

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., December 16, 2013, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, and Drucker. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted Trustee Lawson was absent due to a child's sporting event.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 2, 2013. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$25,819.61, Recycle-\$1,957.76, Water O&M-\$4,885.62, Sewer O&M-\$5,848.04, Sewer Cap. Impr.-\$3,015.00, Motor Fuel Tax-\$528.08, Special Tax Allotment-\$76,045.00, Fines-\$180.00, and Cops & Kids-\$19.91. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

MSO Director Deb Ford thanked the board for its donation to Saturday with Santa. She said 125 children participated in the event and were able to choose their own gifts from the selection offered.

It was moved by Newman, seconded by Drucker to approve a liquor license for MSO for its June 28, 2014 concert event and allow music to be played until 11 p.m. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

Trustee O'Leary said the generator at the sewer plant had been repaired and some other minor issues had been taken care of by the sewer superintendent. Village attorney John Ames said he would contact MidAmerican Energy Co. this week in regard to the sewer easement issue in the 1400 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

President Cooper received an update from the IEPA about the progress of Golars, the contractor hired to investigate the gas vapor situation, but no information was given as to what the exact remediation plan would be or when it would be completed.

President Cooper thanked public works employees for snowplowing efforts during the last snowfall.

Trustee Drucker said the water superintendent was going to meet with Bi-State Regional Commission employees in order to get water system maps updated. In other business, it was noted a valve at one of the pump houses was defective and would be repaired.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
VILLAGE BOARD

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

The minutes of December 16, 2013 continued:

President Cooper reminded those present that if 2" or more of snowfall is predicted, snow route rules go into effect. Vehicles cannot be parked on snow routes. President Cooper said he instructed public works personnel to knock on doors of those leaving vehicles on the route and if they don't come to the door or refuse to move the vehicles, have them towed.

Trustee Newman told the board an Internet blog recently rated Orion the 7<sup>th</sup> safest community in the state of Illinois. The blog used crime index ratings to make the determination. Trustee Newman said the stats reflect on work done by police officers and also schools, families, and village officials.

The Finance Committee meeting originally scheduled for last week was changed to December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to adopt Ordinance #2013-12, Tax Levy totaling \$193,155. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to adopt Ordinance #2013-13, amending the Animal chapter in the village code. President Cooper thanked Trustees Drucker and Mitton and Attorney Ames for their assistance in drafting new regulations. The rules were strengthened in an attempt to make animal owners more responsible. Fines were increased and dogs that bite twice will not be allowed to remain in the village limits. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to enter executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the animal control officer position. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

Trustee Lawson arrived at 8:05 p.m.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:14 p.m.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by O'Leary to eliminate the position of animal control officer effective December 31, 2013. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
VILLAGE BOARD

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

The minutes of December 16, 2013 continued:

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

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk



ERROR: undefined  
OFFENDING COMMAND:

STACK: