

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
VILLAGE BOARD

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VILLAGE OF ORION)

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., July 7, 2014, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson and Drucker. Absent: Newman and Mitton.

President Cooper called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. He said Trustee Newman was out of town and Trustee Mitton planned to arrive late to the meeting due to a prior obligation.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 16, 2014. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Mitton.

Mr. Jeff Sharpman requested the use of streets for the Orion Fall Festival runs on Labor Day weekend. The routes will be the same as last year but the race will begin at 7:30 a.m. vs. 8:00 a.m. The streets will be open by 10:00 a.m. Mr. Sharpman reported steady increases in the number of participants. Street Supt. Neil Dahl asked that the newly installed blacktop on 13<sup>th</sup> Street not be painted with any markings for the race. The village board agreed to the use of the streets.

President Cooper said the recently installed sewer relief main handled heavy rainfall well. He thanked employees for getting landscape debris picked up after a wind storm. Thanks were also given to Street Supt. Dahl for the blacktop on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Many compliments had been received from residents about the project.

President Cooper said the person who ran over a fire hydrant had been located and would be responsible for the damages.

Mr. Rodney Foss asked when the village would dig up a field tile in his back yard. The board promised to do so about six weeks ago, according to Mr. Foss. President Cooper said it would be done when the ground in the drainage area was dry enough to accommodate a backhoe.

Mr. Henry Belshause was present to discuss live outdoor music performances scheduled at his liquor establishment over the Labor Day weekend. Two other liquor establishments had been asked to end outdoor music on Sunday by 10:00 p.m. Mr. Belshause explained that the contracts with the bands were in place prior to his recent purchase of the business, and the bands are scheduled to play until 1:00 a.m. He said he would move the bands inside if not permitted to play outside at that hour. He also told the board that having bands start and end earlier in the evening is a revenue loser. Most revenue is collected during the last couple hours of the late performance. President Cooper said liquor license holders generally approach the board for permission for

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outdoor performances. This prevents the board from having to set hard and fast rules and adopting an ordinance regulating such performances. President Cooper asked that in the future Mr. Belshause approach the board prior to outdoor performances during the Orion Fall Festival. It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Drucker to allow live outdoor music until midnight on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of this year's Labor Day weekend. Ayes: Peterson, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: O'Leary. Absent: Newman and Mitton.

Trustee Peterson reported the slide in Central Park to be operational. He said a broken drain tile was found on the south side of Central Park and will be addressed after the Orion Fall Festival.

Trustee Peterson said a sinkhole in the pavement at the Methodist church's handicapped parking area on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue needed to be investigated.

Trustee Drucker said the west ground storage tank was inspected and found to have two minor deficiencies, which will be addressed in the next fiscal year budget. The water department's 8<sup>th</sup> Street project and inspection of the east ground storage tank and water tower have not yet been scheduled but will be completed this construction season.

Trustee Mitton arrived at 8:05 p.m.

The final pay request by Foley Construction, recommended by Missman engineer Scott Kammerman, was discussed. The amount owed is \$41,873.37. Trustee Lawson objected to paying until the Foss field tile issue was resolved. Village attorney John Ames said Foley Construction was an independent contractor and it was not the village's responsibility to correct a problem the contractor may have caused. It was noted that Foley had satisfied all parts of the contract and all items on the punch list. An employee of the company also looked at the tile area and determined it not to be Foley's responsibility. The village's engineer was on site with the Foley employee at that time. Clerk Sampson said residents in that area have complained about field tile issues for years. Water Supt. Arnie Sandberg thought the problem was caused by tree roots. Trustee Mitton felt the village should first dig up the area, even though it is on private property, to see what is causing the problem. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to approve the final pay request for Foley Construction in the amount of \$41,873.37. Ayes: O'Leary and Drucker. Noes: Peterson, Mitton, and Lawson. Absent: Newman. Motion failed.

President Cooper asked that the Foss tile be dug as soon as possible and that Attorney Ames review Foley's contract with the village.

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Supts. Lundburg and Dahl said the summer employee was working out well and has accomplished a lot of work.

Trustee Lawson said 13<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the high school was paved by the Henry Co. Highway Dept. Supt. Dahl thanked the county for squeezing the village into its schedule between rain storms.

In other street business it was noted storm drains need to be cleaned and a tree on 6<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way will soon be removed. Supt. Dahl will ask the county to knock down weeds and overgrowth on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street hillside that hasn't been properly maintained in the last few years. Trustee Drucker mentioned that someone had dumped grass and a tree stump in the ditch on the east side of 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Residents were asked to refrain from doing such things.

President Cooper said a new contingent of police officers is expected to be available to fill some of the part-time hours in Orion.

Trustee Peterson expressed concern about children riding bikes and scooters near Village Hall and shooting out into traffic. The issue will be brought to the attention of the police.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to approve hiring Tom Englemann to perform the village's FY2014 audit at a base cost of \$5,200. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

The board denied a request by the Henry County Youth Service Bureau for funding. The board wished more information was included, such as how many youth in Orion were being served.

After discussing the pros and cons of funding the Henry County Economic Development Partnership, it was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to give \$1,000 as an annual donation to the HCEDP. Ayes: Peterson, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: O'Leary and Lawson. Absent: Newman.

The next Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

Clerk Sampson announced receipt of a donation from the Orion Sanitary District in the amount of \$20,000 to help pay down sewer loans. The village board thanked the district board for its generosity.

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It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve Resolution #1415-1, endorsing the exploration of participation in development of the Henry County Enterprise Zone and will consider actual inclusion upon development and receipt of additional information. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

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

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk