

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., April 15, 2013, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Absent: Lawson.

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

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 1, 2013. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$51,575.14, Recycle Collections-\$1,957.76, Water O&M-\$6,303.16, Sewer O&M-\$10,017.74, Sewer Deprec.-\$1,762.50, Sewer Cap. Imp.-\$41.00, Phase II Loan Retire.-\$97,859.69, Special Tax Allotment-\$6,766.00, and Fines-\$287.83. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the FY2014 meeting dates of 5/6/13, 5/20/13, 6/3/13, 6/17/13, 7/1/13, 7/15/13, 8/5/13, 8/19/13, 9/4/13*, 9/16/13, 10/7/13, 10/21/13, 11/4/13, 11/18/13, 12/2/13, 12/16/13, 1/6/14, 1/20/14, 2/3/14, 2/17/14, 3/3/14, 3/17/14, 4/7/14, and 4/21/14. *Wednesday. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

Mrs. Mary Johnson told the board she was bitten by a dog while walking through the alley near her house. The dog broke free from its restraint, pushed Mrs. Johnson down, and bit her foot. She said the village ordinance seemed to favor the dog and dog owner versus the bite victim. Village attorney John Ames told Mrs. Johnson she could pursue the bite as a civil matter in order to get paid for damages. Also, the village could pursue the issue as a criminal charge, but it may be questionable how a judge would rule since the dog was under restraint, even though it broke its restraint. The board said the village would pursue the criminal complaint but they also encouraged Mrs. Johnson to pursue it civilly. Mrs. Johnson said the dog was very strong and had the owner not been present outdoors, she could have been injured more severely. She said the dog was on her in a matter of seconds and she feared what could happen in the future if the dog would get loose again. President Cooper promised vaccination records would be obtained for the dog and if they were not immediately available, the dog would be impounded. A copy of the vaccination records, if available, will be forwarded to Mrs. Johnson.

Trustee Newman said Red Oak Custom Homes bid \$6,065 to replace the decking on the Central Park Band Shell. The structure will be redecked from the risers to the front and deck extensions will also be repaired. The project will start immediately with a May 1st

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completion deadline. Painting will immediately follow. Deb Ford, Main Street Orion director, said a commercial was scheduled to be filmed in the structure on Wednesday but she would try to get it rescheduled for the following week. The commercial will promote Henry County Tourism.

Trustee Newman briefly mentioned implementing a local ticket writing system for things like parking violations, which would result in a lesser cost to the recipient than a ticket written under state statute. Additionally, Trustee Newman said he met part-time deputy Kraig Townsend recently.

The Illinois Department of Transportation denied a change in speed limit for Rt. 150 going through Orion. The board requested lowering the limit due to a double fatality, but the IDOT said crash history and pedestrian activity did not warrant any change.

President Cooper said grade school children commented to him that they missed Deputy Joe Femali, who moved to another district within the county. Deputy Femali will work part-time for the village on a limited basis.

Work is continuing on baseball related improvements at Love Park, according to Trustee Peterson. Also, a toilet broke in the restroom. The design of replacement toilets has been reconfigured, which would require re-plumbing, but the park superintendent found two of the older version that the village will purchase.

President Cooper and Trustee Peterson will attend the Henry County Disaster Mitigation meeting Thursday evening, the last in a series of five required meetings. *Orion Gazette* editor Mindy Carls asked if the plan included how to deal with an influx of press in the event of a major disaster. She was informed that issue was not part of the plan.

Two sewer backups were reported last week. The mains had blockages and the backups were relieved by jetting the affected mains. Trustee O'Leary said no seeding will be done on the sewer relief main project until the entire project has been completed. Trustee Drucker said residents will have to put up with the minor inconvenience for the good of the project. Trustee O'Leary said an issue arose with the relief main project and is being investigated by Missman and the contractor.

An alley, complained about by a resident at the last meeting, has been graded and is not in need of any additional rock, said President Cooper. Also, sidewalk in front of Main Street's west side businesses will be replaced by Phil Thornburg. Two bids were received and his bid was lower by a few hundred dollars.

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It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the FY2014 budget in the amount of \$1,994,285. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson. President Cooper said Trustee Lawson notified him previously that he was in favor of the budget also.

It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Newman to approve a \$250 donation to Orion After Prom in the form of five-\$50 gift certificates. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve changes to the Articles of Agreement with Bi-State Regional Commission. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve May 18, 2013 as Poppy Day for the American Legion. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve a new contract with Eagle Enterprises Recycling at a cost to Orion residents of \$3.25 per household per month for a period of five years upon the expiration of the existing contract. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to accept the proposal by Eagle Enterprises Recycling to place a recycle container at every eligible household, keeping in mind that any person not wanting the container can ask for it to be removed. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was reported there had been no feedback from HCEDP regarding nursing home/assisted living facilities for Orion.

The annual revenue for the C. R. Hanna Trust Fund was received and totaled \$297.80.

On April 10th, President Cooper and Trustee Drucker traveled to Springfield with others from HCEDP to visit with legislators. They spoke to legislators about the sewer vapor issue and funding for the sewer relief main. Cooper and Drucker will meet later with Representative Don Moffit in his Galesburg office. Trustee Drucker said white papers left with legislators in Springfield included the sewer relief main, 5th Street reconstruction, other street resurfacing projects, a feasibility study for nursing home/assisted living facility, water main improvements, and land purchase to spur

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economic development. President Cooper thanked Drucker for giving up his day to attend the event.

A program offered by the state of Illinois will be considered for recapturing debt owed for village utility bills. The Illinois Debt Recovery program will scan for debts owed before issuing tax refunds or lottery winnings to Illinois residents. If debt is owed, the refund or lottery winnings will be reduced by that amount and forwarded to the appropriate municipality.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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