

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
VILLAGE BOARD

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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VILLAGE OF ORION)

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., January 7, 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. He noted Trustee Lawson was absent due to a work assignment.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 17, 2012. Prior to approval Trustee Drucker wanted to clarify that the Street Superintendent not take his advice too literally to refrain from salting streets prior to storms. If the storm is imminent, common sense should be used as to when the streets should be salted. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

The Finance Committee meeting was set for 4:00 p.m., January 16, 2013 at Village Hall.

Trustee Newman said the amended police contract had been forwarded to the Henry County State's Attorney for review. The village and the sheriff's department are both interested in expediting the contract, due to the fact that the village will incur cost savings and the sheriff's department has an open spot to fill on its roster. Payments will continue to be made to the sheriff's department based on the most recent budget that began on December 1, 2012. The amount will be reduced upon reduction of the force from three to two full-time deputies.

Trustee Peterson said most of the Christmas decorations in Central Park had been taken down for the season.

Trustee O'Leary told the board the easement purchased from Dan & Jenny Lees was larger than normal because the original sewer main did not have an easement. The new easement covered both the existing and new sewer relief main.

The latest word from Golars, the company contracted to investigate the gas vapor problem, indicated the village would receive reimbursement for its expenses related to the problem near the end of February.

Trustee O'Leary said Hoerr Construction provided an estimate of \$55,000 for sewer lining work on 10th and 11th Avenues. Some board members thought lining might be a permanent solution to preventing the gas vapor. Trustee Drucker suggested getting an engineer's opinion on the proposed project before spending the money. The board agreed action taken by Golars might also resolve the problem.

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President Cooper spoke with the new owners of AGH Feed Mill, who have since consented to allow Golars to drill monitoring wells on their property, assuring them the wells would only be tested for contaminants related to the gasoline spill.

One complaint was received about the condition of the streets after the last snowstorm. It was noted by the board that the storm, which first produced rain, then sleet, and then a blizzard was unusual, and the thick ice that resulted under the snow was difficult to break up and remove. The board praised the employees for doing their best to remove the snow and also said streets in larger cities were in the same condition as Orion's.

Trustee Drucker said an area near the ring at the base of the sphere on the outside of the east tower had a buildup of ice during the cold weather, giving the appearance of a leak. Since temps have moderated the ice has melted and there is no sign of a leak. The unusual snowstorm is thought to have caused the buildup of ice.

Clerk Sampson was thanked for reading a portion of the water meters in the absence of meter reader Don Carr. Water Superintendent Arnie Sandberg and Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg also helped with the task.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to approve Resolution #1213-1 to open closed session minutes dated November 21, 2011 and March 5, 2012, and Resolution #1213-2 to destroy recordings of closed meetings held January 21, 2008, March 17, 2008, May 5, 2008, November 17, 2008, March 16, 2009, April 27, 2009, May 18, 2009, December 7, 2009, January 4, 2010, January 18, 2010, February 1, 2010, February 15, 2010, March 15, 2010, April 5, 2010, April 19, 2010, May 17, 2010, August 3, 2010, September 8, 2010, October 18, 2010, November 15, 2010, and December 6, 2010. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper said Trustee Drucker will act as President Pro-Tem in his absence next week.

President Cooper spoke with several business owners about the upcoming police changes and assured them road deputies from Henry County would regularly patrol the Orion area when deputies were not scheduled for duty by the village.

President Cooper said the individual who was charged with running over traffic signs and the fire hydrant had decided to seek a bench trial versus taking the plea deal offered by the village. The plea deal would have reduced the felony charge to a misdemeanor. President Cooper said he instructed the assistant state's attorney to take the plea deal off

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the table, so if the individual changes his mind prior to the court date of January 22nd, the deal will no longer be available.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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