

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., September 17, 2012, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: Cooper.

President Pro-Tem Drucker called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Newman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 5, 2012. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Newman to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$49,422.31, General Depr.-\$4,676.02, Recycle Collections-\$1,880.48, Water O&M-\$3,957.30, Water Depr.-\$34,942.28, Water Cap. Impr.-\$43,476.25, Sewer O&M-\$8,180.27, Sewer Cap, Impr.-\$5,730.00, Motor Fuel Tax-\$83.56, and Fines-\$438.75. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

Deb Ford, Main Street Orion Director, informed the board the Love Locks program was underway and a ceremony would be held October 20th in Central Park at the old backstop. She encouraged everyone to participate. Proceeds will benefit the band shell. Director Ford also said the Shop Orion First contest would be held again. The last contest resulted in over \$100,000 in receipts from those shopping at MSO business members. A prize of \$500 in MSO gift certificates will go to the winner of a drawing that will include all participants.

Director Ford asked the board for permission to store a small enclosed trailer in the fenced area at the sand filter building. She had discussed the issue with village employees who suggested that site. President Pro-Tem Drucker said MSO would be required to provide proper insurance coverage that would release the village from any liability. He said, since the village provides a substantial amount of funding to MSO and has strong ties to the organization, it should be allowed to store the equipment on village property. The board agreed.

It was noted that the Orion Lions' Club donated funds to help pay for roofing the Central Park picnic shelter. Trustee Peterson said both parks were being fully used last weekend.

Trustee O'Leary reported no word on any further progress from Golars or the IEPA regarding the gas vapor investigation.

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Trustee Lawson said the street department was getting crosswalks painted and would soon be pouring concrete for sidewalk repairs.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Drucker to approve a Supplemental Resolution and Revised Cost of Estimate for Motor Fuel Tax in the amount of \$5,189.79. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

President Pro-Tem Drucker said the interior painting of the east water tower was almost complete and the final red coat for the exterior is being applied. The number of inspections on the tower may be reduced due to the good progress by Putnam County Painting.

Trustee Newman received a draft of a nondisclosure agreement and will review for future presentation to the board. He also said a cabinet needed to be purchased to hold the server for the security camera system. It will be moved to a wall in the basement under the stairwell. The server puts off heat and is overwhelming the temperature of the room where it's currently stored. Prior to moving the equipment, a village employee will run a separate circuit dedicated to the server. Since the cabinet was not budgeted, it was moved by Newman, seconded by Lawson to allot \$1,100 for the purchase and installation of a server cabinet. Prior to a vote the board discussed the fact that a fan for the cabinet might increase its cost. Therefore, it was moved by Newman, seconded by Lawson to amend the previous motion to allot not more than \$1,500 for the purchase and installation of a server cabinet. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Drucker to approve a Commitment Letter with BankORION in the amount of \$400,000 to be paid over a 10-yr. loan term with a 5-yr. balloon. Prior to the vote the board discussed sewer income received thus far from an agreement with Millenium Waste, potential income from the Orion Sanitary District, and the possibility that grant funds might become available after the next election. It was also noted the two outstanding sewer loans will not be paid off until 2021 and 2022. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

The board discussed establishing a video gaming license fee. Clerk Sampson asked if the fee was necessary and suggested the board not institute a fee. She said some small businesses have suffered increases in state fees and the potential annual license income for the village, which according to board discussions could total in the neighborhood of \$100, would be minimal. The board felt a fee was necessary, though questions remained about who would check qualifying establishments to determine the number of machines

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at each site. It was thought that the liquor commissioner would perform that task. It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Peterson to set a video gaming license fee at \$25 per gaming machine, annually. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

Trustee Newman talked with Henry County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Femali about vandalism issues in Central Park that were reported at the last board meeting. He noted, since Deputy Femali is not superior in rank to the other deputies in Orion, he also talked to Captain Jeff Happach about the vandalism issue and was assured all deputies would be doing walk-through patrols. Trustee Newman asked board members to approach him with issues in a timely manner so he could work with Deputy Femali and Captain Happach to address them.

Clerk Sampson reminded board members to complete required training for the Open Meetings Act. The training can be done online and a certificate of completion can be printed at the end of the session. Training must be completed by December 31st.

Trustee Lawson reported a successful turnout for the Orion Athletic Booster Club event held on 10th Avenue last weekend. He said the fundraiser brought in at least \$9,000 for the club.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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