

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., December 1, 2014, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, 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 November 17, 2014. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Tom Englemann was present to discuss the village's annual audit. He said the village had \$1.4 million on hand at the beginning of the last fiscal year and at the end of the year the cash balance was \$1.9 million. Debt totaled \$2.7 million at the end of the year. Mr. Englemann reminded the board of its duties as stewards of public money and the importance to maintain proper oversight. He encouraged the board to continue with Finance Committee meetings, where credit card purchases are reviewed, and ask questions if something doesn't look right. President Cooper said he appreciated Mr. Englemann's time spent auditing the village's accounts. Mr. Englemann praised the board on its conservative nature, noting the good bond rating recently issued by Standard & Poor's. President Cooper thanked Clerk Sampson, the Finance Committee, and the entire board for management of revenues and expenditures.

Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg said Mr. Darren Brown told him the contractor who installed his waterproofing found the source of the open airway in Mr. Brown's basement, which caused odors from the sewage system to seep in. However, the contractor was not scheduled to fix the problem until December 5th. The exhaust fan will be left in place at the 11th Avenue and 2nd Street manhole until the repairs can be made. Supt. Lundburg said Mr. Brown expressed his appreciation to the village for its willingness to keep the fan in place temporarily.

Trustee O'Leary met with Mr. Don Phillips, a representative of Mary Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, and told him the village was not going to participate in paying for installation of a clean out in the church's sewer lateral. In addition, the wet area on church property will be left untouched until next spring. Trustee O'Leary felt it could be due to a sump pump but church representatives thought it was the fault of Foley Construction, a contractor hired by the village to do sewer repairs. Trustee O'Leary said Foley agreed to fix the problem, if they caused it, but they would not dig up the area to investigate. Trustee O'Leary said he invited church representatives to the village board meeting, but none were present.

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President Cooper said he and Trustee O'Leary would meet with Scott Kammerman from Missman, Inc. to formulate a letter to the Illinois EPA regarding reimbursement of the sewer lining expense. The IEPA previously agreed to pay for a portion of the work, but President Cooper felt they should pay the entire bill. A bill has not yet been received from the contractor, Hoerr Construction. Trustee Drucker thanked President Cooper for his action and determination throughout the process of getting the IEPA to address the gas vapor issue, which stemmed from an incident in 1995. Trustee Drucker said the village would not be at the point it is without President Cooper's perseverance.

Trustee Lawson said he excused Street Supt. Neil Dahl from the meeting. He will attend the next board meeting instead.

Trustee Newman said the part-time police academy doesn't start until March or April, so the village should not expect to obtain any more part-time officers until after that time period. The county will be filling its open positions first and then will concentrate on supplying Orion with extra help. Trustee Newman said he would meet with Attorney Ames to review the draft of the part-time police training contract. It will be presented to the board when in its final form.

The Orion Division of the Henry County Sheriff's Dept. held its annual Cops & Kids program. Nineteen children from the Orion School District benefitted. Nine deputies along with a group of school teachers helped the children pick out Christmas gifts for themselves and their families. President Cooper thanked Deputy Chad Baze for spearheading the program.

The Finance Committee meeting was set for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at Village Hall, and Trustee Drucker reminded the board the tax levy hearing would be held December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Mitton thanked public works employees for putting away band shell extensions and erecting the Christmas tree in Central Park. He also noted Brad Snell was reroofing the band shell.

Mr. Ron Thompson and Trustee Peterson will turn on lights at the official lighting of the Christmas tree on December 5th. Main Street Orion is conducting an official ceremony and sponsoring other events as well.

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President Cooper opened a bid on the 1992 Chevy S10 pickup. The bid was from Neil Dahl in the amount of \$260. It was the only bid received. The board previously agreed to scrap the vehicle for \$250 but later found out people might be interested in bidding on it. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Drucker to award the 1992 Chevy S10 pickup to Mr. Neil Dahl at a cost of \$260. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

The exterior of the ground storage tank could still be cleaned this fall, weather permitting, according to Trustee Drucker. If weather does not permit, it will be cleaned in the spring and prior to the end of the fiscal year.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve a \$500 payment to fund the proposed Henry County Enterprise Zone. Prior to a vote, President Cooper said the amount was based on participants' populations. Trustee Mitton questioned the purpose of the funds that would be provided. President Cooper said an attorney had been hired who specializes in such matters and some of the funds would be used to pay for his services. The board discussed the lack of participation by Kewanee. President Cooper said Kewanee's motives were unknown but if they decided to join the county's enterprise zone at a later date, they should be required to pay for a portion of the initial expense. If the zone is approved, an administrator must be hired and that person's salary would be paid by revenue from industries already in place in Henry County communities. President Cooper did not expect the zone to be a financial burden to participating communities by requiring annual contributions.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk