

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
VILLAGE BOARD

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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., October 7, 2013, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: Cooper.

President Pro-Tem Drucker called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Newman, seconded by Mitton to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 16, 2013. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

Deb Ford, Main Street Orion Director, told the board MSO won a statewide award for planning and conducting a party to celebrate the Central Park band shell's 100th birthday. She said it was quite an honor since Orion was competing against many larger organizations with more resources.

Mrs. June Rettig asked the board to repair offsets in sidewalks on 4th Street and potholes at the 3rd Street/13th Ave. intersection. She is handicapped and uses a walker and fears tripping and falling. Mrs. Rettig said she began walking in the street after encountering sidewalk offsets but then found potholes in the streets. She also asked that weeds covering signs at the west end of 13th Street be cut down.

Mr. Gerald DeBaillie, 1104 2nd St., asked that rock be added to the alley to the rear of his property. He also requested storm drainage be investigated near his home.

Trustee Peterson said there were reports of the ash borer being found in Rock Island. He conjectured they would be found in Orion soon.

Trustee O'Leary said only one more temporary easement was needed before sewer repairs could be made between 7th/8th Streets and 14th/15th Avenues. MidAmerican will soon move utility poles to accommodate the repairs. The sewer department plans to have the project completed by the end of the month.

Punch list items for the sewer relief main are being addressed by the contractor. Trustee O'Leary said grass seed is growing nicely in the areas where watering is taking place. In other sewer business, the sewer supt. is waiting for assistance from the street supt. to repair a pump at the plant and an Altorfer's service person will arrive in about one week to perform generator repairs.

Trustee Lawson said Street Supt. Neil Dahl is finishing drainage work on the east side of 13th Street. Additionally, he has a few other small projects to complete before winter.

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Trustee Lawson said some landscape waste was burned down but according to other trustees, too much remains to open the site to more waste. Trustee O'Leary said if the street supt. would form small piles of debris, Sewer Supt. Lundburg would monitor them while they burned.

President Pro-Tem Drucker asked that trash containers on Main Street be emptied every Friday or any other time when they are full to overflowing. He suggested that any employee could perform the work, not just the street supt.

President Pro-Tem Drucker said flushing of hydrants was continuing but had been interrupted by other duties of the water supt.

The Finance Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, October 16th at 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Trustee Mitton said the park supt. expressed some doubt about sealing the underside of the band shell but after speaking with the contractor recommending the product, he decided it would be satisfactory.

It was moved by Newman, seconded by Lawson to adopt Resolution #1314-1 approving the Henry County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

The board discussed incentives for those willing to construct new homes, specifically in the Prairie Knoll subdivision, which is within the confines of the TIF district. Waiver of permit fees would be valued at around \$2,000 with most of that amount being water and sewer connection fees. The TIF district's years are dwindling and development within the district has not been what the village hoped. Trustee Newman was in favor of incentives, but Trustee O'Leary was totally opposed. Trustee Lawson was in favor of incentives only if they applied to new house construction within the entire village, not just Prairie Knoll. President Pro-Tem Drucker said it was his understanding that Mr. Jim Massa, who is currently constructing a spec home in Prairie Knoll, had been told by President Cooper that an incentive could be in the offing but would have to be agreed upon by the board. The board will continue discussion and possibly make a decision at its next meeting.

President Pro-Tem Drucker briefly reviewed permit fees with the board and said Orion's fees were three- to six-times lower than other municipalities in the area. The village's current permit revenue doesn't even cover the expenses of the permit and inspection department. President Pro-Tem Drucker offered to consult with President Cooper on all

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fees – building, plumbing, electrical – and report back to the board with a recommendation for an increase.

Halloween Trick or Treat will be held October 31st from 5-7 p.m. in the village.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to enter executive session to discuss employee compensation at 8:10 p.m. Ayes: Peterson, O’Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

President Pro-Tem Drucker reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:35 p.m.

President Pro-Tem Drucker said the Burger Patch property bid on by the village was sold to Tom Weber. Mr. Weber had the winning bid and plans to demolish the buildings on the property and pursue purchase of the property to the immediate east. The board agreed to do what it could to assist Mr. Weber in his pursuit to gain ownership of that property.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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