

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 7:00 p.m., July 2, 2018, at Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Absent: Cooper.

The meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tem Drucker, who led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Mitton to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 18, 2018. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

It was determined it would not be a good idea for residents to man the landscape waste site if it was opened for additional disposal dates. After much discussion it was moved by Mitton, seconded by Lawson to open the landscape waste site on July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 a.m. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

A drop box at the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street is being repaired and almost completed. If a cover for the drop box is not received by July 3<sup>rd</sup>, a temporary cover will be placed to prevent accidental tripping during the parade and fireworks celebration.

A proposal was received from Keystone Power Holding LLC to provide solar energy for the sewer plant. Trustee Newman, President Cooper and Sewer Supt. Chris Lundburg will meet with MidAmerican Energy representatives to review the solar proposal. Trustee Peterson said recent projects listed in the proposal were vague, lacked addresses, and were all located in the eastern or western United States. Trustee Hancock was leery about the 25-year commitment.

Trustee Drucker said a regulator was repaired at the east pump house. A hydrant at that location will be repaired in the near future.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Newman to utilize more funds than were budgeted from the tree reforestation fund. Prior to a vote there was discussion about removing street trees and the need to replace them. A resolution to that situation will take place at a later date. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

It was noted the village is saving money by allowing the tree trimmer to dispose of limbs at the landscape waste site. This pertains to trees removed from parks, other village property, and street rights of way.

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Trustee Peterson said Lori Dhabalt received grant funds from the Orion Lions Club to purchase playground equipment consisting of teeter totters, swings, and bouncing animals. The park bench rehab project is continuing and should be completed soon. Wiring is being repaired at the Love Park tennis courts.

Trustee Lawson complained about the condition of the new ball diamond in Love Park. He said the base paths are full of weeds as well as the area around the backstop. Trustee Mitton said the village should maintain the fence line but others, such as coaches of the high school and Little League teams, promised to take care of the field. There was heated discussion about the money spent on the field and the lack of care. Trustee Lawson said since the village board voted to upgrade the field, maintenance is the village's responsibility. Others felt the board had been persuaded to approve the upgrade by promises to maintain the field that were not being fulfilled. Trustee Drucker said there was a verbal agreement with the high school coach. He urged the board to formalize any future agreements.

Discussion was held about how the summer employees should be utilized. President Pro-Tem Drucker asked that the employees be used to their full potential.

A Finance Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 4 p.m.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to adopt Ordinance #2018-5, Appropriations for FY 2019 totaling \$4,324,500. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

Village attorney John Ames told the board he discussed the extension of the TIF district with attorney Tom Jacob's law firm. The cost for Jacob's firm to apply for the extension is \$7,500. The board first needs to know if all affected taxing bodies are in agreement with the extension. The state legislature also has to approve the extension.

The speed radar sign might be relocated to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue A in light of complaints received.

New wiring in Central Park will necessitate additional breakers. Police will continue to be asked to walk around in the parks and monitor activity.

Mason Anderson addressed the board and apologized for pulling out and breaking American flags that were placed in Central Park. He said he wasn't thinking when he damaged the flags but now realizes his mistake. He asked the board for forgiveness. The village board thanked him for owning up to his mistakes and asked that he learn from them.

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

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk