

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., February 2, 2015, 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. He thanked Trustee Drucker and Clerk Sampson for covering for him during two out of town trips.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 19, 2015. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Street Superintendent Neil Dahl said Missman, Inc.'s estimate to replace storm drain beginning on 5th Street and proceeding west to and across 3rd Street is over \$100,000 per block. Existing storm drain is not adequate and the village has no easement in place for repairs. Copies of the proposed plan were not available due to a printer problem but will be provided at a later date. President Cooper asked Supt. Dahl to put together a summary of the project for presentation to legislators in Springfield in March.

President Cooper praised the public works employees for snow removal after a snowfall measuring between 13-15 inches.

According to Trustee O'Leary, Mr. Darren Brown is scheduled to get his plumbing system smoke-tested this week, in order to determine the cause of odor seeping into his basement. The village's exhaust fan is still in operation over a nearby sewer manhole. In regard to the manhole, it was noted snow has been pushed up against the picnic table protecting the fan. The adjacent owner of Larson Body Shop should be told not to block the fan in that manner. Trustee Newman will ask the police to inform the owner to cease such activity.

Water Superintendent Arnie Sandberg is still researching the best option to repair the leak at the east well, considering quality and cost-effectiveness. The leak is holding fairly steady and being monitored on a daily basis in hopes repairs can be held off until warmer weather approaches. If not, Supt. Sandberg will be ready to proceed on a moment's notice.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held February 11, 2015 at 4 p.m. at Village Hall. Budget forms have been supplied to all employees and board members and should be completed and submitted to Clerk Sampson by March 13th.

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The minutes of February 2, 2015 continued:

Trustee Newman said he reviewed the current and former contracts with the Henry County Sheriff's Dept. and found the village is responsible for purchasing tasers and other equipment. Since either party can terminate the contract with 90-days notice, the contract was written to make certain the village could be outfitted to have a functioning department within that time period. Trustee Newman also said a certain portion of the fine money the village receives is dedicated toward DUI and drug enforcement equipment. He recommended using that money, \$1,263, for the purchase of the taser, and supplement it with funds reimbursed to the village at the end of the contract's last fiscal year. It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Mitton to purchase one taser and its associated equipment, at a cost slightly less than \$1,500, using DUI and drug enforcement fine money supplemented by money reimbursed from the last contract year. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Mitton, seconded by Drucker to approve Resolution #1415-4, posing no objection to the rezoning request by Brian Nightingale and Jay Gibson to rezone one acre of a two-acre parcel in the NW corner of the E ½ NE ¼, ex four acres, Section 34 T16N R1E 4th P.M., Henry County (Western Township, parcel11-34-200-004). The parcel is within 1 ½ miles of the village limits. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper said the board should study the proposed performance review process offered by Trustees Newman and Mitton and discuss at a later date. He said the review will give the board a basis for employee bonuses, and employees should use it as an incentive to earn a better bonus.

Board members were invited to a Northwest Municipal Assoc. dinner and meeting at The Cellar on February 11th. The event is sponsored by Missman, Inc.

President Cooper told the board Trustee Lawson's daughter was seriously ill with cancer. Trustee Lawson was assured the board would cover his department if he was absent due to his daughter's health needs.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk