

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., July 16, 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: Stiles.

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 2, 2012. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Stiles.

Mr. Larry Buckwalter from Tri-County/H&H Amusements was present to discuss the new video gaming laws. Mr. Chris Walton & Mr. Justin Seabloom, and Mrs. Kim Stiles, owners of Belly Up and Stooges, respectively, were also present and requested the board consider an ordinance allowing video gaming in their establishments. The board learned up to five machines per liquor establishment were allowed, each with nine possible games. Bets allowed are penny, nickel, dime, and quarter with a maximum \$500 jackpot during any one session. The establishment owners give immediate pay out of winnings. Mr. Buckwalter said all transactions are monitored by the state of Illinois. Municipalities are allowed to charge up to \$250 for an annual license and will receive 5% of the 30% in revenue received by the state. Mr. Walton said the video gaming would give his patrons something to do and perhaps prevent them from spending their money in an alternate Quad City establishment. Other Quad City area municipalities are considering or have already adopted an ordinance to allow the gaming. Mr. Buckwalter said the state is backlogged with applications for the machines, so it could be a several month process for an establishment to obtain a state license after a local ordinance is adopted.

Trustee Drucker said the village of Watauga purchased the old generator after seeing it listed for sale on Illinois Rural Water Assoc.'s website. They paid \$2,000. Since the generator was previously used in an all-purpose manner, Trustee Drucker recommended the proceeds be used to purchase a Christmas ground display for Central Park. The board agreed.

Trustee Drucker asked the board if they wanted to require a performance bond for Putnam County Painting. The bond would cover unfinished work if the contractor defaulted. The village could get the full amount of the bond unless the contractor was now owed that much. The bond also offers some protection as to the quality of the job for up to one year. Discussion was held about past experience with the contractor and his reputation, which is good, and the fact that inspections are being required. Mr. Scott Kammerman, Missman engineer, reminded the board they had a \$200,000 investment to protect. The contractor has been on the job site for about two weeks. It was moved by

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Drucker, seconded by Lawson to not require Putnam County Painting to obtain a performance bond for the east water tower project. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Stiles.

Hydrant flushing has been completed, and Trustee Drucker reported the water superintendent thus far had no concerns about the drought and found no need to restrict water usage.

Trustee Drucker said the east tower would be painted red with white letters in a black band around the sphere. He said the word Charger may be painted on the stem but only if financed by some organization other than the village.

Trustee Newman told the board Tri-City Electric will install the security cameras in August. He will coordinate the installation with Clerk Sampson, Park Supt. Arnie Sandberg, the police, and Trustee Peterson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2012. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Stiles.

President Cooper read a resignation letter from Trustee Stiles, which indicated he had purchased a home in a neighboring community, making him ineligible to retain his trustee seat in Orion. President Cooper asked for suggestions regarding a replacement to fill out Stiles' term.

President Cooper said he would discuss with Henry County Deputy Joe Femali the need for an extra officer on Saturday night of the Orion Fall Fest. Trustee Drucker volunteered to oversee the Police Committee until an interim trustee could be appointed.

Trustee Peterson said someone kicked in the door of the dugout in Love Park. It was repaired by Park Supt. Sandberg. The dugout was built by an athletic club, but President Cooper said the village ultimately becomes owner of anything built in the park.

President Cooper asked the board to complete a questionnaire about hazard mitigation. He and Trustee Peterson attended the second of five required meetings to become eligible for FEMA funds in the event of a disaster.

Trustee O'Leary outlined a plan to allow Millennium Waste's Quad City Landfill to dispose of landfill runoff at the village's sewer plant. Mr. Dominic Remmes contacted Sewer Supt. Christ Lundburg to ask permission to bring the waste to Orion. He offered

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to pay \$.02/gl. and said about one truckload per day, six days per week, would be dumped, each load totaling 6,500 gallons. The company was looking for a different dump site because Milan, where Millennium was doing business, had raised its rates. The board asked Trustee O'Leary to find out if the rate offered by Millennium was reasonable and if not, to propose an alternate rate. Trustee O'Leary said the plant was fully capable of handling the extra flow and no Illinois EPA involvement was necessary. All waste testing and IEPA compliance was handled by Millennium. No contract is necessary and the daily delivery can be terminated at any time. It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Peterson to allow Trustee O'Leary to negotiate the disposal fee with Millennium Waste with the minimum amount set at \$.02/gl. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Lawson. Noes: Drucker. Absent: None.

It was reported that some work had been done on outlining necessary easements for the sewer relief main but it was not yet complete. Trustee O'Leary planned to talk to school officials and Catholic Church officials about how the project will affect those properties.

Trustee Lawson said sidewalk work will be done in the fall. Seeding of areas where ditch work had been completed would also be done toward fall when the weather should be more appropriate. President Cooper said he had discussed the sidewalk work with employees earlier in the day.

President Cooper said one person asked him on several occasions if the village planned to continue to subsidize recycling for seniors who qualified for the property tax freeze. He told the board 107 seniors qualify at a cost of around \$3,600/yr. This equates to \$2 per person. Trustee Drucker said one complaint out of a population of 1,861 wasn't enough to make him reconsider the subsidy. He also noted that other taxing bodies offer subsidies, such as the school district. It offers lifetime passes to seniors to attend school events. Trustee Drucker thought the small subsidy was worthwhile and no other trustees said they wanted to reconsider the issue.

President Cooper said a letter would be sent to Senator Mike Jacobs outlining previous meetings between him and village officials where offers were made to assist Orion with funding for the sewer relief main project. He hoped that Senator Jacobs would be able to provide some funding prior to the village's IEPA-enforced deadline of September 2012. The letter will request a response by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

President Cooper read a letter from the family of a soldier killed in action. They expressed gratitude for the respect shown when the body was transported through Orion.

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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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