

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 6, 2017, at Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Absent: Cooper.

In President Cooper's absence, President Pro-Tem Drucker led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

Mr. Ray Parrish, representing the Orion Lions Club, said beginning and ending dates were added to the contract with Illowa Investment, Inc. for tennis court improvements. Additionally, the village's park department will take care of possible drainage issues. West Concrete provided the OLC with a price range of \$1,000-\$2,000 to pour concrete and install new posts for nets. Village employees will pull out the old posts. Discussion was held about water standing on the courts in the past, but Trustee Peterson assured the board his department would do its best to alleviate that situation for the future. New grates will be installed at a higher level than the old, diminishing the chance of debris collecting in a basin around the old drains. Once the village approves the contract, the OLC will coordinate the project with Park Superintendent Arnie Sandberg. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Mitton to approve the upgrade to the Love Park tennis courts as presented by the Orion Lions Club, and approve the contract by Illowa Investment, Inc. in the amount of \$33,866, with reimbursement of such amount to be made to the village by the OLC, and require the OLC to coordinate the project with village employees. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cooper.

President Cooper arrived at 7:10 p.m. He urged President Pro-Tem Drucker to continue to run the meeting. Clerk Sampson said a pro-tem official should not be running the meeting when the president is present. After a short discussion President Cooper said he preferred President Pro-Tem Drucker run the rest of the meeting.

President Pro-Tem Drucker said the Finance Committee meeting review of the proposed FY 2018 budget will change from March 29th to March 27th at 4 p.m. Budget requests are due March 15th and all trustees were invited to attend the meeting on the 27th.

Trustee Hancock said work continues at the sewer plant's filter building and is nearing completion.

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It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Mitton to approve the use of water capital improvement funds, originally budgeted for chlorine room improvements but not needed, combined with water depreciation funds for completion of a façade upgrade to the west pump house. Before a vote, Trustee Newman asked for more information. It was noted that the siding had been treated for termites. New siding is needed along with insulation and a new door. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Drucker to approve the purchase of tennis court grates, a non-budgeted item, at a cost not to exceed \$300. Discussion ensued about the grates. They will be ADA-compliant 14" squares with ½" x 6" slotted openings designed to keep out as much debris as possible. Trustee Hancock said maintenance of the grates would be key. Cleaning on a regular basis should prevent blockages. Trustee Mitton asked that a cut be allowed in the curb around the tennis courts to allow storm water to flow out, but others felt the grates should drain the court sufficiently. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Newman said he submitted his FY 2018 police budget but was considering an additional request of about \$5,000 for a speed trailer. He said the device would run radar on approaching traffic, warning drivers of their speed. President Cooper suggested he look into a stationary unit that might be less expensive than one on a trailer. Trustee Hancock said they have one on Rt. 150 in Alpha.

Trustee Mitton said carpenter ant damage was found at the Central Park Band Shell. He will check into pest control service. Also, the band shell will be considered for painting in the FY 2018 budget. President Cooper said a person who contacted him about doing community service might be able to help with the painting. Trustee Mitton agreed it might be a good idea for the floor of the band shell.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve a donation of \$250 in Main Street Orion gift certificates to Orion After Prom. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

After a short discussion it was decided to set landscape waste site dates and not open the site in March. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to set landscape waste site dates of: Saturdays/8-10 a.m. on April 1, 15, & 29 and May 13 & 27 as well as Mondays/1-3 p.m. on April 3 & 17 and May 1 & 15. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

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President Pro-Tem Drucker said President Cooper kept in close contact with the Henry County Sheriff's Department and the Orion Fire Department, getting Orion's emergency sirens in working order. The sirens were not previously working due to an equipment failure at the sheriff's department. The OFD can now set off the sirens as signaled to by Henry County. Orion's sirens will be switched to a different radio frequency on March 17th to allow the sheriff's department to once again activate them.

President Pro-Tem Drucker said President Cooper attended the Henry County Public Safety Committee's meeting on February 23rd to continue discussions about proposed dispatching fees. Leaders of other Henry County municipalities were also in attendance. President Pro-Tem Drucker credited President Cooper for coordinating meetings and telling the Safety Committee they had not come up with an equitable solution. President Cooper said there were too many inequities and uncertainties about the fees, with Orion being charged for calls outside the village limits. He said Galva's administrator, David Dyer, obtained information about the Henry County 911 system and its surcharges. The Henry County 911 board holds in excess of \$800,000 and is owed another \$600,000 or more by the state of Illinois. Eighteen months ago, the law was changed to allow 911 boards to use money for expenses other than equipment. President Cooper said the Public Safety Committee will reconsider charging municipalities for dispatch fees in light of this new information. The committee is not expected to seek fees in 2017.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to enter executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel wages. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Pro-Tem Drucker reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:20 p.m.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Mitton to set the pay raise for full-time employees to 2% and to increase the pay of Dee Lundburg to \$13.00/Hr, an increase of 0.39 cents. . Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk