

Climax Township

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 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: **(Thierjung/Simmons)** Motion to approve the agenda.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **(Thierjung/Strong)** Motion to accept the minutes of May 13, 2008. Unanimously approved.

GUESTS: none

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Memorial program at Gilson Cemetery May 24, 2008 was successful. Supervisor has received almost 100% of donations needed to pay for the markers and concrete. Received invitation from Westside Landfill in Sturgis June 27. Received two inquiries on vehicle repossession business' located within Township. Both have expressed interest in applying for Special Exception. Approximately 42 attended the Kalamazoo County Chapter of Michigan Townships Association's quarterly meeting held at Township Hall. Approximately 41 attended Kalamazoo County Clerk's meeting held at Township Hall.

CITIZENS: Pete Henry, and Scott Torrance commented on possible fire millage. Terry Strong Village resident and Climax Council member commented on June 9 meeting with Village Council, possible fire millage, and hopes the two boards can work on a more professional basis.

FIRE AND RESCUE: 13 fire and medical runs in May 2008. Received 2 fire department personnel applications. Fire equipment received from 2 firefighters that have moved away from community. Fire officers discussing possible request next month to Township board for DNR grant. Oil cooler and air conditioning leak on Kenworth tanker 1461. Exploring repair avenues. Sign at fire station should be installed soon. Some lights repaired inside fire station.

PLANNING COMMISSION: no meeting in May.

ROAD COMMITTEE: no report. Next meeting September.

TREASURER REPORT: no report as bank statements were received late.

CLERK REPORT: Work included in Polling Place grant completed as of today. Auditor at Township Hall June 4. Accepted resignation from Deputy Clerk Kathy Fici effective June 9, 2008 with regret. Justin Low has accepted position of Deputy Clerk and will be sworn in June 11, 2008.

(Simmons/Schultz) Motion to accept the bill package as presented in the amount of \$40,318.47 which includes FEMA grant. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1).Update on fire protection with Village of Climax. Met with Climax Village Council members in a joint meeting June 9 regarding fire protection.

(Strong/Thierjung) Motion that we put a millage on the November election to fund the fire department and allow the citizens of both the Village and Township to decide how they want to pay for their fire services in the amount of 2 mils for a period of 3 years. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lewis, Strong, Thierjung. Nays: Simmons, and Schultz. Clerk to contact Township attorney. Clerk to send letter to Climax Village Council advising of Climax Township Board motion on proposed millage and requesting reciprocation of Council's agreement at June 9 special meeting to continue their financial funding for fire and emergency services for fiscal year 2008-09 per 1989 Resolution.

2) Discussion of proposed intergovernmental residential waste reduction contract.

(Simmons/Strong) Motion to pay \$187.50 as stated for license for waste haulers for the Waste Reduction Ordinance. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

3) Supervisor reported per Travis Bartholomew of Kalamazoo County Road Commission because culverts on 39th St @ S Ave drain more than 2 acres of land, both Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner and Department of Environmental Quality have to be involved. Climax Township costs will be more than the \$3,950 previously estimated by KCRC.

4) Clerk reported per Cemetery Sexton Mike Kline, the proposed costs for ground thawing and snow removal will not be a cost incurred by the Township. **(Strong/Lewis)** Motion to approved the increase of snow removal to burial sites and ground thawing of burial site of \$50 each. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Clerk received fireworks application from Richard Clark. **(Strong/Simmons)** Motion to table the firework application until the July board meeting and in the meantime Clerk to request letter from land owner. Unanimously approved.

2) Supervisor received communication from Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services that Climax Township funding of \$400 has been nearly exhausted. They have enclosed a Letter of Understanding for additional funds of \$200. Discussion followed. **(Simmons/Strong)** Motion to notice Household Hazardous Waste center to charge Climax Township citizens when they bring in household hazardous waste until next budget year. Unanimously approved.

3)Received communication that Climax Township Attorney is leaving Bauckham, Sparks law firm and starting his own firm. Read Resolution 2008-09 to appoint Township attorney. **(Strong/Lewis)** Motion that we retain Craig A. Rolfe as Township attorney per Resolution 2008-09. Unanimously approved.

4)Discussed having Township attorney review all ordinances. **(Simmons/Lewis)** Motion to have Township attorney review all ordinances and zoning at his convenience not to exceed \$1,000. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved. **(Simmons/Lewis)** Motion to amend motion to include verbiage not to exceed the \$1,000 verbal agreement. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Thierjung/Strong) Motion to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Marcia Lewis-Climax Township Clerk

Approved at the July 08,2008 regular board meeting