

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
VILLAGE BOARD

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COUNTY OF HENRY)  
VILLAGE OF ORION)

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., February 6, 2012 at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 16, 2012. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee O'Leary said the construction permit application was forwarded to the IEPA for the sewer relief main project. One page was missing, so the application was denied. The missing page has since been completed and signed and will be forwarded to the IEPA. Financing for the project is being reviewed.

The gasoline vapor issue has cost the village \$27,041.70 to-date, according to Trustee O'Leary. The costs have been forwarded to Golars, the environmental firm assessing the issue, in hopes of getting reimbursed. The assessment is in its final stage.

Discussion was held about the lack of response from legislators in regard to the village's appeal for grant funds to be applied toward the sewer relief main. Trustee O'Leary was disturbed about other projects that get funded but seem less worthy than eliminating sewer backup in residential homes. Dismay was also expressed by the board about promises made by Senator Mike Jacobs to fund the project, after which no funds were forthcoming. President Cooper recently stopped at the offices of Jacobs and Representative Rich Morthland to make another appeal.

President Cooper spoke with the owner of Larson Body Shop, who was unwilling to comply with the village's request to stop pushing snow against the exhaust fan placed over a sewer manhole to vent gasoline fumes.

Meetings have been held with affected property owners regarding separating jointly-connected sewer laterals once proper easements have been obtained. The village was hopeful that the easements would be granted.

Water Superintendent Arnie Sandberg has been able to start the old generator but has had difficulty keeping it running. The unit will be offered for sale to those in attendance at the upcoming Mayors' Meeting on Thursday. Whether or not to include the trailer and cable remained undecided.

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No estimated costs have been received for the seven options listed for band shell rehabilitation, according to Trustee Newman. Also, the number of security cameras originally intended for the band shell could be reduced or mounted at a location other than the ceiling of the structure. Funds promised by two organizations and an anonymous individual have not yet been received. Trustee Stiles told the board that the cameras should not be thought of as devices to prevent vandalism; rather, they should be seen as a recovery tool. He cited statistics that showed cameras prevent vandalism only 25% of the time.

Trustee Drucker said the next Finance Committee meeting will be held February 15, 2012 at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

The board was asked to complete FY2013 departmental budget requests by March 15<sup>th</sup> and determine employee salaries by March 19<sup>th</sup>, in order to allow the Finance Committee ample time to compile a proposed budget. Final approval of the budget is required by April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Peterson said someone had driven in circles on the turf in Love Park, and other grassy areas around the village had been affected as well. Trustee Peterson asked that 'no parking' signs be installed near Love Park before baseball season begins.

President Cooper said the village waited too long to retrieve lights and poles from the City of East Moline. The poles were cut from the lights, so now only the lights are available. It was learned that a local business can haul the lights to the village's storage yard at a cost of \$500. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by O'Leary to authorize up to \$500 to be spent to transport the lights from East Moline to Orion. Prior to a vote Trustee Lawson said he thought Tennant Truck Lines would haul the lights at no cost. The board learned there are 54 lights available, but only 12 will be needed for use at Love Park's small baseball diamond. Regardless, all 54 will be delivered to the village. The cost to mount the lights on poles and connect them to an electrical source was unknown. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Lawson, Noes: Drucker. Absent: None.

It was moved by Stiles, seconded by Drucker to approve the purchase of two radios for the police department in the amount of \$5,878.82, exceeding budgeted funds by \$1,078.82. Prior to a vote Trustee Stiles explained the purchase was necessary in order to allow deputies to speak directly to each other versus relaying all communications through a dispatcher. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

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The police department is completing an ICJIA grant application for a squad car.

Trustee Drucker said he attended Main Street Orion's annual meeting and appreciation night. He said the group gave a very professional presentation about past accomplishments and future plans. Trustee Drucker said MSO's efforts reflected well on the community as a whole and since the demise of the chamber of commerce, it is the only group that can be counted on to seek business development. He commended the group for its work and informative annual meeting.

President Cooper reminded the board of the Mayors' Meeting scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. An insurance broker will be present to speak to those in attendance about consolidating employee health insurance.

Village attorney John Ames said he reviewed the proposed Mediacom franchise and found a couple of items needed to be addressed prior to its adoption. In the 1995 franchise ordinance, language was changed to allow the village a 5% franchise fee on all cable services, not just basic service. The new agreement stipulates the percentage would only be applied to basic service, which the board opposes. Attorney Ames will discuss the issue with Mediacom. The 1995 franchise expired in 2010.

President Cooper thanked Clerk Sampson for writing a letter to the City of Galesburg on behalf of the village board. The letter was in support of Galesburg's effort to attract a Caterpillar, Inc. plant.

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

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk



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