

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., June 3, 2019 at Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Newman, Mitton, Hancock, and Drucker. Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 20, 2019. Ayes: Newman, Mitton, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper briefed the board on a request by Mr. Bill Lange to annex one acre into the village. The property will adjoin Orion Tool, Die & Machine Co., owned by Mr. Lange. When brought before the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, its members recommended the one-acre parcel include a street right-of-way for the possible extension of 16<sup>th</sup> Street. There are no immediate plans to extend the street. Mr. Lange was present at the meeting and said he hoped there would be a housing subdivision in the area so his tool and die business could have better access to water and sewer. The village board had no knowledge of any housing subdivisions in the works. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Hancock to adopt Ordinance #2019-4, approving a request by Mr. William E. Lange, as Trustee under the William E. Lange Trust dated January 28, 2004 and the Sandra K. Lange Family Trust, 107 N. Yates Street, Alpha, Illinois 61413, to annex 1.0 acre of land and approve a pre-annexation agreement stipulating industrial zoning, subject to the requirement of a dedicated street right-of-way for the possible extension of 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Ayes: Newman, Mitton, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Mrs. Louise Nelson asked the board to reopen the landscape waste site through the summer, twice per month. Several residents were in attendance to support the request. President Cooper and the board agreed they could volunteer to work at the site one Saturday each month in June, July, and August and additionally, employees could attend to the site one Monday each of those months. A schedule will be prepared and made available to the public.

Trustee Newman said he would take on the duties of the Street Committee chairman until a replacement for former trustee Jamie Lawson could be found. President Cooper told the board he would open the committees up for changes after the two vacant trustee seats are filled.

Trustee Newman reported a large ash will be removed from the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue A right-of-way. There is a plan to proceed but no estimate for removal has yet been obtained.

The sewer plant flow is starting to return to normal, according to Trustee Hancock, after a respite from heavy rain. He also said a sewer was cleaned on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. President Cooper

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commended Sewer Supt. Chris Lundburg for making sure pumps were running during many periods of heavy rainfall.

A resident at 107 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported a strong odor of gas in her home to staff at village hall this afternoon. The odor was reported to MidAmerican Energy Co., who sent an employee to determine if the smell was natural gas. It was not. Water Supt. Arnie Sandberg responded to the site and said the odor smelled like paint or turpentine and was coming from the sump pit area. There was no sheen in the sump pit, but Water Supt. Sandberg noticed a can of fix-a-flat leaking nearby. The can turned out to be the source of the odor and could be cleaned up with soap and water. The owner was going leave the home for the night to let it air out. President Cooper thanked Water Supt. Sandberg for his assistance.

Trustee Drucker said hydrant flushing should be done soon. Other duties have taken priority for the water/park superintendent.

Water Supt. Sandberg said he loaned a water main repair clamp to the village of Andover when there was a disruption in the community's water supply during one of its busiest weekends of the year. Water was shut down due to a leak.

The board discussed requirements of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources grant, in that costs to comply with the grant might be beyond the reach of the financial capabilities of the village. Costs include installation of a street, parking lot, and sidewalk. All improvements must be ADA compliant and the street must meet village zoning requirements. Bi-State Regional Commission personnel will be contacted for help with questions about the grant. Trustee Drucker questioned the need for the proposed 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension since it would primarily be used during baseball season. The \$34,300 grant could end up costing the village several hundred thousand dollars in improvements. The board must take into consideration other upcoming expenditures that might be faced in the near future.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. in village hall.

A bill of \$150 for mowing two private properties in Orion was submitted to the village by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Kerker. It appeared the couple mowed the properties upon their own volition. A nuisance violation letter had been sent to the mortgage holder of one of the properties, since the property is in foreclosure. Village employees have authority to mow if the nuisance is not rectified within a 10-day time period. Before the end of the 10 days the Kerkers had already mowed the property. It had not previously been brought to the village's attention that the second property was in violation of any code. Some felt the mowing was done because softball/baseball

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tournaments were being played in Love Park and the properties portrayed a poor image. It appeared no one on the board gave anyone authority to mow the properties, and Trustee Drucker said a village employee would have performed the work at \$12/hr., at the proper time and in accordance with village code. President Cooper took the bill and said he would contact the Kerkers and tell them the village could not pay the fee.

Trustee Newman will check with the police regarding coverage for the annual garage sales on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mulch around the band shell is being washed away and a more appropriate ground cover is being investigated. An estimate will be obtained for hard paving material.

The contract with Mr. Tom Englemann for audit services will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to adjourn. Ayes: Newman, Mitton, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk