

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., August 19, 2013, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

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

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 19, 2013. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

Mr. Sean Reed told the board he was looking for an Eagle Scout project and asked board members for suggestions. He said he was considering replacement of the rotting timbers acting as a border around playground equipment in the park. He also considered adding a border around some of the newer equipment. President Cooper asked the board to think of worthy projects and for Mr. Reed's return to the next meeting.

Trustee Mitton said he was looking into sealing the underside of the band shell.

President Cooper reported an incident-free weekend during Fall Fest activities. He said the police provided good coverage. Trustee Mitton thanked the Fall Fest Committee and Main Street Orion for the work they did to manage the event. President Cooper said clean up after the event went exceptionally well. All work was finished in the matter of two hours. President Cooper thanked Trustee Peterson, who has helped with clean up on an annual basis, for his assistance.

Trustee Peterson said the Love Park restroom was open for business and the roof on the concession stand had been completed. There is still work to be done with the gutters on the picnic shelter.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Drucker to adopt Ordinance #2013-9, approving the addition of a crosswalk from the south side of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the C. R. Hanna flagpole to the north side of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

Trustee O'Leary said a 21-item punch list was provided by Missman to Foley Construction, the contractor for the sewer relief main. Affected property owners who began watering grass seed are now reaping the benefits. Trustee O'Leary received some compliments about the project.

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Trustee O'Leary said an easement would have to be obtained for sewer main repairs behind 1412 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Where rear property lines meet for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street homes in the 1400 block, only 6' of easement is available and the easement is entirely on the west side of the rear property lines. The work to be performed is on the east side. MidAmerican Energy will move utility poles to allow for the sewer repairs. The block consists of 19 or 20 properties but only three or four will be affected by the sewer repairs. Attorney John Ames said a temporary construction easement could be obtained in order to move the project along more quickly. Permanent easements could be completed at a later date. Trustee O'Leary said Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg would contact property owners to be affected by the repairs.

In Trustee Lawson's absence, President Cooper said certain streets would be oiled on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Adjacent property owners have been notified.

The monthly Finance Committee meeting was set for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at Village Hall.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to adopt Ordinance #2013-8 authorizing and providing for the issuance of sewerage refunding revenue bonds, Series 2013B, of the Village of Orion, Henry County, Illinois, to refund certain prior obligations, prescribing the details of such refunding bonds and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the sewerage system of the Village of Orion, Illinois. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

President Cooper said an updated animal control ordinance was close to being completed. Once complete, Attorney Ames will provide a copy in draft form for all board members to review. President Cooper said it had been a long process but he felt the new regulations would be a great improvement over current rules.

President Cooper handed out a scout badge to each board member and the clerk. Orion Boy Scout Troop 123 provided the badges. The scout's Soap Box Derby went off without a hitch, according to President Cooper. He said the son of one of the scout leaders fashioned his car after the newly painted Orion water tower, but it crashed on its first competitive run.

The board discussed the status of the landscape waste site. Though the street superintendent thought the site could be opened to the public on a limited basis, the board said existing debris must be burned down before any more can be added. Trustee Drucker felt the waste at the site should have been burned down long ago. President

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Cooper will meet with the public works employees and give them a deadline for burning existing waste. Due to extended dry weather, the fire department will need to be on site.

President Cooper said all parties involved with the Soap Box Derby event during Orion Fall Fest will be included in next year's discussions. Trustee Mitton said it is a good event for the community and everyone needs to work together.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to enter executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss acquisition of real property. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:41 p.m.

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

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk



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