

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., February 18, 2013, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Lawson. Absent: Drucker.

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

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 4, 2013. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: Drucker.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Peterson to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$35,182.38, Recycle Collections-\$1,957.76, Water O&M-\$6,658.05, Water Deprec.-\$1,664.48, Sewer O&M-\$9,620.22, Sewer Deprec.-\$1,276.00, Sewer Cap. Imp.-\$2,037.50, and Fines-\$44.98. Prior to a vote President Cooper told the board that the easement payment in the amount of \$1,000, which was discussed at the previous board meeting, was included in the monthly bills. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: Drucker.

Trustee O'Leary said Millennium Waste was set to halt deliveries to Orion due to a road closure. Thawing temps have forced the closure. The road is expected to be closed for two months. The possibility remains for transporting via an alternate route, but waste might be diverted to another facility until road conditions are favorable.

For the second time in the recent past, a sewer blockage occurred in a main west of 1412 8th Street. Trustee O'Leary said the blockage was opened but televising will need to be done to determine the exact problem. The issue will be addressed when weather is more appropriate.

Trustee Drucker arrived at 7:39 p.m.

President Cooper said Golars, the environmental firm investigating the gas vapor issue, had placed a check in the mail for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the village. The amount should be in the vicinity of \$25,000.

President Cooper said all but one signature had been obtained for an easement at the east end of the village allowing for proper connection to the sewer system by two of three parties attached to the same lateral. The final signature will be obtained on Feb. 19th. A deadline of November 1, 2013 was set for completion of the project.

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Trustee Lawson said Street Superintendent Neil Dahl is planning spring projects and how to address the street where sewer main work will be done in the spring.

A small water main leak occurred at the intersection of 7th Street and 12th Avenue, according to Trustee Drucker. The leak was quickly repaired by replacing a rusted bolt and the street was patched where the digging took place. In other water business it was reported a photo of the east water tower was submitted for a calendar contest.

Trustee Drucker asked the board to complete proposed FY2014 budget forms by March 15th. He also said the board would need to determine employee salaries no later than March 18th. The Finance Committee will review proposed budgets March 27th, present a compiled budget to the board on April 1st, and approve the final budget April 15th.

Trustee Newman said the Henry County Board approved the contract between the sheriff's department and the village, reducing full-time staff from three to two deputies. Trustee Newman pointed out a minor typo in paragraph 7 - the word may will be changed to many. Also, paragraph 19 will be changed to note Fiscal Year 2012/13, not 2005/06. Paragraph 5 was cleaned up by the county to clarify its original intent. Trustee Lawson asked if the village receives the revenue from a ticket written by a deputy on duty in Orion but issued outside village limits. Clerk Sampson felt the revenue was directed to Orion but will check to be sure. Trustee Newman said other issues might need to be reviewed at a later date but he wanted the existing contract to proceed so the village could begin realizing cost savings from the deputy reduction. Trustee Newman briefly reviewed the upcoming schedule change and assured the board Henry County deputies from other districts would be able to respond to an Orion call if a deputy was not on duty at the time of an emergency. It was moved by Newman, seconded by Drucker to approve the contract with the aforementioned minor modifications, subject to an adjustment to the budget to reflect the change in the contract. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Peterson said quotes were being obtained for improvements to the Love Park shelter and concession stand.

President Cooper and Trustee Drucker attended a Northwest Municipal Association dinner meeting last week. They found that legislators have no grant funds available and are only offering low interest, 20-year loans. Another topic of discussion was the drawback of being awarded federal grant funds. Those funds are tied to many requirements and typically raise the cost of a project 10-20%.

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Trustee O'Leary said he continues to be disgusted by grant funded items he reads about in the newspaper, such as a high dollar bicycle rack and baseball field. Trustee Drucker said a wish list of infrastructure-type projects was being compiled to send to Springfield during the Henry County Economic Development Partnership's annual trip to meet with legislators. President Cooper and Trustee Drucker will join that trip. President Cooper will attempt to speak with Senator Mike Jacobs, who promised to continue to help Orion in spite of district changes. The village board has felt more encouraged about assistance since its district representative changed to Don Moffit.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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