

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
VILLAGE BOARD

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF HENRY)
VILLAGE OF ORION)

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 p.m., May 6, 2019 at Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Hancock, and Drucker. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 15, 2019. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper recognized Trustee Roger Peterson upon his retirement from the village board. He noted Trustee Peterson's achievements as chair of the Recreation Committee, which included a major upgrade to the Love Park ball diamond and construction of a crow's nest along with being hands-on in the design and construction of the Central Park storage building. Trustee Peterson also spent summers working in the parks, edging sidewalks and doing whatever it took to make the parks look great. President Cooper praised Trustee Peterson for his part in removing and replacing diseased trees in the parks and helping with the decision to purchase an artificial Christmas tree for the band shell. Trustee Peterson was also a member of the Finance Committee. The board wished him well in retirement from the village trustee position.

There being no further business to come before the meeting President Cooper adjourned the meeting sine die.

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

Clerk Sampson administered the oath of office to Melvyn R. Drucker and Steve Newman for 4-year trustee terms.

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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:10 p.m., May 6, 2019 at Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Newman, Mitton, Hancock, and Drucker. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper called the meeting to order.

Pastor Dave Schultz, a member of the Main Street Orion board, was present with MSO Director Candice Schultz, and expressed his thanks to former trustee Roger Peterson for supporting MSO efforts. He also said the leader of The Chosen Ones, a gospel group that performed for years during the Orion Fall Festival, died of a heart attack. Pastor Schultz said the gentleman loved traveling to Orion and performing in its band shell.

Mr. Dave Gayman rehashed the time table originally outlined for completion of improvements to the street on which he lives, 13th Ave. Cr. He complained that the time table was not met and he was still fighting with the board about it. President Cooper objected to Mr. Gayman's fighting terminology. He said the street was blacktopped last fall and in good condition. The area around the street needs to be dressed up but rainy weather has hampered completion. President Cooper reminded Mr. Gayman the village only employs three public works employees. Mr. Dick Rossi was also present to complain about the street. Trustee Mitton said a pile of dirt needs to be addressed as well as the ditch. President Cooper said the work would be completed in a timely fashion as soon as weather allows.

After discussing options for signage to be installed by the Illinois Department of Transportation on Rt. 150, it was moved by Mitton, seconded by Drucker to continue with the policy of two signs per school achievement with a limit of three sets of two per year. Ayes: Newman, Mitton, Hancock, and Drucker. Absent: Lawson.

A used street sweeper recently purchased by the village will arrive Tuesday, May 7th. Street Supt. Neil Dahl garnered a deal for free shipping, saving \$800. He is using the money to purchase some parts for the machine. Also, contracted sidewalk replacement continues and patch mix is just now being made by Henry County.

Discussion was held about flashing light signals on crosswalk signs near the schools. Street Supt. Dahl said the IDOT doesn't recommend flashing lights in an area where the speed is below 35 mph and traffic concentration is below 9,000 vehicles per day. Trustee Newman said he felt lights were necessary. The attributes of an expensive flashing crosswalk sign versus a barricade-type light were discussed. The existing sign that indicates 20 mph when a light is flashing might need to be changed if a light is left flashing 24/7. The board will review all options and consider at a later date.

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Sewer Supt. Chris Lundburg said the sewer plant was at capacity after 6" of rainfall. After a few dry days the storm lagoon has emptied and flow is reducing. A few complaints were received at village hall but turned out to be sump pump failure and storm water infiltration, not sewer backup. Sewer Supt. Lundburg pumped from a manhole on 12th Avenue for a time. President Cooper said it was a good decision to install a sewer relief main.

A solar company affiliated with Tri-City Electric will tour the sewer plant on Thursday, May 9th to gather more data.

Trustee Drucker said water mains will be flushed May 20th. The water superintendent is planning for the replacement of fire hydrants near Ames Law Office and Pizza Hut.

Meter reader Dennis Cooper will resign his position in October or November. Trustee Drucker recommended the board consider others who previously applied for the position. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to contact prior applicants for the meter reader position to determine their interest. Ayes: Newman, Mitton, Hancock, and Drucker. Absent: Lawson.

Concrete work in the Love Park picnic shelter has been completed and grass in the ditch near the large baseball diamond is starting to grow. Mr. Tom Weber donated seed and time for the project.

Trustee Drucker reminded the board of the next Finance Committee meeting to be held at 4 p.m., May 15, 2019. President Cooper asked that a board member volunteer to fill former trustee Roger Peterson's place on the committee.

Trustee Newman said deputies will be keeping an eye on kids toward the end of the school year and traffic in the area of the girls' softball diamond and around Love Park during baseball season. He noted another speed radar sign was included in the FY 2020 budget and will be purchased in the near future. Trustee Newman said it should be discussed at a Finance Committee meeting whether larger purchases should require approval beyond the entire budget approval.

President Cooper said the summer softball and baseball leagues want foul poles on the smaller diamonds along with scoreboards. The leagues will pay for the improvements but want the village to provide electricity to the sites.

President Cooper said he will share with the board at its next meeting information gleaned while in Springfield on May 1st. He met with State Representatives Dan Swanson and Toni McCombie

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and State Senators Neal Anderson and Chuck Weaver. Illinois Department of Transportation of representatives were also available. A group of about 15 from the Henry County Economic Development Partnership attended the event.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to enter executive session at 8:02 p.m. to consider the purchase of specific real property for use by the village. Ayes: Newman, Mitton, Hancock, and Drucker. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:30 p.m.

Clerk Sampson will invite Klingner & Assoc., P.C. to the next village board meeting on May 20th regarding a proposed contract to inspect the building at 1000 4th Street. Village attorney John Ames will contact the firm prior to the next meeting to discuss some terms of the proposed contract that might be of concern to the board.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was moved by Mitton, seconded by Drucker to adjourn. Ayes: Newman, Mitton, Hancock, and Drucker. Absent: Lawson.

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