

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 7:30 p.m., March 4, 2013, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Drucker, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Lawson. Absent: None.

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

In the absence of Clerk Sampson, Deputy Clerk Mizen recorded the minutes.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 18, 2013. Ayes: Drucker, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to approve the request by Eric Ford to allow Teresa Riggle to operate a massage therapy business at 1203 5th Street, Orion. Prior to a vote President Cooper told the board that he called one of the neighbors to see if they had any objections to the business. The neighbor emphasized that no one park on their property. President Cooper also stated that Riggle must have a State of Illinois approved license before operation. Ayes: Drucker, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Main Street Director Deb Ford was present to request \$10,000 from the village for FY2014. She advised that she had sent supporting documents to the village board. President Cooper asked why the State of Illinois was not funding the MSO program. He did not see the need for a paid director if the state was not funding the program. Director Ford said a paid director is a requirement. President Cooper asked that she provide him with other community compensation packages for comparison. Trustee O'Leary added that he had been involved in many groups in the community which were all volunteer positions. He asked why the Main Street director gets paid \$14,000 yearly. Director Ford said the board sets her salary. She documents her monthly hours spent working as director and works 120 hours a month. Trustee Lawson asked if the organization worked any harder last year when the village only gave \$8,000. Director Ford said they did. President Cooper stated that the organization has \$39,000 in the bank. Trustee Lawson questioned why they rent a building on 4th Street they don't use except for storage. Director Ford told the board they use the front window for advertising Main Street events and occasionally have meetings there. Trustee Lawson also said he checks the Main Street website regularly. It has not been updated in over a year. Trustee Peterson asked how many businesses are in membership. The organization has 64 business members. President Cooper said Shop Orion First didn't show any increased business to Orion. He asked several businesses and was told they saw no change in their business. He also said he doesn't see how giving away \$500 to someone helps. Main Street board member

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Susan Moen said results would not be significant after only the first or second promotion. President Cooper went on to say that the village is fortunate to have had the Lions Club for approximately 80 years, Orion Fall Fest for 40 years and various sport organizations with volunteers that spend many hours of their own time in the community.

President Cooper welcomed Boy Scout Troop 123. They had 7 boys in attendance plus their leader, Jeff Wiedemann. They were in attendance to earn a Citizenship Badge. President Cooper also told the boys to get involved in community projects.

Trustee Lawson advised that one of the street department trucks had a broken axle. Street Superintendent Dahl spent \$3,500 to get it back in operation. Mrs. June Rettig was present to request that two yield signs on 3rd Street be removed. She said that some people don't yield at all and some come to a complete stop. Trustee Lawson advised that the village will look into it. Mrs. Rettig also said the approach to the old railroad bridge is an eyesore and something should be done to clean up the area.

Trustee Drucker reported the water department received a letter from the Illinois Department of Public Health recognizing compliance for fluoridation. The department has received this award numerous times in the past.

Trustee Drucker said FY2014 budget forms must be turned in by March 15th. He also advised that employee salaries would be discussed tonight in executive session. The Finance Committee will review proposed budgets on March 27th and present to the board on April 1st. The final budget will be approved April 15th.

Trustee Newman advised that he has sent a formal request to the Illinois Department of Transportation requesting extension of the 35 mph speed limit on Route 150 further south of the village limits. Recently, a double fatality occurred on that stretch of road.

Trustee Newman recently met with the village's three full time officers to discuss transition changes due to Deputy Femali leaving Orion. Deputy Chad Baze will be the new 1st shift officer and Deputy Pat Coppejans will remain on 2nd shift. The part-time schedule for weekend work was reviewed. Trustee Newman may ask that the part-time rate of pay for weekends and holidays be increased to get more interest in working those shifts. President Cooper asked if Deputy Femali received his formal transfer notice yet. Trustee Newman said he will start as a county road deputy on March 10, 2013. President Cooper added that Deputy Femali will be missed in the village and while he was in Orion he'd had a great relationship with the schools. Trustee Newman also said Femali was dedicated to the community. Newman will have another meeting with the three deputies to be sure the transition is smooth.

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Trustee Peterson reported that many trees will need to be replaced in the village on street rights-of-way. He has been in contact with Street Superintendent Neil Dahl.

Trustee O'Leary reported that Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg was in the process of gathering copies of additional invoices for expenses incurred by the village due to the gas vapor issue. Golars, the environmental firm investigating the issue has already reimbursed the village a portion of the cost.

Millennium Waste will advise Superintendent Lundburg if they can use an alternate route for their truck to bring leachate to the village. An alternate route is needed because of a road closure due to thawing temperatures. If they can't find an alternate route, the village could miss 2 months revenue on leachate deliveries.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to enter executive session to discuss personnel wages for FY2014 budget at 8:10 p.m. Ayes: Drucker, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:50 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to adjourn. Ayes: Drucker, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Sandra P. Mizen
Deputy Clerk

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