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OF
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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., March 5, 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 February 20, 2012. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Drucker said there is still no evidence as to why Orion is experiencing high gallons pumped at the well. He also said there had been an inquiry from the town of Williamsfield about Orion's generator, which is listed for sale on the Illinois Rural Water Association's web site.

Trustee Drucker is waiting for information from Missman, Inc. on an updated estimate for the water tower rehab and whether there is ample time to bid the project this year.

Trustee Newman will meet with Tri-City Electric to discuss the security camera installation in Central Park. The location of at least one camera may be changed to a more inconspicuous location. Trustee Newman will ask Tri-City if the old cameras have any trade-in value.

Trustee Newman said there has been no feedback from the public in regard to the options for repairing the band shell. He was uncertain how to treat the need for a larger deck. The deck could be permanently extended or new portable extensions could be constructed. Trustee Newman said he would consult with Main Street Orion and others to get additional opinions. MSO Director Deb Ford was in attendance and said the existing extensions are used at every MSO concert.

The board was reminded that budget requests are due by March 15th and the next Finance Committee meeting is March 28th at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

MSO's Director Ford asked the board to allow the organization to sponsor a Love Locks event, which would raise funds for the band shell improvements. Padlocks would be sold to buyers who would lock them on the Central Park backstop fence as a sign of their lasting love for another person. Director Ford said the idea originated in Europe and is slowly spreading to the United States. The locks could be painted and engraved and a special locking ceremony could be held on Sweetest Day in October. All profits would

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be donated to the band shell rehab effort. The village board will consider and make a decision at their next meeting.

Trustee Stiles said some radio equipment is ready for installation in the squads but a decision was made to delay installation until a new squad is purchased. Cost information for a new squad is still forthcoming. Trustee Stiles said an estimate may have to be used for the FY2013 budget.

Trustee Drucker said many cross-country runners are using the streets for their practice runs but running on the wrong side. They also tend to congregate in the street. He urged runners to face traffic when running in order to ensure their own safety. Trustee Stiles said he would ask the police officers to drop a friendly reminder to the school coaches.

A short discussion took place about skateboarders using the streets for their activity. It was decided that police could use their best judgment when handling a complaint about skateboarding activity.

Trustee O'Leary said the village was waiting for the IEPA permit to construct the sewer relief main. Village attorney John Ames will check into the legalities of the village borrowing funds from BankORION for the sewer project. Trustee O'Leary said any loan obtained through the IEPA would be for a minimum 20-year period, and he was concerned about any other requirements that might come attached to that loan. In other sewer business, it looks promising that the village could be reimbursed for expenses related to the gas vapor investigation.

President Cooper said he had a conversation with a previous owner of the Orion Mart property. The prior owner, Mr. Dave Requet, claimed he had no association with Bulk Petroleum, the firm that hired Golars to investigate the gas vapor issue, yet when President Cooper searched Bulk Petroleum on the Internet he found Mr. Requet's phone number listed as a contact. Also, Mindy Carls, editor of the *Orion Gazette*, said she recalled Mr. Requet having an association with the property in question in the time period of September 2001.

Trustee Lawson said the street department is working on its FY2013 budget and performing repairs to the sewer jetter truck.

President Cooper said he continues to contact Senator Mike Jacobs' office about once a week but has had no luck speaking to the senator himself. Senator Jacobs' office did have someone call the village recently about a CDAP grant; however, the village cannot meet the low-to-moderate income guidelines. Grant funds are being sought for the sewer

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relief main. President Cooper said he would invite Senator Jacobs to the board's next meeting.

Action on the Mediacom franchise was tabled. Attorney Ames said he received notice from Mediacom that the document had been approved on their end but he had yet to receive the amended copy from them.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Peterson to approve the donation of \$250 in the form of MSO gift certificates to the Orion After Prom Committee. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to enter executive session to discuss personnel wages. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:15 p.m.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to award Chris Lundburg, Neil Dahl, Arnie Sandberg, and Lori Sampson a 3% wage increase for FY2013. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Peterson to award Sandra Mizen a wage increase from \$11.25 per hour to \$12.00 per hour for FY2013. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: Lawson. Absent: None.

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
Village Clerk

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