

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., March 16, 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 March 2, 2015. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$27,934.74, Recycle-\$2,093.00, Water O&M-\$2,983.00, Water Depr.-\$380.65, Sewer O&M-\$2,179.64, Phase II Loan Ret.-\$55,194.36, and Fines-\$1,264.99. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

The board told Susan Moen, MSO President, that the Eat in the Street event was approved to move forward and President Cooper approved the liquor license for that event and one other in 2015.

Trustee Lawson said the street superintendent had been cleaning up the rock yard area and decided to leave the plows on the trucks for now. He also has been preparing for spring by tuning up the mower and continuing to work on the sewer jetter truck.

President Cooper asked that sewer pumps be checked and ready to go for the possibility of heavy spring rains.

Mr. David Russian from Golars requested permission to place an 8' x 12' trailer-type building on village right-of-way on 1st Street behind Orion Mart. The building will be used to collect free product and transfer it to 55-gallon drums. Low voltage electricity will be installed in the building. Mr. Russian assured the board the operation will not be noisy. The building will be cut into Orion Mart's embankment about 4' and the remainder of the building will be on village R.O.W. Mr. Harry Singh is the property owner of Orion Mart and has been informed about the plan and given approval. Mr. Russian said a fence will be built to obscure the trailer and drums, and someone will come once per week to check the drums. Construction is planned to begin around April 1st. The recovery of free product will last for at least one year and possibly longer. The building will also be used to inject biologicals into the wells after free product has been recovered, and that process could take another year or more. It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Mitton to approve placement of a 8' x 12' trailer-type building partially on

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village R.O.W. for the duration of time needed to recover free product and inject biologicals into the soil to remediate contamination. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee O'Leary said the exhaust fan for the manhole at the intersection of 2nd Street and 11th Avenue has been disconnected and removed along with the picnic table. Mr. Darren Brown notified Sewer Supt. Chris Lundburg the odor problem in his home was rectified. Clerk Sampson said she had the understanding Mr. Brown only installed a radon-type device to remove the odor and failed to correct the illegal connection causing the odor. Clerk Sampson had previously sent a letter to Mr. Brown requesting notification from the contractor that the illegal connection was rectified. Trustee Lawson said Plumbing Inspector Dean Larson should follow up on the issue.

Trustee Mitton said both emergency sirens will be maintained shortly after FY2016 budget approval. He also said pesticide treatment of the Central Park Band Shell has been requested in the new budget. The first year cost will be \$570 and the company will check the site every 120 days. Cost will be around \$200 for each year thereafter. Trustee Newman recommended painting the deck of the band shell every two years, and Trustee Mitton said he would stay on top of it.

Trustee Drucker said Water Supt. Arnie Sandberg was still monitoring pumpage at the east well, and it was found that a pipe in a resident's home burst after they left town for the winter resulting in high usage. The usage would account for some of the higher readings at the pump house but a water main leak could still be lurking.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to approve an agreement between the village and the Illinois Comptroller's Office allowing the comptroller to collect water and sewer debt for the village from those debtors receiving Illinois tax refunds or lottery winnings. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

The Finance Committee meeting scheduled for March 25th at 4 p.m. at Village Hall might be changed to March 24th due to President Cooper's schedule.

It was noted Henry County Deputy Pat Coppejans completed training for the newly purchased taser. Also, Trustee Newman will review noise ordinances from other communities due to complaints from residents about noise caused by the local liquor establishments. Orion's ordinance is very vague.

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President Cooper informed the board of a dog bite incident that occurred the Friday prior to the board meeting. A dog that two years ago bit Mrs. Mary Johnson bit a young child, who was taken to the hospital by ambulance. The dog is confined at the Henry County Animal Control facility and the dog owner has since relinquished ownership so the animal can be euthanized and tested for rabies. The dog was not current on vaccinations, nor was the other dog at the same address. Henry County ACO will resolve the vaccination issue with the second dog. President Cooper was thankful the board recently tightened dog regulations.

Trustee Mitton expressed concern for children skateboarding on busy streets in Orion. Trustee Newman will remind police officers to be on the lookout for such activity, even though it is not illegal.

Somewhat recent plumbing regulations require plumbing inspectors in Illinois to not only be licensed but certified. Certification requires a day or so of training and a certification fee. In addition, the village's plumbing inspector, otherwise a self-employed plumber, would require compensation for lost wages while attending the certification seminar. President Cooper asked the board to consider the issue while he checks on accurate cost figures. The certification is supposed to be obtained by April 1, 2015.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to allocate an amount not to exceed \$200 for transportation costs to and from Springfield to discuss issues with legislators, an event organized by the Henry County Economic Development Partnership. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: O'Leary and Mitton. Absent: None.

Trustees Mitton and Newman will meet with President Cooper Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Village Hall to discuss an employee evaluation process.

Open dates for the landscape waste site this spring will be the Mondays of April 6th & 20th and May 4th & 18th from 1-3 p.m. and also the Saturdays of April 11th & 18th and May 2nd, 16th, & 30th from 8-10 a.m. The site will be monitored during open hours.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to enter executive session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss personnel wages. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:10 p.m.

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It was moved by Mitton, seconded by Newman to increase Sandy Mizen's hourly rate to \$14.00 for FY2016. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Newman, seconded by Drucker to increase by 3% the wages of Arnie Sandberg, Lori Sampson, Chris Lundburg, and Neil Dahl beginning May 1, 2015. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: Lawson and Mitton.

It was moved by Newman, seconded by Lawson to increase the employee share of health insurance cost to 10% beginning FY2016. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, and Lawson. Noes: O'Leary and Drucker.

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