

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
VILLAGE BOARD

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., January 19, 2015, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: Cooper.

President Pro-Tem Drucker called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mitton, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 5, 2015. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Newman to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$22,402.16, General Depr.-\$28.98, Debt Retirement-\$35,634.13, Recycle-\$1,703.79, Water O&M-\$2,009.17, Sewer O&M-\$4,398.04, Sewer Cap. Impr.-\$706.07, Band Shell Preservation-\$4,800.00, and Cops & Kids-\$2,830.49. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

Trustee O'Leary told the board the plumbing inspector and Sewer Supt. Chris Lundburg went to Mr. Darren Brown's house, 106 11th Ave., almost 24 hours after the exhaust fan venting the 11th Avenue manhole had been turned off in order to determine if odors had seeped into the basement. Neither gentleman could smell any odors, yet a couple hours later Mr. Brown contacted Supt. Lundburg to say an odor was present, but it was not fuel related. The exhaust fan was then turned back on and the village's plumbing inspector asked Mr. Brown to get his plumbing system smoke tested to check for deficiencies. The testing was to be done this week but was postponed by the contractor. In the meantime, Supt. Lundburg received information from Golars indicating there was no fuel contamination on Mr. Brown's property. The board asked that Supt. Lundburg keep in close contact with Mr. Brown and prod him to complete the smoke testing as quickly as possible.

Trustee Mitton said the park storage building project encountered a snag with the availability of masons and the cost of masonry. It was reported Coulter Trust donated another \$5,000 toward the project. The board was grateful for the donation.

Trustee Mitton said he and Trustee Newman prepared a preliminary packet regarding employee performance evaluation and goal setting. The board was asked to review the packet and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting. Trustee O'Leary said he was opposed to the idea.

President Pro-Tem Drucker said a water main leak occurred Saturday, January 10th, on 10th Street just south of 11th Avenue. The culprit of the leak was rusty bolts. Due to

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thickness of frost in the ground, the project took most of the day and Water Supt. Arnie Sandberg stayed on site for the duration. Miller Trucking was contracted to do the digging and repair. Costs are not yet known.

President Pro-Tem Drucker said a leak in the piping at the east well is estimated to cost \$35,000 to repair. The estimate includes using pricier but longer lasting stainless steel in lieu of galvanized pipe. It is hoped the leak will not worsen and repairs can be scheduled for warmer weather. Water Supt. Sandberg will keep a close watch on the leak and be prepared to move forward with repairs if it worsens.

Trustee Peterson said electrical repairs in Love Park were quoted around \$22,000, and \$16,135 was received from the Coulter Trust. He thanked the Trust for its award to the village and noted the project would be included in the FY2016 budget.

President Pro-Tem Drucker said in addition to the Wyman R. Coulter Trust monetary awards for upgrading the electrical system in Love Park and the Central Park storage building, \$20,000 was donated to the sewer department for relief main loan principal pay-down. He expressed thanks to the Trust board for its generosity.

FY2016 budget request forms will be available on or before February 13th and must be completed and submitted by March 13th. The Finance Committee will review the requests, put together a proposed budget, and present to the village board April 6th. The board will vote on the budget April 20th.

Trustee Newman said an audit was conducted on the Henry County Sheriff's Department and one conclusion drawn was the need for taser guns. The sheriff's department has recommended tasers for Orion deputies as well. The Finance Committee reviewed two proposals for the purchase of a taser. The plan recommended allows for the purchase of a taser and its accessories at a cost of \$1,305.20 plus an annual fee of \$185 for five years, which allows the taser to be repaired or replaced at any time and an upgrade to a new taser at the end of the term. It was moved by Newman, seconded by Drucker to purchase one taser gun and associated accessories under the Taser Assurance Plan at a cost slightly less than \$1,500. Prior to a vote Trustee Lawson asked if the contract between Henry County and Orion obligated the sheriff's department to buy the weaponry. The answer to the question was unknown and the motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Drucker, Newman, and Peterson. Noes: O'Leary, Lawson, and Mitton. Since the village president was absent the tie vote could not be broken and the motion was lost. Trustee Newman will review the contract with Henry County to provide an answer to Trustee Lawson's question at the next meeting.

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President Pro-Tem Drucker told trustees it would be a good idea for them to attend Main Street Orion's annual dinner meeting at The Factory Restaurant on January 26th. The village supports the organization with an annual contribution of money, and Drucker felt the board could benefit from learning what the organization has planned for its upcoming year.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk