

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., May 7, 2012, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, 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 April 16, 2012. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

The next Finance Committee meeting is set for Wednesday, May 16th at 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall, according to Trustee Drucker.

Trustee Newman said he, President Cooper, and Mike McCaw would meet with IDOT officials later in the week to discuss the fate of the streetscape project. MSO Director Deb Ford previously talked to Jason Nelson from the IDOT and learned it may be possible to delete a portion of the plan that caused the village's financial obligation to skyrocket. Trustee Drucker asked that the trio find out if the grant amount would be reduced upon any reduction in the scope of the project and also determine the exact cost of the handicapped ramps required at all intersections. Trustee Newman said consideration may be given to cutting the project off just north of the intersection of 12th Avenue and 4th Street due to handicap accessibility issues. Trustee Stiles said his tolerance level for the project had diminished due to increased financial obligations. Trustee Newman said his intention was to try to scale back the village's obligation to original expectations. Trustee Drucker questioned the business community's interest in the project, since that area would receive the most benefit. Clerk Sampson said the plan had come to be considered more of an infrastructure improvement than an aesthetic enhancement, because it had been whittled down to include mostly sidewalk and street lighting improvements and those improvements were things that would need to be addressed at some point in the future. Moving forward with the project would at least allow for part of the infrastructure improvements to be paid through grant funds.

Trustee Lawson asked police officers to remind those riding bicycles and scooters in Love Park that they cannot do so during ballgames.

Trustee Peterson said posts installed at Love Park had been painted. He also said the Orion Lions Club agreed to donate \$1,000 toward the roof project for the Central Park shelter.

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President Cooper said he was working with Orion Tool, Die & Machine, Uniflyte, and the Orion High School to arrange for more parking for a high school baseball tournament to be held in the near future.

President Cooper said he, Trustee Drucker, and Clerk Sampson attended a meeting on May 2nd hosted by the city of Moline and Governor Pat Quinn's office at the Western Illinois University Quad Cities Campus. The meeting was a forum for Northwest Region mayors/managers to voice opinions and concerns. Representatives from eight state agencies attended and addressed the group. President Cooper asked about Capital bill funding and, in a one-on-one conversation with Mr. Elmo Dowd from the governor's office, pressed for resolution to the sewer gas vapor issue that has existed since 1995 and grant funds for the sewer relief main project. Mr. Dowd was left with copies of summaries detailing each issue, and President Cooper followed up with an email to Mr. Dowd but had yet to hear a reply.

Trustee O'Leary said the exhaust fan placed over the sewer manhole on 11th Avenue near 2nd Street ceased functioning. The manhole went unvented for a few days before a replacement fan was received. During that time one complaint about gasoline odor was received from Mr. Darren Brown, 106 11th Avenue.

Trustee O'Leary, Sewer Supt. Chris Lundburg, and Missman engineer Scott Kammerman will meet to do a walk-through of the proposed relief main area to determine easement needs. Also, though grant funds will still be pursued, the village will move forward with seeking a loan in the event grant funds cannot be obtained. Trustee O'Leary said no pumping of manholes had been required during recent heavy rainfall. There were no reports of sewer backup.

Trustee Lawson said the street superintendent had been working to repair the sewer jetter and the project should be completed in the near future. Work will begin soon on the installation of curb at the 13th Street and 14th Avenue A intersection.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Drucker to approve a resolution to appropriate \$2,000 from Motor Fuel Tax funds for annual maintenance. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to authorize Missman, Inc. to advertise for bids on the east water tower project. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

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Trustee Newman said trenching for conduit for the security cameras was delayed due to rain, but a purchase order was submitted to Tri-City Electric in order to get equipment ordered.

Braniff Communications performed changes to the emergency sirens so they would work with new narrow-banding requirements. Trustee Newman said an actual test had not been performed since the changes had been made. He was unsure whether it would be tested before the next regularly scheduled test on the first Tuesday in June.

President Cooper said access to Orion Area Food Pantry funds was frozen until a pending criminal case could be resolved and as a result, the newly formatted pantry organization had difficulty assisting its clients. Orion Fall Festival assisted the group by donating \$1,000 toward the purchase of food items but new volunteers for the pantry, which is housed in the basement of the Village Hall, were seeking shelving to better store products that are currently stored on the floor. President Cooper also felt village records stored in the basement should be in enclosed cabinets versus on open shelving. He asked a contractor to estimate the cost of providing such shelving and cabinets. Dependent upon the cost of the project, President Cooper might seek funds from the Orion Fall Festival, since the pantry serves the Orion School District, not just Orion village residents.

President Cooper asked the board to consider a request by the Orion Athletic Boosters to use Central Park for a fundraising activity that would include the sale of alcoholic liquor. Details for the event were sketchy, but the board discussed the need for a village liquor license, a state liquor license, and adequate insurance coverage. No decision was made.

President Cooper and Trustee Peterson attended a Henry County Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting in Cambridge. In order to be included in the hazard planning and be eligible for FEMA funds in the event of a disaster, municipalities must attend a minimum of five meetings.

President Cooper will meet with a representative from Cottingham & Butler on May 15th to discuss the formation of an employee health insurance group.

Trustee O'Leary thanked Clerk Sampson for her preparation of summaries of the gas vapor and relief main issues. He also thanked her for adjusting the new budget to comply with board actions at their last meeting.

Trustee Newman thanked the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for their participation in Join Hands Day, at which time they banded together to clean up litter in the village.

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Trustee Stiles asked the board if Mr. Dean Larson had officially requested a street be closed for his wedding. President Cooper said he told Mr. Larson he would need to get back to the board with an exact date, approval from his neighbors, and provide adequate insurance coverage. Mr. Larson had not yet responded. The board asked Clerk Sampson to send a letter requesting the necessary information.

Trustee Lawson brought to the attention of the board a brick paving project taking place on streets in Carbon Cliff. He told the board it was worth a look when in the area.

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

Lori A. Sampson

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