

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
VILLAGE BOARD

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VILLAGE OF ORION)

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., October 1, 2012, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> 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. He also thanked Trustee Drucker for leading the last board meeting in his absence.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 17, 2012. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Deb Ford, Main Street Orion Director, told the board Fran Riley from KWQC-TV6 spent two hours in Orion gathering footage for a segment to be aired October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 p.m. The segment will feature the MSO-sponsored Love Locks program, which is a fundraiser that will benefit the Central Park band shell.

Trustee O'Leary said seven contractors submitted bids for the sewer relief main project. The low bidder was Foley Construction with a price of \$248,222. The engineer's estimate was \$380,000, and he recommended acceptance of the low bid. Trustee Peterson questioned a line item for traffic control that was bid at \$20,000 and another line item for pipe at \$42/ft. versus \$60/ft. from other bidders. It was felt Foley may have lumped some of its contingency funds with the traffic control and secured a lower pipe price through a special supplier. It was moved by Newman, seconded by Drucker to accept the bid from Foley Construction in the amount of \$248,222 for the sewer relief main project. Prior to a vote Clerk Sampson said signatures had been obtained for 12 of the 20 required easements, and Trustee O'Leary said a slight compromise was made to the width of the easement for Mary Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church property. He, the sewer superintendent, and President Cooper met with a few other affected property owners to answer questions about the project. Trustee O'Leary hoped construction of the relief main would start in March 2013, in keeping with the IEPA's timeline. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper thanked Trustee O'Leary for all of his work on the sewer relief main issue.

The Finance Committee postponed discussion on a rate increase since the bid on the relief main project came in lower than expected. The rate will be recalculated and discussed at a later date.

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Trustee O'Leary said the sand filter building roof will be shingled toward the end of the month.

Due to the number of fatal and serious accidents recorded in Henry County between 2004 and 2008, Trustee Lawson said the village was eligible to participate in a program to replace street signs. The program, Rural Local Agency Traffic Sign Upgrade, will provide funds to replace all street signs in the village, bringing them up to current code regarding reflectivity and other standards. The village board gave general consent to participate in the program.

President Cooper and the board decided the village would not participate in sidewalk installation at 1410 14<sup>th</sup> Street as requested by the Catholic Church. The church was requesting 50/50 participation, but village funds are currently being used to repair or replace existing sidewalk. The church may proceed with the project on its own but wants to place the sidewalk against the curb. The pitfalls of that placement were discussed, but the board decided to let the church place it at their own discretion with strong urging not to place it against the curb.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve payment of \$44,887.50 to Putnam County Painting. Prior to the vote it was noted the east tower painting was almost complete and \$23,000 is still owed to the contractor. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

A local contractor has been hired, at Putnam County's expense, to reshape the ground around the base of the east tower and reseed for grass. The water superintendent will work on refilling the tower with water.

Trustee Newman said the security system server cabinet could arrive this week and be installed next week. The cabinet will cost \$1,100, including a fan.

A nondisclosure agreement prepared by Ames Law Office will be reviewed by Trustee Newman and Clerk Sampson and discussed with Steve Ames prior to presentation to the board.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

Trustee Newman said there were no police issues to discuss. Minor expenses have been incurred but they are within budget. Trustee O'Leary asked that officers keep a close watch in school zones for speeding drivers. The board was also concerned about

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overweight vehicles driving on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Trustee Lawson said he would see if appropriate weight limit signs had been installed.

Trustee Peterson announced the donation of a memorial bench in Central Park by Dave & Patsy Crippen in honor of Bob and Mary Jane Coulter, parents of Patsy. The bench will arrive in about 4 weeks and be placed at a site in the park yet to be determined.

Trustee Peterson presented a proposal from Shelley Ditzman, representing the Orion Little League, to change some fencing on two baseball diamonds in Love Park. Bids on the project are between \$12,000 and \$27,000. The organization would appreciate funding assistance from the village but plans to go ahead with the project regardless. Trustee Newman said the Coulter Trust would be a good funding source. Trustee Peterson said he and Park Supt. Arnie Sandberg looked at the league's plan and did not see any problem with letting them proceed.

Trustee Peterson said there are 20 ash trees in Love Park, 11 in Central Park, and three on Village Hall property. The emerald ash borer has been located in the state of Illinois and is known to kill ash trees. Trustee Peterson and Trustee Newman agreed to meet with a forester from Loud Thunder to discuss possible treatment or removal of the species.

Annual Trick-or-Treat night was set for October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 p.m.

President Cooper reminded the public there is still a vacant trustee seat on the village board. If no one steps forth with an interest in being appointed the seat will remain empty until the next election.

President Cooper thanked Street Supt. Neil Dahl for painting crosswalks and handicapped parking areas.

President Cooper and Trustee Peterson will be attending another meeting to address disaster planning on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Other trustees were invited to provide input and/or attend the meeting.

Scott Kammerman, Missman, Inc. engineer, arrived at the meeting and briefly discussed the results of the sewer relief main bid opening. He said Foley Construction was well known in the area.

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.



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