

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 15, 2014, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: Newman.

President Cooper called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. He said Trustee Newman was absent due to another obligation.

It was moved by Mitton, seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 1, 2014. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$21,594.40, Recycle Collections-\$2,093.00, Water O&M-\$2,011.78, Sewer O&M-\$3,061.79, Sewer Cap. Impr.-\$55,700.00, MFT-\$411.68, Special Tax Allotment-\$82,677.00, Fines-\$210.95, and Cops & Kids-\$20.42. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the calendar year meeting dates: 01/05/15, 01/19/15, 02/02/15, 02/16/15, 03/02/15, 03/16/15, 04/06/15, 04/20/15, 05/04/15, 05/18/15, 06/01/15, 06/15/15, 07/06/15, 07/20/15, 08/03/15, 08/17/15, 09/09/15*, 09/21/15, 10/05/15, 10/19/15, 11/02/15, 11/16/15, 12/07/15, and 12/21/15. *Wednesday. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

Susan Moen, Main Street Orion Director, thanked the board for its donation to the Saturday with Santa event, which served 175 children from the area. She also thanked those who participated in the tree lighting ceremony held in Central Park. Director Moen deemed the event successful.

Mr. Damon Seys, troop leader for Cub Scout Troop 123, was present along with his scouts. The scouts were present to learn about the workings of municipal government. Introductions were made and the scouts presented the board with patches from the 2014 Soap Box Derby. President Cooper told the scouts the board works together to run the village and they have many duties beyond attending board meetings. He also said he enjoyed the annual Soap Box Derby event and appreciated the scout leaders' efforts.

Trustee Lawson said Street Supt. Neil Dahl had been assisting the sewer department by putting together a trailer for transportation of pumps. Supt. Dahl said he had also been working toward a storm drain solution for water carried from 5th Street westward to the west side of 3rd Street. Existing storm drain runs under buildings in some areas and is without easements. This makes it

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impossible for the village to repair. He said something needed to be done to resolve the situation before major upgrades were scheduled for 5th Street. President Cooper asked that Supt. Dahl and a Missman, Inc. engineer return to the board with a plan for new storm drain and easement acquisition. Supt. Dahl said he also had plans to overlay 6th Street, from 13th Ave. A to 15th Ave., with blacktop.

Trustee O'Leary said repairs to a sewer drain at Darren Brown's were expected to be completed this week. It is presumed that the odor in Mr. Brown's basement is caused by a defect in the drain. After repairs have been made, the exhaust fan at 11th Ave. and 2nd Street will be removed. Any continuing odor problem would be deemed Mr. Brown's responsibility. In other business, it was reported Millennium Waste and the secondary waste company continue to deliver leachate to the sewer plant.

President Cooper said the final cost to line the sewer mains was \$55,700. The village will submit payment to Hoerr Co. and attempt to get reimbursed for the total amount by the Illinois EPA. Missman, Inc. will assist the village in writing a letter to the IEPA regarding the reimbursement.

Trustee Mitton said the roof on the band shell was completed and looks good. The contractor will submit a bill to the clerk's office.

Trustee Drucker said it looked doubtful that the west ground storage tank would be cleaned before inclement weather arrived. Instead, it will be cleaned in the spring.

Trustee Peterson supplied Mrs. Kathy Parrish with recreation equipment catalogs to review. Mrs. Parrish is considering donation of a piece of equipment in memory of her husband. The equipment would be installed in Love Park.

A complaint was received about dog owners allowing their pets to roam free in Love Park. In addition, the complainant said some owners don't pick up after their dogs. Clerk Sampson said she had already penned an article to be included in the March edition of *The Nosy Neighbor* newsletter, hoping to catch the attention of offenders. Information will also be included in the *Orion Gazette*. Deputies will also be asked to monitor the park from time to time.

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President Cooper thanked Park Superintendent Arnie Sandberg for taking care of the wiring for Christmas decorations. The sentiment was echoed by Trustee Drucker, who also thanked him for taking care of the lighted tree at the north entrance to the village.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to adopt Ordinance #2014-11, Tax Levy totaling \$193,155. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to adopt Ordinance #2014-12, Abating Tax Levied for 2014 to Pay Debt Service on G.O. Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source). Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

As noted at the last board meeting, Trustee Drucker reminded the board the Finance Committee will meet at 4 p.m., December 17, 2014 at Village Hall.

President Cooper mentioned again the generosity of the Orion Division of the Henry County Sheriff's Department for providing the Cops & Kids program for Christmas.

President Cooper thanked Clerk Sampson for organizing the annual Christmas dinner for employees and the board. A good time was had by all.

President Cooper wished those present a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Drucker said many of the employees had approached him with thanks for their Christmas bonuses. He said they greatly appreciated the gesture. President Cooper said next year's bonuses would be based on the results of performance reviews. He will speak to the employees about the change. Trustees Newman and Mitton were tasked with developing a way to evaluate performance.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to adjourn. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: Newman. Absent: Newman.

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk