

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., December 17, 2012, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3, 2012. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$37,805.10, Recycle Collections-\$1,884.46, Water O&M-\$7,149.27, Water Depr.-\$3,708.36, Water Cap. Impr.-\$1.30, Sewer O&M-\$11,988.92, Sewer Depr.-\$1.48, Sewer Cap. Impr.-\$78,353.57, Phase I Loan Retire.-\$2.73, Phase II Loan Retire.-\$6.21, Special Tax Allotment-\$69,007.00, and Fines-\$248.00. Prior to voting on the motion Clerk Sampson said material picked up by a village employee for the Foley Construction relief main job was billed directly to the village. The material was used by Foley to replace field tile damaged when cut into by its employees. E-mail communication between Missman, Inc. and the contractor left unclear who each felt should be responsible for the material. A contract document seemed to indicate the contractor would be responsible for replacing utilities damaged by them during the course of the project. The damage resulted in bills from Zimmer & Francescon-\$1,492.13 and Marshall Land Improvement-\$49.36. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to amend the original motion to pay the bills to Zimmer & Francescon and Marshall Land Improvement but reduce the payment to Foley Construction by \$1,541.49, the total of the disputed charges, resulting in a net payment of \$66,268.47. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve CY2013 meeting dates as follows: January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18, March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, August 5 & 19, September 4\* & 16, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, and December 2 & 16. \*Wednesday. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper expressed his thanks to the school board, Methodist Church board, and Catholic Church board for approving easement agreements at no cost to the village. Letters of appreciation were sent to all parties and signed by Cooper and the village board.

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Trustee Peterson questioned the size of the easement obtained from Dan Lees at 607 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. A. He said the contractor for the relief main project only used a very small portion of the easement area. Trustee O'Leary said Missman, Inc. would be consulted about that question.

Deb Ford, Director of Main Street Orion, informed the board of a project being conducted by Henry County Tourism with grant funds. The Henry County Economic Development Program was involved in securing the grant.

Director Ford thanked the board for its gift of \$500 toward Saturday with Santa. The money allowed for a toy to be given to each child visiting with Santa on the event day. The group spent \$1,395 purchasing toys this year. Mrs. Jane Helke was the winner of a \$500 MSO gift certificate.

Trustee Newman said bids for painting the band shell were reviewed and Hirsch Painting from Andover, Illinois was selected as the successful bidder. Work will begin no later than May 1, 2013.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to adopt Ordinance #2012-7, amending the Appropriations to increase the amount allotted for the sewer relief main project from \$70,000 to \$400,000. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to adopt Ordinance #2012-8, Annual Tax Levy in the amount of \$193,155. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

Trustee Newman said the Cops & Kids at Christmas went well. A credit card meant to be used for the night of shopping and dinner at Ryan's Steakhouse was left behind. Though alternate arrangements were made to pay for gifts purchased, a dilemma presented itself at the restaurant. Hearing the group had no method of payment to treat participating children to a meal, an anonymous diner paid the tab for the police officers and children involved.

Trustee Peterson said a new lighted ground display was erected in Central Park for Christmas. Also, fencing work was continuing at the Love Park baseball diamond.

Trustee O'Leary said Millennium Waste continues to bring loads for treatment on a regular basis.

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President Cooper told the board the owner of AGH Feed was holding up the process of Golars drilling a new monitoring wells pertaining to the gas vapor issue. President Cooper will talk to the owners and encourage them to comply. Golars indicated the village should be reimbursed for past expenses by February. Trustee Peterson suggested lining more sewer mains in the area of the problem to bring an end to the vapor issue. Trustee O'Leary was skeptical that more lining would resolve the problem but agreed to discuss it with Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg. Another exhaust fan is being purchased in the event the one currently in use at the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue manhole ceases working.

Trustee Drucker asked if the practice of spreading salt in advance of a predicted storm could be halted. The board agreed that many times storms don't materialize and the salt is driven over and pulverized or kicked to the side, becoming useless. Though the street superintendent most likely feels it is proactive, President Cooper said he would ask him to cease spreading salt in anticipation of a forecasted storm.

It was reported that the new aerator fan for the east ground tank was working well. Also, Trustee Drucker thanked President Cooper for his efforts to resolve the gas vapor issue and seek grant funds for the relief main project. He said the president's aggressive nature assisted with those projects and in the past, securing funds from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway for the closure of the 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge. Trustee Drucker also thanked Clerk Sampson for her suggestion of the color scheme for the east tower. It has been well received by the community.

President Cooper said he felt the past year had been successful for the village and he appreciated how well the board worked as a group. President Cooper will run for re-election in the spring.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to enter executive session to discuss police personnel at 8:30 p.m. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:30 p.m.

Trustee Newman said, due to the new contract between the Henry County Sheriff's Dept. and the Fraternal Order of Police and its impact on the village, coverage options were considered. The options took into account what was best for the community, fiscally and otherwise, and increased sheriff's dept. coverage county-wide. It was moved by Newman, seconded by Peterson to reduce the police staff from three full-time officers to two, working 9-hr. shifts, and filling in empty shifts with part-time personnel, and to

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begin the new schedule January 1, 2013 or as soon as practical. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

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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