

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., June 15, 2015, at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: Newman.

President Cooper led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 1, 2015. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$30,918.33, Recycle Collections-\$2,093.00, Water O&M-\$1,529.37, Sewer O&M-\$3,220.99, Sewer Deprec.-\$1,395.00, Sewer Cap. Impr.-\$7,061.58, Phase II Loan Retire.-\$475.00, MFT-\$202.27, Love Trust-\$199.99, Band Shell Preserv.-\$570.00, and Fines-\$202.93. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

Mrs. Rochelle Carlson was present to request a stop sign be installed controlling traffic traveling south on 13<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersection with 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. A. She also requested speed limit signs on 13<sup>th</sup> Street between 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. A and a flashing speed limit sign to warn drivers they may be traveling in excess of the speed limit. In addition, she asked that the speed limit leaving the village limits on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. A be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph. Mrs. Carlson's request stemmed from a person driving into her yard, disturbing some landscaping stones, and hitting a tree on the property east of hers. She felt the vehicle was going too fast when rounding the corner, causing the driver to lose control. Mrs. Carlson said the area was dangerous for children. Mr. Derek Engstrom and Mr. Alan VanDuyne, who live on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue A and have young children, agreed drivers speed around the corner to the east. Mr. Engstrom said some drivers go off the street and into the ditch in front of his home while rounding the corner. President Cooper said speeding was an issue in other areas of the village as well and could best be controlled by police enforcement. He felt having officers write tickets would get the desired effect but agreed the board would take Mrs. Carlson's request under consideration.

Trustee Lawson said the 6<sup>th</sup> Street blacktopping project was postponed due to weather conditions. After the 6<sup>th</sup> Street project is done, 8<sup>th</sup> Street will be on the schedule.

Mr. & Mrs. David Crosiar and Mr. Rodney Foss were present complaining of water bubbling up in the rear yard of both their properties. Mr. Foss's issue was corrected last summer but has resurfaced. Both problems are in the area where the village's contractor performed sewer relief main work. Trustee O'Leary said the village's engineering firm

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would be contacted in regard to any warranty that might still be in effect. If it is not in effect, the village will correct the problem. In any event, the area must be allowed to dry out before work is attempted.

Trustee O'Leary said MidAmerican Energy Co. consented to leaving a utility pole in place where sewer main repairs were performed last summer. The pole, moved to allow for the sewer work, was to be moved again to be in line with the rest of the utility poles but property owners in the area requested it be left in place since the landscape has been restored to normal. MAE agreed to leave the pole in place as long as it doesn't start to lean.

The illegal sewer lateral issue at 13<sup>th</sup> Street properties requires an additional easement. The plumbing contractor will meet with village officials to determine the area needed for the easement before work proceeds.

The board was pleased to find out no sewer backups had been reported this year. Frequent heavy rains have exceeded the norm for the month of June, yet no backup problems have surfaced. The board attributed the lack of backups to the installation of an additional relief main.

Mrs. Rochelle Carlson told the board she expected a promise made by a late-1970s village board to be upheld. The promise, according to Mrs. Carlson, was to plow snow from the sidewalk on the south side of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets. The sidewalk abuts the curb and thus, snow plowed from the street gets pushed onto the sidewalk. Until the snow melts, no one is able to use the sidewalk. Mrs. Carlson pointed out the sidewalk is used by children walking to school.

Trustee Drucker said hydrant flushing has been completed. A hydrant near the Love Park tennis courts was found to be in need of some repair. In other water business, work at the east tower might begin in July and repairs to the west ground storage tank will also be scheduled.

Trustee Peterson said a storm water tile blew up in Central Park and will be repaired or replaced.

Trustee O'Leary said the Orion Lions Club received a \$57,000 bid for blacktopping the tennis courts in Love Park. The Flex Court material originally presented to the village board was found to be very expensive. Trustee Drucker pointed out serious tennis players would not favor the blacktop, unless sealed, because it would turn bright-colored tennis balls black. Trustee Peterson said the Lions Club needs to talk with the village

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before getting too in depth with its plan for the courts, especially if the club is attempting to raise money for the project. The village board needs to approve the final plans, and Trustee Peterson pointed out the club won't be able to determine final costs until the village board takes action. Mr. Gary Bowling spoke to the village board about the project on January 5<sup>th</sup> but village board members had heard nothing since, nor had they seen any plans. Trustee O'Leary said he told members of the OLC they needed to have better communication with the village. Trustee Mitton reinforced that with Mr. Bowling also.

Trustee Lawson said the gutters on the Central Park shelter are plugged and need to be cleaned.

The board was reminded the Finance Committee will meet June 17, 2015 at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

In the absence of Trustee Newman, President Cooper said he would tell deputies to be alert for speeding at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue A intersection.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to adopt Ordinance #2015-3, Prevailing Wage Rates. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Drucker to approve a donation of \$1,200 to the Fourth of July Fireworks Festival. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Mitton, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

President Cooper said Main Street Orion's yard sale day was once again a big success. He thanked those who participated.

President Cooper and Trustee Drucker attended the fire department's open house and dedication of its new addition. The addition was named after Jerry Sheldon, a long time fire district board member, who died suddenly earlier this year. President Cooper said Representative Don Moffit was in attendance.

It was noted the Henry County Highway Dept. was in the process of blacktopping the road leading into town from the east. The overlay has been completed on one side of the highway up to 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

President Cooper said workers from Golars were in Orion earlier in the day. He intends to meet Mr. Hernando Albarricin one on one to make sure his promise that the Illinois

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EPA would reimburse the village for sewer main lining is kept, even though Mr. Albarricin now works for Golars instead of the IEPA.

Trustee Drucker reminded everyone the Adopt A Hydrant program is still in swing. Anyone wishing to paint a hydrant should contact Village Hall to pick up paint, a scraper, and a paint brush.

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

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk