

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., August 18, 2014, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Absent: Lawson and Newman.

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

Trustee Newman was absent due to a family birthday party and Trustee Lawson was absent due to work responsibilities.

Mrs. Jennifer Smutzer and Mrs. Amy Lawson were present to request permission to have 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue closed between Woo Dog's Pub & Grub and Belly Up on September 20, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Booster Bash fund raiser. Orion School District insurance will cover the event and alcohol will only be served by the two bars, which are within the street closure area. It was moved by Mitton, seconded by Drucker to approve the closing of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Woo Dog's Pub & Grub and Belly Up on September 20, 2014. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson and Newman.

Mrs. Susan Moen, President of Main Street Orion, told board members that Welcome to Orion bags are ready to be distributed to new residents. Village Hall will provide addresses only of new residents for the organization. The group's Haunted Halloween Hustle is planned along with a new pumpkin decorating contest. The pumpkins will be displayed in area businesses where they will be available for voting purposes. Saturday with Santa is scheduled for December 6, 2014. Mrs. Moen said MSO would like to coordinate this event with the lighting of the Christmas tree at the Central Park band shell. President Cooper indicated the village Christmas tree is typically lit the Saturday after Thanksgiving and if MSO wants to coordinate their event with the village they may need to change their date.

Mrs. Wanda Beck asked if there were any updates on the sewer system issue with the EPA. President Cooper stated he had spoken with State Representative Don Moffitt. The EPA is in the process of considering payment to line sewer mains in the problem area to eliminate infiltration of gas vapors. The process of lining is expected to take about two days. Mrs. Beck said contact had been made with someone at the IEPA as well as Rep. Moffitt.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the minutes of July 21, 2014. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson and Newman. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the minutes of August 4, 2014. Trustee Drucker asked the minutes be corrected by adding the sentence "Supt. Lundburg was requested

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to use this as a lesson learned and notify residents if contractors indicate potential for problems in the future” to the paragraph discussing debris backing up in residential basement toilets. Ayes: Peterson, O’Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson and Newman.

In answer to a statement by Mrs. Wanda Beck at the last board meeting, President Cooper said he talked to the plumber who said he gave Mrs. Beck’s mother two choices to stop the gas vapor from coming up the basement drain. For financial reasons, Mrs. Beck’s mother chose to have the drain cemented over in lieu of digging up the floor to install a trap. Mrs. Beck still contended the village told her mother to fill the drain with concrete. President Cooper indicated no such direction was provided by either the village officials or employees.

It was moved by Mitton, seconded by Drucker to approve the bills of the month: General Fund-\$33,773.76, General Depr.-\$1,490.49, Recycle Collect.-\$1,895.26, Water O&M-\$1,977.02, Water Depr.-\$6,874.76, Water Cap.Impr.-\$663.39, Sewer O&M-\$5,310.78, Sewer Depr.-\$205.90, Sewer Cap. Impr.-\$495.00, Motor Fuel Tax-\$4,768.96, and Fines-\$6.99. Ayes: Peterson, O’Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson and Newman.

Trustee Peterson questioned a letter he received from United Way implying that there was a project to be funded in Love Park. It was indicated that possibly someone had designated a United Way contribution to be used for Love Park. He will investigate further. Dirt from the 8<sup>th</sup> Street water project was moved to the volleyball court in Love Park. President Cooper complimented Water Supt. Arnie Sandberg for his work on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Trustee Drucker thanked Trustee Peterson for taking time to assist with the raking of dirt and fill in residents yards and the east ditch on 8<sup>th</sup> Street at the completion of the water main connection project. The project is near completion. Seeding will be done in the fall. Street repairs will also need to be made.

Trustee Drucker said the east ground tank and tower will be scheduled for inspection and cleaning before bad weather arrives.

Trustee O’Leary said Mid-American Energy moved one pole and cut off another in preparation for repairs to the sewer main behind 1412 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The repairs are contingent on Myers Plumbing and Heating schedule.

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Trustee O'Leary said the Altorfer contract was up for renewal for maintenance for the sewer plant generator. The contract is for a 3 year period, with an annual cost of \$1,336.00. Trustee O'Leary will have copies of the contract available at the next meeting since Trustee Drucker questioned the scope of the contract last year. Trustee Drucker indicated that if this was an item included in the budget that had been approved there would be no need for additional board action. Trustee O'Leary reported leachate deliveries continue on a regular basis.

It was noted crosswalks need to be painted and barricades need to be provided for the Orion Fall Fest.

The Orion Fall Festival agreed to pay for one additional police officer on Friday and Saturday nights during its Labor Day weekend event.

Trustee Drucker scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

Trustee Mitton thanked Trustee Peterson for helping with No Smoking sign installation at Love Park. Trustee Mitton is waiting for an estimate on the band shell roof in Central Park. Due to frustration over the delay of movement on the park storage building, President Cooper dissolved the existing project committee and appointed a new committee consisting of himself and Trustees Peterson and Mitton. If the project cost estimate is below the required dollar value, competitive bids won't be sought. If, however, the project cost exceeds the non competitive bid limit, President Cooper will seek board approval to make the award without seeking competitive bids. The board hopes the project can be completed this construction season. Trustee Drucker was pleased to see the project moving along.

Mr. Tommy Anderson addressed the board regarding a marijuana growing farm. Though Mr. Anderson thought the farm would create additional revenue for the Village of Orion, he was informed his property is outside village limits. Mr. Anderson asked for a letter of recommendation to be given to the state for his request. President Cooper told Mr. Anderson his request must go to the Henry County Board and suggested he speak to Henry County Board Chairman Tim Wells or Kathleen Repass, Director of HCEDP. Permits for marijuana businesses cost \$25,000.00 and security measures must be taken on the property according to Trustee O'Leary.

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President Cooper addressed the Open Meetings Act violation of March 17, 2014 brought forth by Mrs. Mindy Carls, editor of The Orion Gazette. The infraction involved failure to abide by the 48 hour regulation. President Cooper went on to say he was not as familiar as he should be with Roberts Rules of Order and he would try not to make the same mistake again. President Cooper apologized for the error.

President Cooper indicated his intent to offer Mr. Jay Gibson the position of building inspector in Orion. Trustee Drucker indicated with board approval. Mr. Gibson is not interested in writing permits. He inspects for Cambridge and Andover currently, and in those communities permits are produced by the clerks. President Cooper suggested paying a per inspection fee to Mr. Gibson even though a salary had recently been set for the position of building inspector. Trustee Drucker questioned the permitting process and its difficulty and said he would like to consult with the acting building inspector, Bart Sampson, before a decision is made to have the village clerk perform this duty. Trustee O'Leary said former inspector Bill Pettifer issued about 60 permits during his 4 month employment with the village. Trustee Drucker said there used to be set hours for getting permits. Contractors and residents should know ahead of time when they will require a permit. President Cooper will contact Mr. Gibson after Labor Day weekend to gauge his interest.

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

Sandra P. Mizen  
Deputy Clerk