

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 20, 2017, at Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, Newman, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Absent: Mitton.

President Cooper led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Mitton.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Hancock to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$25,172.78, Recycle-\$1,920.21, Water O&M-\$2,659.16, Sewer O&M-\$3,555.56, Phase II Loan Retire.-\$10,548.75, and Special Tax Allot.-\$9,283.32. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Mitton.

Trustee Mitton arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Trustee Drucker invited all board members to attend the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for March 27, 2017 at 4 p.m. The proposed FY 2018 budget will be discussed.

Trustee Hancock said the filter building improvements are looking good. Work is being done by Brad Snell.

Trustee Drucker reported no problems with water mains since thawing of the ground has occurred.

President Cooper said the lateral leak at C. R. Hanna was temporarily repaired but will be permanently repaired this summer, when school is closed to students.

Trustee Peterson asked what was going to be done about youths using foul language in Central Park, while young children and others are present. He said this is the third year in a row complaints have been made about the issue. Trustee Newman had talked to Deputy Chad Baze about viewing camera footage in the park and the deputy was unable to pin down the perpetrator. The deputies have been asked to do foot patrol in the park. President Cooper called the complainant and assured her the village would look into the matter. Some board members felt camera footage should be viewed again, expressing disbelief that the person could not be identified.

The board was notified the village would not have to mow the large baseball diamond in Love Park. Others using the diamond will take charge of the maintenance.

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Street Supt. Neil Dahl reviewed his plans for the installation of storm drain from the area of 3rd Street to 5th Street. The storm drain is part of the 5th Street rehabilitation project. He asked that the board approve the expenditure of \$5,000 of the current year's engineering budget along with \$3,000 of next year's engineering budget to get Missman, Inc. started on a preliminary plan for 5th Street. Trustee Drucker said infrastructure other than the street would need to be addressed as well. Street Supt. Dahl will convey that to Missman. He said an estimated cost of construction should be available once the preliminary plan has been completed. The board hesitated to approve expenditure of \$3,000 from a budget that hadn't yet been approved. It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Drucker to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 from the current budget for preliminary engineering for the 5th Street rehabilitation project. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Street Supt. Dahl reported the street sweeper could need \$1,000-\$2,000 worth of repairs. If costs reach \$2,000 he suggested scraping the equipment. Also, the handicapped parking space on 4th Street, in front of the post office, will be corrected by eliminating one parking spot to the side of the existing spot. The eliminated spot will be painted with yellow lines, making for a wider than normal walkway. It was deemed the most practical way to correct the non-compliant space. President Cooper asked that a drawing of the method of correction be submitted to the Attorney General's office before taking action, even though the letter from the AG asked that the village make the space compliant and send photographic evidence.

Street Supt. Dahl said he removed some tree stumps along 11th Avenue and would like to begin tiling work near the rock yard.

The board had a brief discussion on the purchase of a speed radar sign.

President Cooper will attend a Henry County Mayor's meeting March 21, 2017.

Trustee Mitton met with personnel from a pesticide company and a painter, in regard to the Central Park Band Shell, to get information for the FY 2018 budget. Portions of the band shell were selected for painting but not all.

The fee to get Orion's emergency sirens operational for Henry County's use was \$825. Henry County's 911 coordinator offered to assist with payment of the fee, according to President Cooper. However, President Cooper said the entire bill should be sent to Henry County for reimbursement. He said all affected communities planned to bill Henry County for the fee to get sirens operational. Trustee Newman objected. He said it might taint the county board's thoughts when dispatching fees are once again considered.

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President Cooper was confident the county would not approach that topic this year. The county previously said it would not consider charging dispatching fees until 2018; however, Trustee Newman said it was reported in a local newspaper that the county was once again talking about charging Orion and others for dispatch services. All agreed the county needed to come up with a system of charging fees in an equal manner. President Cooper said he still wanted to ask the county for reimbursement of the \$825 bill from Braniff Communications, Inc.

Trustee Mitton presented a plan to expand the village hall. The plan would move the meeting room upstairs by expanding to the south, provide a new stairwell and records/file room for the clerk and deputy clerk, and include a garage for squad cars in the basement. It would also provide better security. The meeting room, often used by other groups, and food pantry area would be secured from the offices of village employees. The room used by the water supt. would become the president's office, and the water supt. would move to the east shed, since squad cars would no longer be stored there. Alternatively, the water supt. could have office space in the basement of the new addition. Trustees Newman and Mitton thanked Clerk Sampson and her husband, Bart, for putting together the preliminary plan. Clerk Sampson said the needs of the village have outgrown the space in the building. Some records are stored in the room where the food pantry operates and are not easily accessible, others are stored just off the meeting room, and more share space with an office currently used by the water supt. President Cooper said TIF funds could be used for the project. He said the existing meeting room leaves a lot to be desired and agreed improvements needed to be made. Trustees were asked to review the proposal and submit recommendations by March 27th.

President Cooper said he learned the communications department at the sheriff's office is balking at setting off Orion's emergency sirens, now that repairs have made it possible again. In prior discussions between village and county officials it was promised the sheriff's department would be responsible for that service. The communications director will speak with the sheriff about the issue and get back to Orion officials.

President Cooper and Trustee Drucker will attend a meeting in Springfield on March 29th. They will meet with legislators to discuss village concerns.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk