

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 4, 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 led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 21, 2013. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Mindy Carls, Orion Gazette Editor, said Gatehouse Media was requesting the number of housing starts in Orion for the last 10 years. Clerk Sampson will provide the information.

Trustee O'Leary said Millennium Waste continues to bring loads of leachate, resulting in a stream of extra revenue for the sewer department.

An easement agreement was drawn up by village attorney John Ames for sewer access across Shawn Watson's property at 1205 13th Ave. The agreement was signed by the Watsons and allows for the resolution of an illegal sewer connection between two other property owners. A third property owner will resolve their illegal connection by connecting to the sewer main on 12th Avenue. The village will meet with all parties, Carnahan, Rasmussens, and Carlsons, to discuss a deadline for all connections to be completed. The village board agreed by general consensus to absorb the \$1,000 easement purchase because a sewer main was not available for connection without crossing another property. The issue will be brought to an official vote at the next meeting.

Trustee Lawson said the street superintendent is working to comply with regulations for a sign grant. A Henry County employee marked all sign locations with a GPS device. The grant may or may not cover all traffic control and street signs. In addition, President Cooper said the Girl Scout project to place signs along Rt. 150 is moving forward.

Trustee Drucker said the village will submit a photo of the newly painted east water tower for a calendar contest. The towers chosen will be featured in a 2014 calendar. The contest deadline is February 15th.

The Finance Committee meeting will be held February 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

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The minutes of February 4, 2013 continued:

Trustee Newman said Deputy Joe Femali has noted the absence of a few signs that should be posted in school zones. He will discuss the issue with Trustee Lawson in the future. Also, Trustee Newman expressed an interest in extending the 35 mph speed limit on Rt. 150 further south to the village limits. Recently, a double fatality occurred on the highway. Clerk Sampson said the request had previously been made to the Illinois Department of Transportation and denied. She will look up the requests and denials and forward the information to Trustee Newman.

Trustee Newman said Henry County was moving forward with the village's request to reduce sheriff's deputies in Orion from three to two. The intergovernmental contract change will be reviewed by the county's Finance Committee this week and the Henry County Board next week. Trustee Newman will meet with Deputy Joe Femali and Deputy Pat Coppejans to discuss a transition plan.

President Cooper and Trustee Roger Peterson attended the last meeting of a series for Henry County Natural Disaster Mitigation. Attendance at the meetings was required to be eligible for grant funds in the event of a disaster. The two officials requested funds for sewer main lining, a storm drain system, reshaping drainage areas, etc. The final step in the process is a public meeting to be scheduled in Cambridge. Additionally, President Cooper and Trustee Peterson are looking to develop a list of disabled residents living in Orion who might need assistance in the event of a disaster.

Geneseo and Missman, Inc. will be hosting a Northwest Municipal Association dinner and meeting at The Cellar on Wednesday, February 13th. President Cooper said anyone wishing to attend should respond by February 6th.

President Cooper reported on his experience testifying in court on the behalf of the village regarding the case against Stacey Huff in regard to damage to street signs and a fire hydrant. He said three charges were dropped, but Mr. Huff was found guilty on one felony count of destruction to municipal property. The defendant's automobile insurance had already paid for the damage.

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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