

Climax Township

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: addition of New Business: item 6: Household Hazardous Waste Contract, Old Business: item 2: Alternative banking possibilities. Unanimously approved. **(Strong/Simmons)** Motion to accept the agenda with changes. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **(Thierjung/Schultz)** Motion to accept the Climax Township board minutes of September 9, 2008 as submitted. Unanimously approved.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Attended County Supervisor meeting. Supervisor sent letter to citizen regarding inquiry of house in Scotts.

GUESTS: Paul Ecklund of Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority. Core services include scheduled fixed routes, Para transit for persons who are physically unable to utilize the fixed routes, countywide Care-A-Van service, and community service vans that are free of charge for organizations. Funding of transit is: 28% State, 18% Federal, 15% fare box, 10.8% city millage, and 10% countywide millage. Total riders from zip codes 49052, 49034, and 49088 for 2008 are 39 for first quarter, and 49 for second quarter.

James Bolger (candidate for State Representative), and Tom Post (candidate for County Commissioner) attended and were introduced.

CITIZENS: no comments.

FIRE AND RESCUE: 14 fire and medical runs in September 2008. Steve Johnson reviewed inventory of items submitted by Fire Chief for possible sale. **(Schultz/Simmons)** Motion for Climax Fire Department including Steve Johnson and Larry Leach should have the authority to seek sale and disposal pricing for excess equipment and respond to Township Board with findings. Total of 102 runs for 2008.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Monique Strong reported next meeting is October 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

ROAD COMMITTEE: Monique Strong submitted roads the road committee is considering recommending to the Board for work in 2009.

TREASURER REPORT: Bank statement received late, no Treasurer report.

CLERK REPORT: **(Schultz/Strong)** Motion to approve the bill package as presented in the amount of \$25,664.41. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved. **(Simmons/Strong)** Motion to invite the Historical Society to have a display on Election Day November 4, 2008. Unanimously approved.

(Lewis/Simmons) Motion that we pay for 2008 dust control in the amount of \$3,058.907 to be transferred from Road MIF account. Roll call: Ayes: Simmons, Lewis. Nays: Schultz, Strong, and Thierjung. Motion not carried.

(Schultz/Simmons) Motion that in the future we pay for dust control from the road fund until 2014. Roll call: Ayes: Lewis, Simmons, and Schultz. Nays: Strong, and Thierjung. Motion carried.

(Lewis/Strong) Motion to transfer \$315 from Planning Commission Legal account to Zoning Board of Appeals miscellaneous account to pay for their legal expenses. Roll call: Unanimously approved.

(Lewis/Strong) Motion to transfer from Road MIF account to reimburse General Fund for road construction on 42nd St. in the amount of \$8,053.04. Roll call: Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) **(Simmons/Strong)** Motion that we take Metro Act funds that we did not spend last year from the budget year 2007-08 currently in carryover to be applied toward the balance for the debt for the sidewalk on 36th Street. Roll call: Unanimously approved.

2) Discussed depository options for Climax Township funds. **(Strong/Schultz)** Motion to add First Community Federal Credit Union to the Appropriations Act as a depository. Roll call: Unanimously approved. **(Schultz/Strong)** Motion to take the account labeled as Fire and Roads and create another General Fund MIF account to be determined by the Clerk and Treasurer from time to time to First Community Federal Credit Union. Roll call: Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **(Schultz/Simmons)** Motion that we assess each property owner in the Scott's Street Light Assessment District \$50.50 on each parcel. Roll call: Unanimously approved.

2) Discussed need for trimming of brush around Township Hall

3) Reviewed extension agreement from AT&T for right of way in Climax Township. **(Strong/Lewis)** Motion to sign Metro Act right of way permit extension to end December 31, 2010 with Michigan Bell Telephone dba AT&T. Unanimously approved

4) Discussed purchase of fireproof filing cabinet that includes delivery. **(Lewis/Schultz)** Motion to approve purchase of 4 drawer fireproof filing cabinet from John Gajor in the amount of \$300. Roll call: Unanimously approved.

5) **(Strong/Simmons)** Motion to allow Don Schultz and Marcia Lewis to research, find, and buy copy machine for the Township not to exceed \$1,000. Roll call: Unanimously approved.

6) Discussed 2009 calendar year contract for household hazardous waste for 2009-10 budget. **(Strong/Thierjung)** Motion that we raise our Household Hazardous waste contract back to \$600. Roll call: Unanimously approved

(Schultz/Lewis) Motion to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.
Marcia Lewis-Climax Township Clerk
Approved at the November 11, 2008 Regular Board Meeting