

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
VILLAGE BOARD

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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 p.m., July 3, 2017, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, Lawson, Hancock, Drucker and Mitton. Absent: Newman.

The meeting was called to order by President Cooper and he led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Newman was absent due to vacation.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting. Ayes: Peterson, Lawson, Hancock, Drucker and Mitton. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

Trustee Drucker pointed out an error on the Agenda, the amount listed under Finance – Appropriations should be \$5,117,000.00 and not \$5,117.00.

Mr. David Gayman and Mr. Richard Rossi attended the meeting to voice their concerns regarding the 13th Avenue Court project. The decision was made by Trustee Lawson at the June 19th meeting to cancel this project for the fiscal year 2017. Mr. Gayman and Mr. Rossi felt like this decision should have been made by the entire board and not just Trustee Lawson. Mr. Gayman also read some items from previous board meetings including from the April 17 meeting in which Superintendent Dahl told the board he didn't want to do more work until a salary schedule was in place. Lawson stated that scheduling issues and lack of help for Street Superintendent Dahl were the main issues. President Cooper agreed that the decision should be made by the whole board and not just Lawson and Dahl. He mentioned that there are two other full time employees that could help with this project. Cooper also stated that Dahl should not complain about money and that summer help was doing a good job and should be able to help with the project. President Cooper will talk with Dahl regarding handling of issues regarding pay. The board as a whole did not like they way Dahl handled being told to do the project. Trustee Hancock felt like this issue should be addressed in the fall and winter, so as to have a plan going forward. Sewer Superintendent Lundburg mentioned that being on a fiscal year hinders when work can be started. Trustee Drucker would like to talk about job descriptions in executive session, what is to be expected from the employees, and what they are and are not capable of. Drucker stated that the other two employees also have their own work to do. Trustee Mitton agreed and that cancelling this project was not intentional.

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Superintendent Dahl also has other things to do. He stated that Dahl did not handle this situation very well by refusing to do the work. Lawson mentioned that it is too late in the season to schedule with the Henry County Highway Department. Mr. Gayman said there are still three months left to get this done. Lawson said that it is too late in the season to hire a contractor to perform the repairs. Mr. Rossi would like Trustee Lawson to provide a list of the ditches that Dahl is mowing; he also asked why Dahl has not been out filling pot holes. Mr. Gayman will provide Trustee Lawson with a list of potholes he would like fixed.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to adopt Ordinance #2017-4, Appropriations totaling \$5,117,000.00. Ayes: Drucker, Peterson, Hancock, Mitton and Lawson. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the village hall.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to hire Tom Engleman to perform fiscal year 2017 audit. Ayes: Drucker, Lawson, Peterson, Hancock and Mitton. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

Mr. Craig Keller a representative of Mediacom Business was present to discuss the issues the village has had with changing over the phone and internet service. A problem was discovered Friday June 30. Internet service had been disconnected by Frontier due to an order from Mediacom. This was done without village hall being informed. Mediacom did send out technicians to restore service on an emergency basis. Mr. Keller assured the village that they would not be charged. Water Superintendent Sandberg voiced his concerns regarding power outages and how it would affect the alarm systems at both pump houses and also the lift stations. When the power is down, the phones are set up to automatically call the water and sewer superintendents to let them know there is a problem. Superintendent Sandberg was told during a site survey performed by Mediacom that their system has a battery backup, but would only last four hours. Mr. Keller will schedule to have technical support attend a board meeting to explain how the system works. It was suggested that the village keep a phone line with

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Frontier for use at village hall. President Cooper feels that is necessary considering the village hall is used as an emergency center.

The Trustees did not have a chance to review a copy of Ordinance #2017-6, amending Chapter XXV to lower sewer rates. The ordinance had not been delivered to village hall prior to the meeting. The board questioned how it was written. It was their understanding that the S2 and S4 charges would be removed. Upon checking the code book and comparing the amounts they found that it is listed as a set rate and not broken down as originally thought. Therefore it was moved by Peterson, seconded by Mitton to approve Ordinance #2017-6, amending Chapter XXV to lower the sewer rate. Ayes: Peterson, Mitton, Hancock, Lawson and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

Trustee Drucker reported that the coin meter at well house #1 is broken and will not dispense water. Superintendent Sandberg will repair the meter and it should be up and working by Wednesday, July 5.

Trustee Peterson thanked the Lions Club for work done at the Love Park tennis courts and for paying the entire bill provided by West Concrete. President Cooper said that he and Trustee Peterson had met with Bush Turf regarding the grass infield to be installed at the Love Park baseball diamond. They suggested Cooper pay a visit to Douglas Park in Rock Island to get an idea of how the field will look when the work is completed. Bush Turf should be starting work on the diamond the first part of August. Peterson and Park Superintendent Sandberg met to discuss providing water for irrigation and controls for the new infield.

President Cooper brought up Joe Smolenski. His teammates have raised money to do something in his memory at the Love Park baseball diamond. They came up with a couple of options; renovating dugouts or possibly building a crow's nest. Trustee Drucker asked why a memorial wouldn't be placed on school property, Trustee Mitton said that baseball was Joe's life and the high school baseball team uses the village's diamond as their home field. Copper asked everyone to keep an open mind about the proposed memorial.

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Trustee Lawson reported that Neil has been painting curbs and doing some tile work. Trustee Drucker said the Methodist Church wants to widen handicapped parking spots and will encroach on village right of way. Cooper wants to know who will be doing the work and who will pay for it! Cooper would like to meet on-site for more discussion. Lawson will speak with Superintendent Dahl. All spaces must be ADA compliant.

It was reported that no officer will be on duty the 3rd of July during the parade and fireworks.

Trustee Mitton asked about the new speed radar sign. He wondered how they were deciding where to place it. President Cooper stated that he, Trustee Newman, and Deputy Baze were making that decision.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to adopt Ordinance #2017-5, approving the Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract with Illinois Municipal League-Risk Management Association. Ayes: Drucker, Lawson, Hancock, Mitton and Peterson. Noes: None. Absent: Newman.

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

Deanna G. Lundburg
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer