

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., May 5, 2014, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, 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 meeting held April 21, 2014. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Mitton to establish a policy to maintain the emergency sirens on a cycle of every four years, beginning in the current year, and hire Braniff Communications to perform the 2014 maintenance at a cost of \$700. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Peterson said a drinking fountain is being investigated for a hydrant in Love Park. There are issues with a hand dryer not functioning properly in the Love Park restrooms.

The water department is still monitoring well pumpage and being alert for signs of a main leak. Trustee Drucker asked the board to be considering whether aging water mains should be replaced on a consistent basis or the department should wait until failure to address problems.

Village attorney John Ames completed easement documents for 7th/8th Street property owners between 14/15th Avenues. Sewer repairs will be done in that area this summer. Trustee O'Leary thanked Attorney Ames for his assistance. Regarding last year's sewer relief main work, the punch list is still outstanding and Missman, Inc. has not heard back from Foley Construction as to a time frame for completion. Some property owners are still owed bushes and trees.

Trustee Lawson said the street superintendent had begun to install new street signs. As a result, a GPS device will be purchased to record exact sign locations. Also, ditch work in the 14th Avenue B area has been completed, and the fire department improved a portion of the street, curb, and sidewalk on the east side of 5th Street. It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Mitton to allow one handicap parking space on the east side of 5th Street north of 11th Avenue near the fire station. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

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Trustee Newman said the park storage building meeting was rescheduled for 3 p.m., Friday, May 9th, at Village Hall.

President Cooper related a story about chasing an erratic driver on Rt. 150 and calling 911 to have police at the ready when the driver reached Alpha. The driver ultimately pulled into a driveway, where he was arrested by authorities. President Cooper asked people to take heed and not ignore wrongdoing when it could endanger lives.

A Finance Committee meeting will be held May 14, 2014 at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

The board discussed the issue of hiring a summer employee. Some trustees felt without a structured plan the quantity of work completed would suffer. Others noted the poor work ethic of some past summer employees. Though mowing, painting, and cleaning ditches were examples of work to be done, some trustees wanted a more specific list associated with how long it would take to complete each task. Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg said the board was throwing the baby out with the bathwater because of a few bad experiences here and there. He felt summer employees, as a whole, had worked well over the past 25 years. Supt. Lundburg said there would be no lack of work for an employee. Trustee Drucker still wanted to see a list of work duties. It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Peterson to hire one summer employee. Discussion ensued prior to the vote with Trustee O'Leary objecting to hiring an inferior employee who couldn't or wouldn't do the work. It was noted that the summer employee's duties must be detailed and work performance would be judged on a weekly basis. Firing a summer employee who did not perform well would not be out of the question. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Mitton, Peterson, and Lawson. Noes: O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. There being a tie vote, President Cooper voted aye and the motion carried.

Revisions to the recently adopted animal ordinance were discussed. Changes were made to recoup fees from offenders and make clear that the ordinance only pertains to domestic animals and change Orion Veterinary Service to Orion Veterinary Clinic. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to adopt Ordinance #2014-4 amending the Animal Control regulations. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Drucker said the veterinarians will be breaking ground soon for their new facility next to the car wash.

President Cooper and Trustee Drucker will review building, electrical, and plumbing permit fees. Trustee Newman made a motion to adopt Cambridge's fee system then withdrew the motion so further research could be done.

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President Cooper thanked Clerk Sampson for participating in the Standard & Poor's ratings call. Bernardi Securities hopes to save the village \$15,000 to \$20,000 over the life of the refinanced sewer loan. Attorney Ames was also thanked for his help getting documents prepared to make the refinancing possible.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to enter executive session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss personnel salary. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:45 p.m.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to set the village clerk's salary at \$6,000 annually, payable in increments of \$300 each month, plus an additional \$1,200 in April and \$1,200 in October; also, \$100 for each special board meeting and \$25 for each recessed board meeting, which the clerk shall attend. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk