

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., August 6, 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.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 16, 2012. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Dominic Remmes addressed the board about the proposal to haul leachate waste from Millennium Waste landfill to the village's sewer plant. He explained that IEPA permits were pending and he did not anticipate any problems. Leachate is tested twice per year for the Bureau of Land and the IEPA's Bureau of Water but on different six month cycles. Mr. Reemes said in his management of three landfills no leachate has ever tested for hazardous materials. Millennium can store leachate for a period of time if conditions at the sewer plant are not suitable for disposal. Two million to 3.5 million gallons per year could be generated, and six truckloads per week could be disposed of at Orion's sewer plant. The trucks would bring the loads on one day each week. The board discussed with Mr. Reemes the possibility of dumping the loads at a manhole on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the Prairie Knoll lift station. Mr. Reemes will consult with the sewer superintendent about the dumping site.

Mindy Carls, *Orion Gazette* editor, alerted the board that Gatehouse Media may require her to start tweeting during village board meetings, therefore requiring the use of a cell phone, which is normally banned during meetings.

Trustee Newman said the Orion Area Food Pantry planned to paint walls in the Village Hall basement where the organization stores its food. The pantry will also purchase shelving units so food can be removed from floor storage. Pantry funds will be used for the improvements. Trustee Drucker reminded the board that the pantry should consult with the village clerk since village records are stored in the same room.

It was reported that Tri-City Electric expects to begin the security camera installation in Central Park on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The work should be completed in three days time. Trustee Newman will be on-site to approve the camera views on the final day. He is attempting to locate a sample non-disclosure agreement form that all who have access to the camera views will be required to sign. Trustee Peterson suggested posting signs in the park indicating the presence of the cameras.

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Trustee Drucker set the next Finance Committee meeting for August 15, 2012 at 4 p.m. at Village Hall. The committee will do a quarterly review of financial records among other things.

President Cooper said the Police Committee chair will be Trustee Newman. He offered to take the chairmanship since Trustee Drucker was busy with the east water tower project.

Trustee Newman said the new police vehicle, a 2013 Ford Explorer, arrived. The vehicle will be in use in about one week, at which time all equipment switch-over will be complete. The use of decals for the squad was discussed, and the board felt something should be applied to the exterior indicating it is an Orion vehicle.

Mr. Don Johnston addressed the board on the issue of video gaming, which he and his wife oppose. Mr. Johnston cited studies proving the addictive nature of the entertainment. He said video gaming is more addictive than many other forms of gambling. Mr. Johnston's comments were in response to a request by liquor establishments to approve an ordinance allowing video gaming. He felt there would be no positive benefit to the village, financially or otherwise, and he noted other counties and municipalities that had banned the games. President Cooper thanked the Johnstons for their input and said the village board would do further review of the request before a decision would be made. Trustee Lawson urged action on the issue, noting approval would not be detrimental to anyone and the board had only heard from one objector in three weeks. President Cooper asked village attorney John Ames to draft an ordinance for review at the next meeting.

Trustee Peterson thanked his wife for applying a new coat of stain to the Central Park shelter. Orion Lion's Club decals were also applied.

Trustee O'Leary said new pumps are being installed at the plant and the lift station. Sludge beds were emptied and sludge was hauled and applied to an approved farm field.

President Cooper followed up a letter to Senator Mike Jacobs with a couple of phone calls but had not yet heard back from the senator. The letter asked for a funding commitment for the sewer relief main.

Trustee Lawson said Street Superintendent Neil Dahl was removing trees and stumps on the right-of-way along 10<sup>th</sup> Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues. He will be working on a section of 13<sup>th</sup> Street at the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection in the near future. Trustee O'Leary asked that storm drains be cleaned of debris.

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President Cooper noted the passing of Paul Daughenbaugh, a longtime resident of Orion who owned a tree service company that had done a lot of work for the village.

Trustee Drucker said a minor water main break that occurred over the weekend was repaired. It was on the west side of 13<sup>th</sup> Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues. There was minimal disruption to one resident.

Trustee Drucker presented a bill for payment and said about \$75,000 of the bill was for containment at the east water tower. It was also noted that 45% of the exterior had been completed. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve payment of \$101,216.25 to Putnam County Painting for the east water tower project. Prior to a vote Trustee O'Leary asked if inspections were being performed. Trustee Drucker said they were being performed and Missman, Inc. was satisfied with the results. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Drucker said no one from the school or booster club had contacted him about paying the \$2,400 fee to add 'Chargers' on the stem of the tower.

After brief discussion about the extremely dry weather and a recommendation from the chief of the Orion Fire Department, the board agreed to institute a burn ban for landscape waste beginning immediately. The ban will remain in place until further notice.

Discussion was held about opening the landscape waste site earlier than normal but no decision was made. Mr. Chris Walton asked the board if he could use the site for his commercial tree service when he's working at Orion properties. President Cooper said the site was not intended for commercial use.

President Cooper appointed Village Clerk Lori Sampson and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Mizen as F.O.I.A. officer and alternate, respectively.

Deb Ford, Director of Main Street Orion, said the organization is planning the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the Central Park band shell and is seeking permission to do a fireworks display of some sort as a finale to the event on the evening of August 10, 2013. The board agreed it could be done if a pyrotechnic official could safely provide the display. Orion Fire Chief Dan Myers would need to sign the permit.

Trustee Lawson noted the high usage rate of the picnic shelters in the parks. He was pleased that so many people were using the parks.

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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.

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk



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