

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
VILLAGE BOARD

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COUNTY OF HENRY)
VILLAGE OF ORION)

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., November 5, 2012, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: O'Leary.

President Cooper called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. He said Trustee O'Leary was absent due to an illness.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 15, 2012 and the special meeting held October 24, 2012. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: O'Leary.

Deb Ford, Main Street Orion Director, presented the board with a check in the amount of \$1,388.74 for band shell renovation activities. The money came from MSO's Love Locks fundraising event. Ford said locks continue to be sold and all future proceeds will be donated to the village to be used to maintain the band shell.

Director Ford asked the board for permission to hold an event in Central Park on June 21, 2013 where wine will be sold. The event will feature Illinois vocal performers and storytellers along with Illinois food artisans selling their products. Wine from Illinois wineries will be featured. Director Ford told the board MSO would comply with all necessary regulations. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to approve the June 21, 2013 festival in Central Park, including the serving of alcoholic beverages, contingent upon the appropriate insurance and licensing. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: O'Leary.

The board approved a request by Director Ford to decorate the Lovescape in Central Park with lights for the holiday season.

Miss Courtney Wiedenmann told the board she was working on achieving Gold Girl Scout status and needed to establish a project. Miss Wiedenmann said the project must have a long-lasting effect on the community, and she asked permission to seek installation of school location signs on Route 150. The Illinois Department of Transportation had already been contacted and its representative said the expense and installation would be the village's responsibility. IDOT will okay the placement of the signs. President Cooper and Trustee Peterson agreed to serve as mentors for Miss Wiedenmann.

Director Ford reminded the board MSO had been provided with new highway signs last year, which had not yet been erected. She has had the signs since this spring. Trustee Lawson will remind Street Superintendent Neil Dahl to erect the signs.

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The board was asked by Mr. Ron Thompson to assist with putting up a Christmas tree in the Central Park band shell on November 18th at 2 p.m. The tree has been donated by Russ Woodley.

Trustee Drucker announced hydrants will be flushed beginning November 13th and a malfunctioning fan in the east aerator will be replaced. The water superintendent was able to find a fan at a reasonable price after some thorough research.

Trustee Drucker said Putnam County Painting has completed work on the east water tower but a final bill had not yet been submitted. Trustee Newman said he continues to hear compliments on the new color scheme.

It was noted that the Central Park security camera footage was now accessible on the village clerk's computer. Work is underway, according to Trustee Newman, to determine if the footage can be relayed to computers in the squad cars. Once that is determined Tri-City Electric personnel will return to complete installation and training.

As a result of security issues with the camera system, it came to light that it might be necessary for the village to adopt an Information Security Policy. A draft policy was compiled by attorney Steve Ames from Ames Law Office; Trustee Newman and Clerk Sampson reviewed the policy with Attorney Ames, submitting changes; and the amended policy will be given to the board for review and discussion.

Trustee Newman said bid requests had been mailed recently to area painting contractors in regard to painting the band shell. The deadline to receive bids is November 30th, and the deadline for completion of the job is May 31, 2013. Painting cannot commence until next spring after all building repairs have been completed. Donations from Coulter Trust, Love Locks, and other sources will be used for the project.

The next Finance Committee meeting was set for November 14th at 4 p.m. at Village Hall. Trustee Drucker said an additional sewer rate would need to be established soon in order to cover loan payments for the relief main project.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve a donation of \$500 to MSO's Saturday with Santa event to be held this December. The event provides a toy for every child who comes to visit Santa.

The number of drivers failing to stop at stop signs was discussed. Trustee Lawson asked that the police crack down on the infraction. In other police business Trustee Newman said the union contract for Henry County deputies was ratified but would still need Henry

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County board approval. The contract could have a significant impact on Orion but Trustee Newman said he would wait to discuss details with the village board until after the Henry County board's decision.

Trustee Peterson was out of town during the Love Locks ceremony but said he heard nothing but good things about the event. President Cooper echoed Peterson's comments.

In other park business Trustee Peterson said bathrooms have been closed and winterized. Also, he and President Cooper will be attending an informational meeting at Bi-State Regional Commission about the effect of ash borers this Friday, November 9th.

A pre-construction meeting was held last week with Foley Construction. The contractor will begin the relief main project this week. Mr. Scott Kammerman, Missman engineer, said an alternate route for a portion of the sewer project was re-investigated and found to be inferior to the original route. The alternate route posed problems with the vicinity of the relief main to a garage, and more easements would be needed. Also, the IEPA permit would need to be changed along with engineered drawings. The board agreed to stick with the original plan.

Trustee Drucker was dismayed by the fact that some people along the relief main route said they did not know anything about the project, even though it had been a topic of discussion at board meetings for more than a year. He said the local newspaper had not published village board proceedings for several weeks and Orion receives no coverage from the daily Quad City paper. Trustee Drucker said he would like to get more coverage so the public could be better informed. Minutes of board meetings are also available to the public on the village's website.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve an engineering agreement with Missman, Inc. for the sewer relief main project at a cost not to exceed \$27,000. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: O'Leary.

President Cooper thanked Mr. Kammerman for his assistance on the sewer relief main project.

It was reported that Father Jim DeBischoff from Mary Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church signed the easement required for the relief main project. Whether or not the church will forgo payment for the easement was still up in the air. That request might have to be forwarded to the Catholic Diocese in Peoria.

Trustee Lawson said a tube was being ordered for installation under 14th Avenue.

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The board discussed a request by the attorney for Stacey Huff, Jr. to reduce a felony charge to a misdemeanor for Mr. Huff's action of running over traffic signs and damaging a fire hydrant in Orion. Mr. Huff has paid for the damages. President Cooper and the board agreed with the request on the condition the young man apologize at a board meeting and serve some community service in Orion. President Cooper will correspond with Assistant State's Attorney Stephanie Barrick about the board's decision.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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