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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., September 3, 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.

President Cooper commended the Fall Festival committee for a great job and successful weekend. He also thanked village employees and MSO for work done during this time. Many volunteers helped clean up after the festival. President Cooper added there was only one minor incident reported with a juvenile in the park. Also there were no reported noise complaints with the bands that played during the weekend festivities.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 18, 2014. Aye: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Drucker reported the capping off of the old water line on 8th Street was complete. Water Superintendent Sandberg has started cold patching across the street where laterals had been cut for the project. The east ground storage tank is scheduled to be washed and inspected next Wednesday.

Trustee O'Leary reported the project on 8th Street to replace broken tile will require the use of a box for safety due to the depth of digging by Myers Plumbing & Heating. Sewer Superintendent Lundburg advised Dan Myers will contact someone for the use of this box plus an excavator. They hope to get the project done yet this month.

Trustee O'Leary said he had met with the priest and Mr. Don Phillips from St. Mary Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church regarding a bill from Myers Plumbing & Heating. The church wants the village to pay the \$1,886.92 bill for charges to put a cleanout in the lateral. They don't think they should be responsible for the bill because Foley Construction cut a pipe during construction. The church was required to put a cleanout in their yard after the break was fixed in order to bring it up to village code. After a lengthy discussion President Cooper said he would be willing to pay half of the bill. It was also suggested to submit the bill to Foley after paying Myers Plumbing & Heating. Sewer Superintendent Lundburg did not advise the church to put in a cleanout or to call Myers. Trustee O'Leary advised Foley has not been contacted as of this date. He has only spoken with Scott Kammerman of Missman, Inc. regarding the issue. Trustees Lawson and Mitton both agreed the church is responsible for their own lateral and the matter

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should be between the church and Foley Construction. Trustee Drucker added he doesn't believe the village should pay Myers because the village has never participated in lateral damage in the past. Trustee Lawson also said this would be setting a precedent. The subject was tabled until the next board meeting since it was not on the agenda and also Attorney Ames was not present.

President Cooper advised the board he had a phone conversation with Mr. Hernando Albarracin, Mr. Harry Chappel, and Ms. Shirlene South of the IEPA regarding the sewer relining of 10th and 11th Avenues along with a portion of 2nd Street. The IEPA agreed to reimburse the village for costs involved in the relining of these locations after proof of payment is received. It is expected to cost around \$53,000.00. After more discussion regarding the 2nd Street portion of the sewer relining, sewer superintendent Lundburg stated that omitting the line on 2nd Street between 10th and 11th Avenues would not be in the best interest of the village. He advised doing all the area needed even if the IEPA doesn't pay for the extra portion of 2nd Street. Trustee O'Leary agreed with superintendent Lundburg. The cost of doing the extra portion will be approximately \$12,000.00. The work will be performed yet this fall season by Hoerr Construction. Hoerr has been given the go ahead to order the special pipe for the complete project. President Cooper suggested the bill for the entire job could be resubmitted to the IEPA for consideration. President Cooper requested the board vote on the complete project. In regard to the Open Meetings Act, trustees discussed whether the project could be voted on since it was not on the agenda. Trustee Drucker said the board couldn't vote and added he didn't want more problems. President Cooper advised the board to proceed, saying the State of Illinois has bigger problems to deal with than how Orion carries on its meeting. He acknowledged that if it wasn't right, he wanted to proceed anyway so they can get moving on the sewer project.

It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Mitton to approve the relining of sewer lines on 10th and 11th Avenues along with the entire 2nd Street portion. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Lawson reported the Henry County Highway Dept. is scheduled to oil and chip various streets next week depending on the weather. He added the hydraulic pump on the Ford tractor had been fixed as well as repairs made to the street sweeper. Street Superintendent Dahl will address a request from the Catholic Church to clean out the ditch and bury a pipe on 10th Street and 14th Avenue B. Missman, Inc. gave a recommendation on pipe size and Superintendent Dahl has priced materials at approximately \$3,000.00. He will need 50-60 feet of pipe. He hadn't

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advised the church yet of cost estimate. Trustee Lawson also reported new street signs had not been erected due to the importance of other jobs.

Trustee Newman noted the part-time police schedule continues to be filled. He will contact Deputy Baze regarding the amount the Fall Festival owes for extra police coverage during the weekend event.

Trustee Drucker advised the Finance Meeting was set for 4:00 p.m. on September 10, 2014 at Village Hall.

Trustee Mitton reported he is still waiting for an estimate on the band shell roof. He also noted Bart Sampson is looking into various costs with the Central Park storage building construction. Mr. Sampson advised the cost will be closer to \$27,000.00 to build rather than \$20,000.00 estimated at the start of the planning. President Cooper wants to go with the original plan of construction rather than cut costs. He suggested asking the Coulter Trust for additional funding, plus the Fall Festival committee as well as the village general fund. Mr. Sampson offered to donate part of his time on the project but President Cooper objected to that. Trustee Drucker suggested moving ahead on the project, even if money is not currently available. He said the general fund could be reimbursed after funds are received from other sources. President Cooper added that he thought the project would have to go out for bid if over \$20,000.00. Trustee O'Leary suggested asking MSO for \$2,500.00.

Trustee Newman said the band shell steps still need to be painted. Trustee Mitton will check with Park Superintendent Sandberg regarding extra paint he may have on hand for the project.

Trustee Peterson reported on a United Way pledge card filled out by someone with the recipient being Love Park. He spoke with someone at the organization who stated the village should fill out the paperwork and return it. Trustee Peterson thanked the Boy Scouts for their help with picnic tables and other jobs done during the Fall Festival. President Cooper added his thanks to Trustee Peterson for edging all sidewalks in Central Park before the Fall Festival.

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President Cooper advised the board of an additional employee opportunity he was made aware of. He was told by Ms. Judith Gilbert, Economic Development Administrator for the City of Colona that she would be resigning from her position there. Ms. Gilbert had met with President Cooper recently and provided her resume. She advised she would be available for part-time work or anything else the village may need help with such as grant writing, etc. She told President Cooper she had received an offer for employment and would like to do consulting work. Trustee Drucker questioned if she was knowledgeable on guidelines for grants. He suggested looking at the codebook to see what jobs descriptions are of Village Clerk, Collector, and Treasurer. Trustee Newman said he didn't agree with Trustee Drucker. The village could use someone for grant writing. Trustee Drucker said it would be advisable first to identify what a person in this position would be doing. He added that a lot of thought and planning needs to go into this. President Cooper advised that a company offering senior housing was planning on locating in Colona, but later backed out. He said Ms. Gilbert is knowledgeable in this field and this is something the Village of Orion needs.

President Cooper called for a vote to appoint Neal Nelson to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to complete the term of Mike Galliard due to Mr. Galliard moving to Iowa. Advising he did not know Mr. Nelson, Trustee Drucker asked for more information about him. President Cooper noted Nelson has lived in Orion for several years and his father was past president of Orion's school board. Trustee Lawson also noted he is a neighbor to him.

It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Mitton to advise and consent to President Cooper's appointment of Neal Nelson to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to complete the term of Mike Galliard. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper advised the Enterprise Zone was moving along rapidly. It will be to Orion's advantage if established in Colona and Cambridge. The village could submit its industrial park, TIF district, and Prairie Knoll subdivision for the Enterprise Zone. New homes and businesses could be exempt from sales tax on building materials. Attorney Ames will be contacted regarding how to submit to the Henry County Board.

President Cooper said the building inspector position still needs to be filled, when questioned by Trustee Newman. Mr. Jay Gibson who is building inspector for Cambridge and Andover will consider the position, but noted he doesn't fill out permit forms. President Cooper had not been

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advised yet of his answer. Trustee Newman noted approximately 60 building permits were issued by Bill Pettifer during the four month period he held the position in Orion. Trustee Newman has spoken with current inspector, Bart Sampson regarding the filling out of permits and Newman believes this job can be done by Village Hall staff. Trustee Drucker advised it is more complex than just filling in a form. Permits for plumbing and electrical need to be done by someone knowledgeable in those fields and able to answer specific questions. Trustee O'Leary added that he had a sample permit form and doesn't think the office staff can do the job due to all the questions on the form. After continued discussion from members, President Cooper advised that Orion will be out of a building inspector sometime soon when Bart Sampson advises he no longer will hold the temporary position.

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

Sandra P. Mizen
Deputy Clerk