

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 4, 2015, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: O'Leary.

President Cooper called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 20, 2015. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: O'Leary.

There being no further business to come before the board, President Cooper adjourned the meeting sine die.

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk

CLERK SAMPSON ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO MELVYN DRUCKER, STEVE NEWMAN, AND ROGER PETERSON FOR 4-YEAR TRUSTEE TERMS AND ROBERT MITTON FOR A 2-YEAR TRUSTEE TERM.

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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:32 p.m., May 4, 2015, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: O'Leary.

Street Supt. Neil Dahl said he hauled 30 loads of street waste from village property and was working to repair the street sweeper.

Village attorney John Ames told the board the lack of direct connections to the sewer system is classified as a nuisance in the municipal code and asked the board to adopt an ordinance to declare existing sewer connections a nuisance. The nuisance code references methods to abate violations and outlines fines and penalties. The ordinance in question outlines three distinct properties in violation of direct connections to the sewer, and it spells out legal descriptions for each of the three nonconforming properties. Once the ordinance is adopted property owners will be given 14 days to rectify the violation. If ignored, the village could proceed to abate the violation. In that case, the village would hire a contractor to abate the violation and file liens against the properties for all expenses, including legal. Trustee Lawson asked what would happen if the parties filed a lawsuit against the village, and Attorney Ames said he believed the village would win. It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Mitton to adopt Ordinance 2015-2, declaring illegal sewer connections a nuisance. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: O'Leary.

Sewer Supt. Chris Lundburg said computer problems at the sewer plant should be fixed soon. New programs are needed.

President Cooper wished Trustee O'Leary a speedy recovery from his health problems.

Trustee Mitton said emergency sirens were maintained and pesticide treatment of the Central Park Band Shell should be completed soon. He also mentioned the appreciation residents have for the availability of the landscape waste site. Trustee Mitton worked at the site last Saturday and said about 15 people used it.

Trustee Drucker said Water Supt. Arnie Sandberg will coordinate work on the east tower around digging for construction of the park storage building. Also, Trustee Drucker said he would like the Adopt A Hydrant program to move forward. He did not hear back from the fire chief about additional help. A plea will be put out to residents for volunteer help in getting hydrants painted this summer. It was decided a reflective band around the top of each hydrant would not be used due to its cost and the fact hydrants would still need to be painted, with or without the band. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to authorize an expense not to exceed \$2,000 for the Adopt A Hydrant program. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: O'Leary.

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Trustee Peterson said people are driving vehicles on private property on the west side of Love Park in order to get closer to the baseball diamonds. He suggested installing posts and chains to prevent such action. There were complaints that police officers were not patrolling the park, but Park Supt. Arnie Sandberg said it could be occurring at times when an officer is not on duty.

Trustee Peterson said children in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades picked up 270 pounds of trash on Earth Day. The children covered the entire town during their clean up attempt. The board applauded their efforts. It was noted the scouts did a similar clean up.

President Cooper said digging for the park storage building should begin soon, weather permitting. The contractor suggested installing stairs from the first floor to the basement, but trustees didn't feel it was necessary.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to approve Ordinance #2015-1 amending Section 808 of Chapter XXV and Section 32 of XXVI of the Municipal Code, changing the word shall to the word may to comply with the Local Debt Recovery Program from the Office of the Comptroller for the State of Illinois. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: O'Leary.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held May 14, 2015 at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

Trustee Newman said he talked with Deputy Baze about the second shift officer patrolling Love Park during baseball games. He will continue to push the issue to make sure Deputy Coppejans patrols the park when games are scheduled.

Trustee Newman reviewed Henry County regulations regarding noise, which only relate to industrial noise, and he consulted with Attorney Ames. Large cities use decibel meters, but Henry County does not. Other controls to consider are setting limited hours for outdoor events, require board approval for certain events, and establish zones that are exempt for noise. Other things to think about would be dogs, trains, construction equipment, loud vehicles, emergency vehicles, etc. Trustee Newman asked the board to mull over its options and let him know how to proceed. Trustee Lawson said time limits for noise should be established, perhaps different times for weekdays versus weekends. Trustee Drucker wondered why a change should be made at all since it was his impression only one person had complained about the noise from a local drinking establishment. He asked the board to consider ordinance amendments carefully and not be a detriment to businesses. President Cooper felt any change would protect the businesses, and Trustee Mitton said a change could make the regulations more clear and

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give businesses better direction. Trustee Newman said he would consider the board's feedback and meet with Attorney Ames to draft an ordinance for presentation at a later date.

The board discussed three options for street lighting in the Main Street district as requested by Main Street Orion. MSO was still awaiting photos of available light poles from MidAmerican Energy Co. Questions still need to be answered about the cost and who pays for what. It was noted some conduit was installed under the sidewalk on the west side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Street Supt. Dahl asked the board to consider placing any new poles back toward the businesses and away from the curb so he could drive the plow truck on the sidewalk to remove snow. Trustee Newman said LED lighting is not available in decorative poles but the light cast is impressive. President Cooper asked the board to consider options outlined in a letter from MAE and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Drucker to hire Andrew Lundburg for summer help at \$9 per hour. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: O'Leary.

President Cooper and Trustee Drucker met with local legislators and others during a trip to Springfield last week. The trip was deemed the best they had ever attended. The lieutenant governor and two representatives from the governor's office also took time to meet with the Henry County Economic Development Partnership group. It was noted the legislature will reconsider the proposed 50% cut in income tax funding in July. Trustee Drucker sat in the Senate gallery for a time while in Springfield and said it appeared to be dysfunctional with utter chaos going on while business was being conducted.

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

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