

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
VILLAGE BOARD

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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., March 2, 2015, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, Newman, Mitton, O’Leary, 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 Lawson to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 16, 2015. Ayes: Peterson, O’Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Susan Moen, Main Street Orion President, told the board about events scheduled for the summer and a new fall event called Eat in the Street, which would require 4th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues to be closed. The organization also wants two liquor licenses – one for Field of Dreams, to be held in June, and the other for Eat in the Street. Field of Dreams will entail utilizing Love Park for softball games and Central Park for a sports memorabilia auction and a showing of the event’s namesake movie. In regard to Eat in the Street, MSO will check with residents in the area since music is planned for that evening. In addition, MSO wants to begin fundraising for replacement of street lights on Main Street. Moen also asked the board for continued program funding next year. She requested at least \$6,500 but indicated the full \$10,000 would be appreciated. President Cooper urged Mrs. Moen to attend upcoming village board meetings in the event the MSO budget contribution is discussed. The issue has been a contentious one in the past.

Plumbing Inspector Dean Larson said smoke testing at Darren Brown’s, 106 11th Avenue, showed smoke in a pit in the basement, indicating a probable connection between the waterproofing and the sewage collection system, which is illegal. President Cooper requested a letter be sent to Mr. Brown informing him the village will need proof of disconnection of the illegal source. Trustee O’Leary also asked that Mr. Brown be reminded of the deadline for removal of the village’s exhaust fan about two weeks prior to April 6th. Trustee Mitton felt the board had been more than generous to Mr. Brown.

Mr. David Russian, a Golars representative, was present to update the board on the status of contaminated property and remediation as related to a gas vapor investigation. Golars is based in Wisconsin and was hired in 2011 by Bulk Petroleum, former owner of the property at 1009 Division Street, to investigate gasoline contamination in the water and soil from a spill or leak in a tank that occurred in the mid-1990s. Reports that should have been made at the time of the event are not in existence or cannot be found. Mr. Russian said it was unusual for the Illinois EPA and an owner of a contaminated parcel to wait 20 years to address a problem. He also said it was unusual for the IEPA to commit

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to fund the lining of sewer mains for a municipality, which has been done for Orion. The board learned Bulk Petroleum paid a \$15,000 deductible after the leak occurred, and the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund will pay for the remaining investigation and remediation costs up to \$1.5 million. Golars whittled down the contaminated area by drilling monitoring wells around the spill area and eliminating those areas where no well contamination was found. The affected area is concentrated on the west and south rights-of-way near 101 11th Avenue, the east side of 1001 Division Street, 1009 Division Street, and the west side of 1004 Division Street. Properties at 102 11th Ave., 106 11th Ave., and 108 11th Ave. have no contamination. After monitoring the well on the west ROW, at 101 11th Ave., in November, it was determined another monitoring well was needed on the property owned by Mr. & Mrs. Ben Schnerre. This action will take place in the near future. Golars tests for groundwater impact and if found, also tests for soil impact. Water impact has been found in some of the wells but only at a shallow depth of 7-10 feet. Mr. Schnerre was present and voiced concern about the drinking water for his family and food from the large garden on his property. Mr. Russian said the contamination would not impact drinking water, which draws from a municipal well 600' deep, and tests showed no soil gas contamination on the property. Mr. Russian also addressed a concern about barrels holding contaminated water or soil. He said drum lids are ratcheted shut and could not spill, even if knocked over. Some drums have been removed and those left on site will be removed as well. Mr. Russian indicated directional boring will take place under 1st Street north of 11th Avenue to connect monitoring wells and recover free product. Remediation will also entail the injection of biologicals into the wells, which will oxygenate the soil to attract the gasoline and make it more appealing to bugs that eat it. In clay soil, the contaminants move slowly as witnessed by the nearness of the contaminated soil to the spill site over the course of 20 years. On the other hand, the biological method of remediation takes longer in clay soil. After questioning by President Cooper about the IEPA's rejection of paying the cost to reline a main on 2nd Street, Mr. Russian said he did not make any recommendations but told the IEPA the area was not impacted. Mr. Russian declined to write a letter to the IEPA, as requested by President Cooper, requesting reimbursement for the 2nd Street relining because it is not a reimbursable item and he is the consultant for the responsible party, not the Village of Orion. The board thanked Mr. Russian for traveling from Chicago to meet with the board and answer questions.

Trustee Mitton received a quote from Braniff Communications for servicing the warning sirens. The cost will be included in the new budget. He is also investigating costs for pest control at the Central Park Band Shell.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Mitton to approve the final plans for the Central Park storage building and award the project to Bart Sampson Construction at a cost of

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\$29,098.04. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, and Drucker. Noes: Lawson.
Absent: None.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to approve the purchase of stainless steel pipe at an approximate cost of \$15,000 for east well repairs. Prior to a vote Trustee Drucker said Water Superintendent Arnie Sandberg consulted with Brotcke Pump and Missman, Inc. before making the decision to go with stainless steel. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Drucker reported an increase in non-billable water usage, possibly indicating a water main leak that has yet to surface. A similar thing happened last year and the leak ultimately surfaced.

Trustee Peterson said an artificial Christmas tree was ordered for erection in the band shell during the holiday season. The tree has not yet arrived.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to adopt Resolution #1415-5, Urging the Governor and General Assembly to Protect Full Funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues. Prior to a vote Trustee Drucker said the governor is proposing a cut of 50%, which would total \$92,119.50 in revenue from the village's general fund. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

The board was reminded that budgets are due March 13th. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held March 25th at 4 p.m. where all budget proposals will be reviewed before making a recommendation to the board.

Trustee Newman said Deputy Chad Baze received taser training last week, but it is unknown if Deputy Coppejans has taken the training. Trustee Newman thanked the board for supporting the purchase.

The Henry County Economic Development Partnership is considering the rental of an 18-passenger van to transport officials to Springfield versus using a bus, as has been done in the past. All participating communities are being asked to equally share the rental cost, which Trustee Drucker anticipated would not exceed \$200 for the village's share. President Cooper told the board to consider the request and be prepared to vote on it at the next meeting.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk