

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 17, 2014, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, and Lawson. Absent: Drucker.

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

It was moved by Mitton, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 3, 2014. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: Drucker.

It was moved by Newman, seconded by Lawson to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$23,546.02, Water O&M-\$3,214.66, Sewer O&M-\$5,865.08, MFT-\$1,395.65, and Fines-\$48.79. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: Drucker.

It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Newman to adopt Ordinance 2014-1, Issuance of General Obligation Sewerage Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014, of the Village of Orion, Henry County, Illinois. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: Drucker.

A problem surfaced at the school bus barn with sewer backup as a result of a lateral accidentally cut when, last year, Foley Construction was performing sewer relief main work for the village. Plumbing Inspector Dean Larson and Sewer Supt. Chris Lundburg reviewed the problem and it was determined Foley Construction was at fault. The construction company repaired the lateral.

President Cooper said the city of Rock Falls had a water system failure caused by a generator malfunction. He urged village employees to keep generators in good repair.

Trustee Lawson said employees were kept busy plowing and otherwise treating wintry streets. He indicated Orion's salt supply was good.

Trustee Newman said 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter budget revenue and expenditure reports looked good. He also asked the board, on behalf of Trustee Drucker, to consider allowing an emergency purchase of a truck for the water department. The current truck, a 1997 model, experienced a transmission failure. In lieu of spending money to repair a 17-year old truck, Newman recommended a new one be purchased. He outlined differences in model and price of a 2010 truck and a 2013 truck, recommending the 2013 model. It was moved by Newman, seconded by Mitton to purchase a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado 2500H truck at a cost of \$34,384, with 75% of the cost to be paid with water funds and 25% with

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general fund monies. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: Drucker.

Water Supt. Arnie Sandberg said water pumpage had increased somewhat and could indicate a leak in the underground transmission system. If there is a leak, it will show itself as weather warms.

Trustee Peterson asked that TIF money be used to repair sidewalk in Central Park. It was noted by other board members that many sidewalk issues exist outside the park as well.

Removing the Christmas tree from the band shell has been put on hold due to cold temps and snowfall.

Trustee Newman will meet with the police department about the upcoming FY2015 budget. He reminded officers to keep the police vehicles as clean as possible. In addition, Trustee Newman said the new water truck should be kept clean.

It was moved by Newman, seconded by Mitton to transfer \$33,000 in Special Tax Allotment funds to the Phase II Sewer Loan Retirement fund to cover an annual shortfall. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: Drucker.

The board was asked to keep in mind a \$9,200 balance in Special Tax Allotment funds that must be used by April 30, 2014. The topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Mitton to donate \$250 in Main Street Orion gift certificates, in \$50 increments, to the Orion After Prom event. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: Drucker.

Due to a miscommunication, Trustee O'Leary did not attend the Henry County Public Safety Committee meeting, but President Cooper and Trustee Peterson were in attendance to discuss animal control services. The committee was not able to answer why Henry County Animal Control serviced 4-5 other Henry County communities but refused service to Orion. However, the county admitted wrongdoing in denying service they found, by law, must be provided. The committee proposed the village sign an agreement for services, which imposes fees, and promised that all other Henry County communities would be treated the same. President Cooper also brought to the committee's attention the fact that the village had paid former Henry County animal control officer, Jack Anderson, \$180 per year for many years. The committee will investigate the legality of those charges. Trustee Drucker had previously voiced concerns

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about certain parts of the agreement proffered by Henry County. Other board members had some concerns as well. President Cooper and Trustees Drucker and Mitton will review the agreement and possibly propose changes to Henry County after gathering all concerns from the board. It was noted the agreement contained an option to cancel upon a 90-day notice.

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

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk



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