

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., June 2, 2014, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

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

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 19, 2014. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Drucker to use funds previously allocated for concrete and a cart to replace a slide in Central Park in the amount of \$1,021.87. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

Trustee Peterson thanked C.R. Hanna's 1st grade students for putting flags out in Central Park for the Memorial Day holiday.

A water main leak was discovered at 1310 12th Street, which turned out to be the cause of extra pumping from the well. Trustee Drucker said village employees took care of the leak quickly and efficiently.

Trustee Drucker said he would have a schedule for budgeted water projects at the next regular meeting.

Trustee O'Leary said the sewer lateral problem at the Catholic Church rectory was determined to be caused by Foley Construction when sewer relief main work was being done. Foley arranged for repairs to be made.

Trustee O'Leary told the board the Jack Owens' family still had objections to how the yard was finished after the sewer relief main work was completed. The Owens' claim dirt was thrown on top of rocks that should have been removed from the landscape. Discussion was held about the village hiring someone else to fix the problem and deducting the cost from Foley's final pay. Discussion was also held about writing a letter to Mr. Rodney Foss about the field tile issue on his property. Foley Construction denied damaging the tile. The responsibility for repairs is now Mr. Foss's.

Street Supt. Neil Dahl said he had been busy adjusting a driveway approach, investigating a sink hole in the street on the west side of Central Park, and developing a solution to a washout near the pharmacy. He also said three trees will be removed from street right-of-way.

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Trustee Drucker said concrete around the light poles on Main Street was crumbling, as well as some of the relatively new sidewalk near Peterson Frame & Alignment. Street Supt. Dahl said the light pole concrete was a temporary fix in order to avoid taking out the footings around the poles. He said the one square of failing sidewalk concrete could be removed and repoured. Trustee Drucker asked that storm drains be cleaned since many are covered with maple tree seeds.

President Cooper said the police department is having difficulty filling slots available when full-time officers have vacation scheduled for the summer. The department is working to fill as many shifts as possible.

Trustee Drucker asked that kids be cautioned against riding bicycles and skateboards in traffic.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to adopt Ordinance #2014-7, amending code book Chapters XVIII, XIX, and XX, increasing building, plumbing, and electrical fees. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

The Finance Committee meeting will be 4 p.m., June 11, 2014 at Village Hall.

It was moved by Mitton, seconded by Drucker to approve Ordinance #2014-6, rescinding and replacing Ordinance #2014-4, regarding Animal Control. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

President Cooper thanked Trustees Mitton and Drucker for their time and effort to revise the animal control regulations.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to donate \$1,000 to the 4th of July Fireworks Committee. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

The board decided no additional police coverage was required for Main Street Orion's music and biergarten event on June 28th.

President Cooper said Mr. Stan Erdman, owner of Triple E Sales, wants the village to financially participate in repairs to the privately-owned frontage road for his business. Mr. Erdman previously told President Cooper his business generates sales tax for the village. He also said he asked other nearby businesses to participate but some refused, even though delivery trucks for those businesses used his frontage road. Mr. Erdman

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asked if the village could have Henry County blacktop the road and allow him to pay the village. This would give Mr. Erdman a discounted price. The board agreed public money could not be spent on a privately-owned road nor should they engage the county to do private work under the guise of working for the village.

President Cooper said Mr. Erdman also asked him to allow ATVs to be operated on the streets in the village. Mr. Erdman said permits could be sold to those 16 years of age and older, giving the village extra revenue. The board discussed the possibility but determined ATV use on streets to be a hazard.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk