make the repairs that are necessary at no cost to the Township to the Hall screen door opener and transition piece. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Gilson Cemetery markers in place. Memorial program to be held May 24 at 1:30 with rain date of May 25 at 1:30 honoring Veteran's buried in Climax Township Cemeteries, families donating land for cemetery, and individuals donating to the marker project. This will be a one time program. Supervisor still accepting donations for markers and has currently has received \$530 and needs approximately \$450 more. Supervisor reported abandoned telephone pole removed from Gilson Cemetery.

- 2) Trustee Richard Thierjung reported on progress with Kalamazoo County Health Department regarding water quality in the Township.
- 3) **(Simmons/Strong)** Motion to table addressing the joint meeting with the Village until new business is completed. Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussed contracts from Kalamazoo County Road Commission for approved road, and culvert improvements except for dust control, and gravel on TS Ave. **(Strong/Simmons)** Motion to accept \$125,424 for the roads with an additional \$6,600 for gravel on TS Ave. with a possible carryover next year of \$826.62. Roll call vote: Ayes: Don Schultz, Monique Strong, Richard Thierjung. No: Marcia Lewis, Phyllis Simmons.
- 2) Due to construction detour of Main Street in Village, residents on 46th St and P Ave requested an application of dust control. Supervisor contacted county who suggested application of 1 mile of continuous dust control. Supervisor authorized the application with board action to follow at this meeting. Climax Township will pay difference between the 1 mile of dust control and the normal dust control of 300' at each household and at intersections. Dust control may not be required on that section when dust control is applied later. **(Thierjung/Schultz)** Motion that we approve dust control for 46th St. and P Ave continuous application. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 3) Discussed painting of building at Gilson Cemetery. **(Simmons/Strong)** Motion that we give Cemetery Sexton authorization to buy paint for the Gilson Cemetery building with cost not to exceed \$100. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.
- 4) **(Lewis/Simmons)** Motion that we approve the cemetery lot transfer for Gearald Kinsey and John Perkins lot 42 site 3 and 4 with lot 8A site 1 and 2, and the transfer for Stephen Warren lot 30 site 1 and 2. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 3) Clerk advised board that payment has not been received for 4th quarter 2007-08 Climax Village fire and emergency services. Village Clerk requested breakdown of expenses for fire department Legal and Miscellaneous which Township Clerk provided. Discussion followed. **(Schultz/Strong)** Motion that we wait until May 20th for payment of 4th quarter Village fire protection, if decline to pay bill, to have Attorney Craig Rolfe begin legal proceedings for collection against our contract. Ayes: Schultz, Strong, Simmons and Thierjung. Nay: Lewis. Discussion of scheduling joint meeting with Village council. **(Simmons/Strong)** Motion that we have a joint meeting with entire Climax Village council and the entire Township board to take place at the Climax Township Hall to discuss the fire department issues that exist and we should have this meeting Monday June 9 at 7:00 pm with Clerk to send a registered letter to council regarding this meeting. Unanimously approved.

Don Schultz noted he is working on township website which is climaxtwp.com

(Thierjung/Strong) Motion that this meeting be adjourned. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.
Marcia Lewis-Climax Township Clerk
Approved at the June 10, 2008 Regular Board Meeting