

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
VILLAGE BOARD

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COUNTY OF HENRY)  
VILLAGE OF ORION)

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., April 1, 2013, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> 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 led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 18, 2013. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Adam Jaquet from Eagle Enterprises Recycling presented the board with renewal options for renewing a five-year contract for curbside pickup service. The current contract will end in November. Mr. Jaquet said Orion has the best participation among Eagle's other clients – 75% of Orion's households participate. The new contract proposes to drop a tote at every single-family household in an attempt to increase participation. Those who are opposed to utilizing the service can call to have the tote removed. Mr. Jaquet noted that free recycling is provided to the schools. It was also noted that apartments and businesses could be included in Orion's program. Trustee Drucker praised the program and the convenience of using the totes. The proposal for the next five years includes a rate of \$3.00 per household per month with small increases each year thereafter for the next four years. An alternate proposal is \$3.25 per household per month for the entire five year contract. The board will review the proposals.

Mr. Jerry DeBaillie told the board he had asked for rock in the alley behind his house on several occasions and no one had brought any. President Cooper apologized for the lack of service and promised that the rock would be delivered. Trustee Lawson will communicate the need to the street superintendent.

Trustee Drucker reported the Illinois EPA performed an inspection of the water department last Friday and found everything to be in compliance. No attachments were expected to be included in the final report. Trustee Drucker said the lack of deficiencies reflected well on the water superintendent.

The board was provided a copy of the proposed budget for FY2014. Trustee Drucker questioned the amount provided for development incentives in the Special Tax Allotment fund. It was explained that the board would ultimately determine how much of that would be spent on such incentives. The remaining money could be spent on other TIF-related improvements. Trustee Drucker was opposed to providing any developer incentive for Prairie Knoll, since the developer already receives TIF benefits. He would consider other incentives to spur more development in that subdivision. President

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Cooper said he would like to meet with Prairie Knoll developer Jim Massa and determine what incentives would best spur more home building. Regarding the street budget, Trustee Lawson said he was opposed to blacktopping 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue B at a cost of \$45,000. President Cooper said the street would most likely be chipped and seal coated, at 1/3 the price, due to a lack of adequate base. Street repairs are also planned for the 13<sup>th</sup> Street/12<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection. Trustee Drucker asked that street projects submitted for consideration in the budget be prioritized before giving them to the Finance Committee. He also suggested funds be included in the proposed budget to hire a grant writer. Discussion was held about that topic and it was unclear whether a grant writer would do research to find appropriate grants for the village. It was noted that FY2014 TIF income could be used to supplement the current year's TIF income in order to install new sidewalk along the west side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Also discussed was money for new chairs for the board room and \$8,000 for Main Street Orion. No trustees expressed opposition to the MSO funds, but Trustee Lawson requested more frequent financial statements be made available to the village. Deb Ford, MSO Director, who was in attendance, was asked to present quarterly reports to the village clerk for distribution to the village board. The FY2014 budget will be voted on at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Finance Committee meeting was set for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 10th at Village Hall.

Trustee Peterson asked that police officers be reminded to walk around in the parks and touch base with kids in order to prevent vandalism and other problems. It was noted restrooms would be open in Love Park for the first ballgame of the season. Restrooms in Central Park were not open during last weekend's Easter egg hunt due to cold temperatures.

Foley Construction has returned to Orion to continue work on the sewer relief main project. Trustee O'Leary said a couple of minor issues were resolved earlier in the day and the contractor is ready to proceed. Trustee Drucker said there might be issues with a water main at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which is in the path of the relief main, and if that is the case, the sewer department should absorb any associated costs.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Drucker to adopt Ordinance #2013-1, amending Chapter XXVI of the Municipal Code of the Village of Orion to remove two yield signs and add one stop sign at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Prior to a vote Trustee Drucker asked why a yield sign couldn't be placed at the west end of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue instead of a stop sign. Trustee Lawson said there was a visibility problem from the south. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

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Trustee Peterson told Trustee Lawson the ditch on the south side of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Streets washed out in places and needed to be filled in, reshaped, and seeded. Trustee Lawson will notify Street Supt. Neil Dahl.

Approval of the Bi-State Regional Commission Articles of Agreement was postponed until the next meeting. Also postponed was discussion about economic development incentives.

Landscape waste site dates were set for the Mondays of 04/15, 05/06, and 05/20 from 1-3 p.m. and Saturdays from 8-10 a.m. on 04/06, 04/13, 04/27, 05/04, and 05/18. Trustee O'Leary volunteered to work the date of April 6<sup>th</sup>. Other trustees were asked to volunteer for the other open dates.

President Cooper read a rate increase notice from Mediacom.

President Cooper said three people expressed an interest in the vacant village trustee position: Rick Cline, Don Goembel, and Bob Mitton. President Cooper asked trustees to take each into consideration for appointment to the board. Trustee Drucker expressed disappointment that none of the three took the time or interest to file papers to run for office but yet expressed interest in being appointed. Trustee Lawson said most people don't pay attention to the election cycle, noting his own lack of knowledge about when his term was to end. President Cooper said people typically don't pay attention unless they have a complaint against the village.

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

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk



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