

Climax Township

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 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 Old Business: item 3: Water update.
(**Thierjung/Schultz**) Motion to accept the agenda for November 11, 2008 with addition.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (**Simmons/Strong**) Motion the minutes be approved as presented.
Unanimously approved.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Attended Michigan Department of Transportation, and County Supervisor meetings. Advised Kalamazoo County anticipates requesting \$600 from each Township for Hazardous Material equipment maintenance.

GUESTS: none

CITIZENS: no comments.

FIRE AND RESCUE: 20 fire and medical first responder runs in October 2008. Fire Chief Larry Leach and Clerk Marcia Lewis will inventory fire department items stored in Larry's barn. Fire Chief advised tanker truck 1411 will participate in the Galesburg parade Wednesday December 1. Fire Department would like to purchase 3 toxicity screening kits for \$25 each.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Monique Strong reported no quorum at October 23 meeting. Clerk reported receipt of a special exception application.

ROAD COMMITTEE: Monique Strong reported no December meeting. A Traffic Safety workshop will be given December 4 at KCRC with Bob Schaller attending and possibly Phyllis Simmons, and Don Schultz.

TREASURER REPORT: (**Strong/Simmons**) Motion to accept the September 30 Treasurer's report. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's office will be closed Wednesday November 26, 2008.

CLERK REPORT: (**Lewis/Thierjung**) Motion to transfer \$13,099.15 from the Road MIF account to the General Fund Road Construction account. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Clerk suggested applying funds to the fire loans payment in February if there any available.

(**Simmons/Strong**) Motion the bill package be accepted as presented totaling \$26,535.07. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

(Lewis/Thierjung) Motion that we purchase 1 copy of Michigan Township Association's (MTA) Authorities & Responsibilities of Michigan Township Officials, and 1 copy of MTA On-Call Fire Departments books. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Election update: 1,291 ballots cast. Thank you to Lyster Contracting and Betz Machine for repair of entrance door handle on Election Day. Thank you to Election Chair Ingrid Purk, Inspectors Gert Allen, Wilda Collins, Betty Everest, Leora Fowler, and Chris Gibson for a their effort on Election Day November 4, 2008. Thank you to Prairie Historical Society for the Election Day display.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Treasurer and Clerk located and purchased copy machine for \$995 from American Business Equipment. **(Strong/Thierjung)** Motion to purchase maintenance agreement on copier for 1 year not to exceed \$400 per year. Roll call: Ayes: Simmons, Strong, Thierjung, Lewis. Nay: Schultz

2) Discussed Ordinance Audit project. Consensus of the board is to proceed but the finalization of the project will have to come after 2008-09 budget year. Board members given copies of several ordinances that are recommended by Township Attorney Craig Rolfe for possible amendment or repeal. Further discussion at next month's regular board meeting. Township Board consensus is to follow Attorney's recommendation to proceed with State mandated Planning Commission by-laws and ordinance amendment.

3) Trustee Richard Thierjung gave an update on his research on water quality.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Discussed disposal of equipment. **(Simmons/Schultz)** Motion that all inventory that the Township and Fire Department equipment that will not be used in the future be listed in the newsletter for taking bid from taxpayers with a dollar value put on the items. Unanimously approved. **(Simmons/Lewis)** Motion that Treasurer Don Schultz place a dollar value on the items not used to be listed for sale in December newsletter. Unanimously approved.

2) Treasurer suggested possible alternative for the Village of Climax funding of the fire department.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.
Marcia Lewis-Climax Township Clerk
Approved at the December 9, 2008 Regular Board Meeting