

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., February 16, 2015, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th 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 noted Trustees Newman and Mitton were out of town.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 2, 2015. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Mitton.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$24,744.13, Debt Retire Fund-\$119.16, Recycle-\$2,093.00, Water O&M-\$3,165.98, Water Depr.-\$4,974.39, Sewer O&M-\$5,056.17, Phase I Loan Retire-\$119.17, Relief Main Loan Retire-\$119.17, and Fines-\$12.99. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Mitton.

Sewer Supt. Chris Lundburg said Mr. Darren Brown has smoke testing scheduled for his house February 23rd at 8:15 a.m. The contractor needs the roof to be clear of snow to do the smoke test. Supt. Lundburg and Plumbing Inspector Dean Larson will be at the site during the procedure. President Cooper said Mr. Brown had been given ample time to resolve the odor in his home and suggested a deadline be set to remove the sewer exhaust fan. It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Drucker to set April 6th as the deadline to remove the exhaust fan from the 11th Avenue & 2nd Street manhole, as long as it doesn't pose a health issue. Prior to the vote Trustee Drucker said the village should not offer flexibility. If Mr. Brown has an issue with the decision he can approach the board on his own initiative. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Mitton.

Clerk Sampson will write a letter to Mr. Brown informing him of the April 6th deadline.

President Cooper said a resident in the neighborhood of the gas vapor investigation approached Trustee O'Leary and said he had been notified soil would need to be removed from his property due to contamination. Village officials were unaware of this development, so contact was made with Golars, Inc. A Golars representative will attend the March 2nd board meeting to explain the extent of gas vapor findings. President Cooper said impacted property owners will be notified.

President Cooper and Trustee Drucker will go to Springfield with a group of local officials. They plan to speak with Illinois EPA officials about the gas vapor issue in Orion, which dates back to a 1995 spill at a gas station.

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Trustee Drucker reported all is well with the water department. The water superintendent is doing some indoor painting at one of the pump houses, and the leak at the east well is holding its own. A recommendation on whether to replace the leaking pipe with galvanized or stainless steel will be forthcoming. Pipe will then be purchased so it can be on hand if the leak worsens before the weather improves.

The water main leak on 10th Street south of 11th Avenue cost the village just under \$5,000. This amount was higher than other repairs of a similar nature because the leak occurred on a weekend and the ground was frozen.

Trustee Peterson said a Christmas tree suitable for the Central Park Band Shell is on sale until February 28th. Coulter Trust provided \$2,650 for such a purchase, but the cost of the tree is \$3,131.50 plus shipping. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Drucker to purchase the 14' Christmas tree with LED lights from Temple Display at a cost of \$3,131.50 plus shipping, which will be ascertained prior to ordering. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Mitton.

Trustee Peterson, President Cooper, and Bart Sampson will meet with a mason to discuss the park storage building construction. Windows have been removed from the plan and an overhead door changed to a service door on the north side. The board had no objections to the proposed plan. The committee will move forward with the project.

Trustee Drucker reminded the board budget requests are due by March 13th.

President Cooper said he discussed with Village Attorney John Ames and Trustee Newman the possibility of a full-time officer being injured on the job in Orion, causing prolonged absence from work. Attorney Ames said the contract with Henry County clearly indicated another officer would have to be provided to fill the empty shifts.

President Cooper said he spoke with Trustees Mitton and Newman regarding the employee performance review process and they hope to have a rough draft of the process by the next meeting.

President Cooper attended a meeting in Colona and met State Senator Neil Anderson. Senator Anderson took the seat previously held by Mike Jacobs. President Cooper said Senator Anderson is an aggressive and motivated person who said he not only represents his district but also the entire state. Senator Anderson offered his assistance to Orion at any time during his tenure.

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Trustees O'Leary and Drucker along with President Cooper had the fortune of sitting with Senator Darin LaHood and Representative Don Moffitt at a dinner meeting in Geneseo last week. Village officials brought up the negative impact of the prevailing wage on small municipalities. Senator LaHood said the senate plans to address the issue. President Cooper pointed out how beneficial municipal meetings and dinners can be to the village board.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk