

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., September 9, 2015, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: None.

President Cooper led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mitton, seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 17, 2015. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Mrs. Jennifer Smutzer asked the board, on behalf of the Orion Athletic Booster Club, if a portion of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue in front of Woo Dog's Pub & Grub could be closed for its annual Booster Bash scheduled for October 24, 2015. Mrs. Smutzer said the event will feature dinner, a dance, and a drawing. She also said tickets had already been printed and some had been sold at the school's annual athletic tailgate party in August. President Cooper asked board members if they had any objections to the street closure and event, which has been held in the same location the past three years. There were no objections voiced by the board.

It was reported 8<sup>th</sup> Street will be primed Thursday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, followed by one lift of asphalt on Friday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, and the final lift on Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Eighth Street will remain closed once work has begun and opened when the asphalt application has been fully completed.

Trustee O'Leary said Mary Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church wants to close 10<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the church for an annual picnic on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Others thought the picnic was scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>. The board had no objection to the street closure, no matter which of the two dates the event was held. Barricades will be needed.

Orion Gazette editor Mindy Carls asked President Cooper what the difference was between a vote and a consensus of the board. President Cooper said a consensus meant when there was no formal vote taken and the board posed no objection to a request.

Trustee O'Leary said no information was yet forthcoming from Scott Kammerman in regard to the drainage issue in the 1400 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg will be doing some excavation in the area once the street superintendent is done using the backhoe.

Trustee Mitton reported American Pest Control replaced pest plugs in the ground around the band shell. He thanked Park Supt. Arnie Sandberg, President Cooper, and Trustee

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
VILLAGE BOARD

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF HENRY)  
VILLAGE OF ORION)

The minutes of September 9, 2015 continued:

Peterson for covering grass seed with straw and overseeing the watering. The Orion Fire District Explorers assisted with grass watering on a couple of occasions.

Trustee Mitton thanked President Cooper for helping paint the band shell floor prior to the Orion Fall Fest. It was reported Trustee O'Leary supervised. President Cooper said he was pleased with the park storage building in regard to its use for the Orion Fall Fest. He received several compliments from the public about the building and expressed thanks to Bart Sampson for designing and building the structure. It was noted a concrete driveway has yet to be poured on the back side of the structure.

Trustee Drucker thanked Water Supt. Arnie Sandberg for his persistence in getting satisfactory water samples from the east well, which allowed it to be put back into service. The water department will now focus on getting Putnam County Painting scheduled to clean and perform minor repairs on the west ground storage tank.

Trustee Drucker said about 30 fire hydrants had been painted by volunteers. One volunteer, Mr. Harmon Bowman, painted fifteen. St. Paul Lutheran Church members will paint hydrants on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, during a community service event.

Trustee Peterson thanked Mr. Jim Belton for the use of some garden tools. During the past weekend a spring broke on a rocking horse ride in Central Park. Replacement parts are being sought.

Boy scouts will help spread mulch under playground equipment in both parks this fall.

Despite being on the agenda, an Orion Lions Club representative contacted Trustee Newman to say the club was not prepared to do a presentation on the Love Park tennis court project and would reschedule at a later date.

Denise Bulat from Bi-State Regional Commission met with Trustee Drucker and Clerk Sampson to discuss a proposed survey for Orion residents regarding assisted living/nursing home facilities. She indicated a draft could be prepared by the end of September. The survey will be included in the December edition of the village's newsletter. Trustee Drucker said Ms. Bulat will get in touch with developers who might be interested in such a project.

Village attorney John Ames said Tom Jacobs, counsel for the TIF district, suggested Orion apply to extend the length of its district. It can be extended for a maximum of 12 years. Attorney Ames said this would make the district more viable, since only nine years remain in the current district. And if someone built a structure this year, property

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
VILLAGE BOARD

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF HENRY)  
VILLAGE OF ORION)

The minutes of September 9, 2015 continued:

taxes wouldn't be generated on that structure until 2017. If the district were to be extended the village board would need approval from other taxing bodies. Attorney Ames said extending the district would only help the school system by adding more students and it is a known fact that without the TIF district, the Prairie Knoll subdivision would not have been built. The board asked Attorney Ames to consult with Tom Jacobs regarding the proposed extension. Any cost incurred to do an extension could possibly be shared by developers.

Trustee Newman said a purse was stolen during the Orion Fall Fest but as a whole, the weekend celebration was pretty uneventful for the police department. The village only provided normal coverage and no auxiliary officers were present. President Cooper said he would be more comfortable with a second officer on duty in the future.

President Cooper said theft of items left in unlocked vehicles has become an issue. He cautioned residents to secure their vehicles. Trustee Newman said the two full-time deputies will be taking vacation in the upcoming months and have replacements scheduled to work their shifts.

Trustee Newman met with Attorney Ames to discuss a proposed noise ordinance. Attorney Ames had some concerns about enforcement. Trustee Newman said he would probably recommend following the village of Geneseo's regulations, but they have an entertainment license, which costs \$200 and is tied to a liquor license. If a music event is to be held, the event promoter should notify nearby residents. Trustee Drucker suggested talking to businesses that might have an opinion about the noise ordinance.

Trustee Lawson asked what prompted the change in the time bands had to stop playing during the Orion Fall Fest. He said owners of liquor establishments were not happy because they were told Sunday evening music had to stop by 11:00 p.m. President Cooper said his recollection was the board agreed music could continue until midnight on Friday and Saturday but had to stop by 11:00 p.m. Sunday. President Cooper made contact with the owner of each affected liquor establishment about a week prior to the Labor Day weekend to remind them of the times to cease music. One establishment defied the order and its band continued to play long after 11:00 p.m. President Cooper received a complaint from another liquor establishment owner and the police were called. Deputies responded and told the owner to shut down the music. Trustee Mitton said the owner should receive a written warning for disregarding the rules and be told the next infraction will have consequences. It was noted that the offending establishment would have continued to allow the band to play if deputies had not responded. There was a suggestion to disallow an establishment to have outdoor music if they defied the rules.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
VILLAGE BOARD

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF HENRY)  
VILLAGE OF ORION)

The minutes of September 9, 2015 continued:

Trustee Mitton said he was looking to post signs to signify skateboards, bicycles, and the like are not allowed on the band shell stage.

President Cooper asked the board if there was any interest in purchasing the Roy Ator property on the west side of the railroad tracks between 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues. There was no interest. Nearby property owner, Jim Larson, also had no interest in the property.

Lisa Miller from Bi-State Regional Commission met with President Cooper and Clerk Sampson to discuss a time table for compiling a community profile pamphlet. She planned to submit a contract indicating a start date of January 2016 and a completion date of June 2016.

President Cooper read a letter of thanks from the Orion Area Food Pantry for the use of the Village Hall basement.

President Cooper thanked Trustee Peterson and employees Neil Dahl and Arnie Sandberg for their assistance getting ready for the Orion Fall Festival. He said attendance might have been down due to extreme heat but crowds were still good and the pie auction proceeds set a record.

President Cooper said the 5K and 10-mile road races made it difficult for drivers to traverse the village Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Race organizers failed to get approval from the village board for the event and no map of the race route was available. President Cooper objected to the paint applied all over Orion's streets. Last year, washable chalk was mandated by the board. President Cooper said race organizers need to condense the footprint of the race and not close streets so early. Trustee Drucker said some streets were being closed at 6:00-6:15 a.m. for a race that didn't start until 7:30 a.m. President Cooper agreed the impact on the community needs to be lessened. He will invite a race organizer to a village board meeting to discuss.

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

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk