

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
VILLAGE BOARD

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COUNTY OF HENRY)
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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., May 6, 2013, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: None.

President Cooper called the meeting to order and welcomed trustees re-elected to office. He also noted the Village has been short a trustee for some time now and asked the Board to welcome Robert G. Mitton to fill this vacancy. It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Newman to advise and consent to President Cooper's appointment of Robert G. Mitton to fill the vacancy of trustee for a two-year term. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Deputy Clerk Mizen gave the oath of office to Mr. Mitton.

Mrs. Debbie Ford, Main Street Orion director, advised the board that the organization has been accredited as a 2013 National Main Street Program. The organization's performance is annually evaluated by Illinois Main Street, which works in partnership with the National Main Street Center to identify the local programs that meet ten performance standards. It has been recognized as a vital force in the community. President Cooper congratulated the group on the achievement. He asked if the group's commercial at the band shell had been rescheduled. Mrs. Ford said they were hoping to get it filmed next Wednesday, May 15th. She will speak with Red Oak Builders to see if that will be possible.

President Cooper assigned Trustee Mitton to the committee of Buildings & Grounds and asked other board members to let him know if anyone wished to switch committees for the new fiscal year.

Trustee Newman welcomed Deputy David Smutzer who was present. He noted the vacant shifts are being filled well by part-time deputies. Trustee Lawson asked for police presence at Love Park for baseball games. He noted that it is very busy during this time and there are still parking and bicycle issues on occasion.

Trustee Peterson advised that two buildings at Love Park are due to be shingled soon. President Cooper said that two juveniles who confessed to putting caution tape across the 7th Street railroad bridge would be doing 50 hours each of community service. He asked board members to think of things these boys might be able to do in the village. Trustee Lawson suggested pulling weeds around the fencing at the sewer plant.

Trustee O'Leary told the board the sewer department is considering a change order to the sewer relief main. He asked Scott Kammerman of Missman, Inc. to be present to explain the issue further. Mr. Kammerman said that he has been working closely with both the

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Sewer Superintendent and Water Superintendent. The plan is essentially the same; however, at 15th Avenue and 7th Street it crosses a transite water main, along with other utilities. This was overlooked on the original bid. The new plan would be to drop the sewer main two feet deeper in order to go under the other utilities instead of through them. Water Superintendent Arnie Sandberg does not want the transite water line compromised. Due to the deeper excavation, the pipe material is to be switched from 12” PVC to 12” ductile iron pipe. This, along with some other changes will increase the cost by \$36,907.00. Trustee O’Leary said some temporary easements may be necessary also. Trustee Drucker questioned why a special meeting wasn’t called to discuss the potential cost increase before now since he didn’t know anything about a proposed change. Trustee O’Leary said that both he and Sewer Superintendent Lundburg had been in close contact with Mr. Kammerman and Mike Gritton of Foley Construction. He also said the contractor has not been able to work on the project due to all the rainfall in the past few weeks. He noted that Foley Construction is waiting for the go ahead from the board since the original completion date of the project has passed. Mr. Kammerman advised that Foley could be done with the project in one month and in any event, no longer than two. He said that EPA permits are still within the time frame. Trustee Lawson stated he doesn’t want to have to pay \$37,000 more, but does want the project done right. Trustee Drucker asked Mr. Kammerman what his recommendation as an engineer would be. He recommended the most cost effective way of getting the job done. It was moved by O’Leary, seconded by Peterson to stay with the original route, going 2 feet deeper at 7th Street and 15th Avenue and also adding two months to the completion deadline. Ayes: Mitton, Peterson, O’Leary, and Drucker. Noes: Newman. Absent: None.

Trustee Lawson reported about Clean-Up Week which starts June 10th. He said Street Superintendent Neil Dahl would like to change a few things this year. He would like all items to be put out on Monday for pick up by village employees. Trustee Lawson was not in favor of the idea. The other plan would be to have all items out by Thursday, with a final pick up on Friday. Trustee Lawson, along with other board members, was in favor of the second idea. It was noted that it would have to be published in the *Orion Gazette* and the June issue of the *Nosy Neighbor* if it was to be changed. Trustee Lawson stated that Street Superintendent Dahl wants to start cutting trees. Trustee Peterson said they will wait until the trees leaf out so the ash trees can be identified. He noted they will probably be doing more trimming than cutting down of trees. President Cooper added there would be no cutting down of trees without board approval. President Cooper also said Street Superintendent Dahl had spoken to him regarding the 4th Street sidewalk project and using exposed aggregate. President Cooper stated it would be slippery and dangerous.

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Trustee Drucker reported that the east tower had been reseeded recently. Water Superintendent Sandberg has submitted his latest reports to the IEPA and is also working closely with the contractor doing the band shell work.

Trustee Drucker stated the next Finance Meeting will be held on May 15th at 4:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Newman reported on the Central Park Band shell project. Red Oak Builders found a lot of deterioration when they removed the decking. Upon inspection they found the floor joists to be bad and not structurally sound. They had to replace the header at the front of the structure and also found that three posts holding the header up were bad and had to be replaced. Also upon inspection of the structure, carpenter ant damage was discovered. Trustee Newman is reviewing a bid from a pest control company to treat the area. Boards on the tower column were replaced. Water had gotten behind the original composite board that was installed in 2003 and damaged the columns. It was also discovered that the caulking failed around the area. Trustee Newman would like regular maintenance projects performed on the band shell to preserve the structure. He also stated structural work should be done by the end of the week so painting can begin. Painting will be complete by the end of May in plenty of time for the first Main Street event to be held on June 21st with Celebrate Illinois. Trustee Newman added that additional funds should be raised for the band shell. He said the Love Locks have already supplied funds toward this. President Cooper said the structure was an accident waiting to happen and wants everything fixed.

President Cooper asked the board to review the Village's animal ordinance due to a recent rash of dog incidences. One resident was bitten by a pit bull breed that broke its restraint. Two other residents have been chased by dogs recently. Trustee Drucker noted all breeds of dogs should be identified, not just pit bulls. He also added that they should be neutered. He felt that irresponsible pet owners are the problem. Trustee Lawson agreed with Drucker, but added it is not the Village's responsibility to tell people how to raise their dogs. President Cooper added that he doesn't want to have something happen in Orion like happened in Galesburg recently where a child was killed by a vicious dog. He said the Village should have steeper fines and toughen up the ordinance. Trustee Newman said the village should consider rewriting the ordinance.

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

Sandra P. Mizen
Deputy Clerk

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