

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., July 21, 2014, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

President Cooper called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. He said Trustees Newman and Lawson were out of town.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 2, 2014. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$52,712.14, General Depr.-\$1,000, Debt Retire.-\$35,063.33, Recycle Collections-\$1,808.04, Water O&M-\$3,568.54, Water Depr.-\$1,266.70, Sewer O&M-\$11,628.56, Sewer Depr.-\$1,333.34, Sewer Cap. Impr.-\$650.00, Phase I Loan Retire-\$71,502.69, Relief Main Loan Retirement-\$86,142.70, and MFT-\$463.99. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

Mindy Carls, Orion Gazette editor, said a city guide will be included in the next issue of the Gazette and will include information about Orion and Andover. She said she was assisted by Deputy Clerk Sandy Mizen in gathering Orion's information.

Henry County Sheriff Jim Padilla and Captain Jeff Happach were present to discuss an option for Orion to gain another qualified part-time officer to fill empty shifts. Captain Happach said the village would be required to pay an upfront, refundable fee of \$1,450. The money would be refunded by the state of Illinois if the officer successfully completed the course. Captain Happach said the Sheriff's Dept. only sends those they are certain can complete the training and requires a physical fitness test be passed prior to the training. It was suggested the village have the deputy they sponsor sign an agreement to work a minimum number of hours in Orion. It was moved by Mitton, seconded by Peterson to approve payment to train one Henry County deputy for part-time duty in Orion, dependent upon that individual committing to work a minimum number of hours for Orion and successfully completing the training. If the deputy fails the training, the village must be reimbursed the cost by that deputy. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

Trustees Peterson and Mitton will hang no smoking signs in the parks.

After questions arose about the status of the park storage building Trustee Mitton said he would contact Trustee Newman and offer to take over the project if he was too busy with other things.

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Trustee Peterson said chains on some playground equipment were found to be deficient and would be fixed immediately.

Trustee Drucker told the board about a bill passed by the house and senate regulating the cost of water and sewer connection fees. He urged a veto of the bill by Governor Quinn. A letter was sent to the governor expressing the village's concerns about the financial impact of the regulation.

Water Supt. Arnie Sandberg has begun the 8th Street project of connecting water laterals to a new main installed several years ago. There had been some delay of the project due to the availability of materials. Residents in the area were notified of the work and pictures were taken of the landscape prior to the start of work. The pictures will ensure the landscape will be returned to its original condition. After this project is completed, the east tank and tower work will begin.

Trustee O'Leary said Foley Construction arrived to repair the damaged Foss drainage tile. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Mitton to approve payment to Foley Construction in the amount of \$41,873.37 dependent upon their commitment to repair the damaged drain tile at the Rodney Foss residence. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

President Cooper thanked Water Supt. Sandberg for his expertise in uncovering the drainage tile on the Foss property.

Trustee O'Leary said MidAmerican Energy would only have to move one utility pole to allow access for the sewer repair behind homes along 8th Street. Once the project is started it is expected to be completed in two days.

Trustee O'Leary said frequent Millennium Waste deliveries continue to provide extra income for the sewer system.

Trustee Drucker asked that storm drains be cleaned. Trustee O'Leary asked that the ditch on the south side of the east entrance near the Catholic Church be attended to. The ditch is collecting water and becoming a haven for mosquitoes.

Trustee Mitton questioned the number of hours the village might require from the part-time deputy discussed previously. A contract was available for the deputy to sign; however, Attorney Ames said there were things in the contract that should be changed. The village might consider sharing the cost of developing a suitable contract with the

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Cambridge board, since it is also thinking about paying for part-time training of Henry County personnel.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to approve Ordinance #2014-9, Appropriations totaling \$3,990,000. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman and Lawson.

Trustee Cooper said Bill Pettifer, the village's building inspector, will resign his position July 31st. President Cooper offered the suggestion of asking Cambridge's inspector to do Orion's as well. He also performs inspections in Andover. His fee is \$40 per inspection. It was unclear who issued permits. President Cooper will check with Cambridge for more details.

President Cooper attended another meeting on the proposed Henry County enterprise zone. Legislators were present to discuss the importance of the zone, but President Cooper felt Orion would not directly benefit from the zone. There could be residual benefits from other Henry County communities' successes. President Cooper asked the board to keep that in mind when considering financial participation.

A property on 11th Avenue will be cleaned and mowed on Thursday by a company hired by the village. The tenant did not respond to letters notifying him of the infractions. The yard is littered with furniture and garbage and grass and weeds are grossly overgrown. Water service to this residence was disconnected in March for nonpayment. President Cooper said the Henry County Health Department was contacted about the issue of someone living in a building without sanitary services. He said the village should have an ordinance denying occupancy if sanitary services are unavailable.

President Cooper said it was unfortunate that the two people quoted in news articles about Orion's gas vapor issue did not attend any board meetings to glean answers to their questions. He said he was very upset about the slant of the stories and Trustee Mitton agreed, saying the blame seemed to be placed squarely on the village. President Cooper chose not to respond to requests for comment for fear of being misquoted. He also said he contacted the Illinois EPA about relining some sewer mains to block out the odor and had received no reply. President Cooper asked the IEPA to pay for lining those mains. Since the stories appeared in the press, Mrs. Wanda Beck contacted President Cooper to complain about the bad publicity ruining the chance of selling her deceased mother's house at auction August 9th. She also claimed the village forced her mother to fill her basement drain with concrete. Mrs. Beck's mother, Lela Hawkins, chose to fill the drain because it did not have a trap and did not meet code. The lack of a trap allowed sewer fumes to come into her home.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk