

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., December 3, 2012, 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.

President Cooper said he was still looking for someone to fill the vacancy created by Dale Stiles' resignation.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 19, 2012. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

The aerator fan on the east ground storage tank is being replaced, according to Trustee Drucker, and water main flushing is nearing completion. President Cooper said he continues to get compliments on the color scheme of the east tower.

Trustee Newman received three bids for painting the band shell next spring. The three bidders were Duex Painting, Jack Ide Decorating, and Hersch Painting. Trustee Newman requested input on the selection decision, and President Cooper suggested the Finance Committee select a responsible bidder. Trustee Newman said they would review the bids and perform due diligence before awarding a contract.

It was noted the Appropriation Ordinance should be amended to allow for the sewer relief main project. Village attorney John Ames will research the issue.

The board was reminded of the tax levy hearing to be held December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee meeting was set for 4:00 p.m., December 12, 2012 at Village Hall.

President Cooper said he, Trustee Newman, and Deputy Joe Femali met with Henry County Sheriff Jim Padilla and Captain Jeff Happach last week. The sheriff's dept. changed the length of shifts worked in Orion from 8 hrs. to 9 hrs., which causes unnecessary overlap for Orion officers. Henry County patrol deputies were changed to 12-hr. shifts. Other changes were also made between the county board and the F.O.P (the deputies union), which will increase costs for the village. Trustee Newman said the 9-hr. schedule would most likely continue through December but later be changed to something more agreeable to the village. Deputies will be working 80 hours in a pay

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period and will not be incurring overtime, though overlapping of deputies was viewed by the board as an unnecessary use of resources. It also leaves open more shifts that need to be filled by part-time personnel. It was noted one full-time shift might have to be dropped if the point was reached where the village could not afford its existing coverage. Trustee Lawson renewed his past objection to the contract in its current form. He wanted a contract with a beginning date, an ending date, and a firm cost, not a budget estimate. He said rising costs for the sheriff's department should not be thrust onto the village in the middle of a budget year. Attorney Ames said the current agreement results in a net contract; no one profits and no one loses, and he and Trustee Drucker said if the contract had to specify a firm dollar amount, the sheriff's dept. would add extra contingency expenses, which the village might not otherwise have to pay. Trustee Lawson contended the contract should be more defined.

Trustee Peterson said the Orion Little League was in the process of installing new fence at Love Park, and a memorial bench was installed in Central Park. He thanked Mr. & Mrs. Dave Crippen for that donation. It was also noted that Christmas decorations were erected in Central Park prior to Thanksgiving.

It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Drucker to adopt Ordinance #2012-6, setting a new sewer rate in the amount of \$4.98 per user that will commence on January 1, 2013. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: O'Leary. Absent: None.

Trustee O'Leary said Foley Construction completed installation of the sewer relief main up to 7th Street, then quit for the winter season. Further construction would entail excavation of the street and that was determined to be risky at this time of year. Trustee O'Leary complimented the contractor on the work done to-date. The board agreed it was a disappointment that the job could not be completed before year's end, but respected the opinion of the contractor regarding weather concerns.

Trustee O'Leary said the filter building roof had been replaced but further interior repairs would wait until the next fiscal year.

President Cooper announced an agreement by the Catholic Church to forgo easement revenue for the relief main project. Church officials signed the necessary paperwork. Agreements by two churches and the school district to forgo easement funds saved taxpayers \$25,813.

Golars, a contractor hired by the Illinois EPA to resolve the gas vapor issue, has not yet reimbursed the village for its attempts to keep the vapor out of sewer mains. No further monitoring wells have been drilled. The village has not been informed of any progress.

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Trustee Lawson said the street department was preparing for winter by sweeping streets and readying equipment. A tube purchased to replace one under 14th Avenue will be installed by the relief main contractor in the spring. In addition, Street Supt. Neil Dahl has been assisting with maintenance at the sewer plant.

President Cooper reminded board members of the compliance deadline of December 31st for Open Meetings Act training.

President Cooper said he partook in the interview process for Henry County Economic Development Partnership staff hiring. The organization received grants funds to employ one full-time and one part-time employee. An announcement of the successful applicants is expected soon.

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, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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