

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
VILLAGE BOARD

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VILLAGE OF ORION)

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., October 3, 2016, at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Absent: None.

President Cooper led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked Trustee Drucker for acting as President Pro-Tem at the last meeting, in his absence.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 19, 2016. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper reminded board members to uphold their promises to man the landscape waste site. On the two previously scheduled dates, President Cooper received phone calls at home and had to man the site due to the assigned trustee not being present. Many residents have used the site and the accumulated pile needs to be burned. Street Supt. Neil Dahl will do so when the weather is appropriate.

The Finance Committee meeting will be held October 12, 2016 at 4 p.m. at Village Hall. Discussion will continue regarding a salary schedule. The committee is open to input from any trustee.

Trustee Hancock said Missman, Inc.'s preparation fees for the NPDES permit application will be \$1,000.

President Cooper said the village was short one signature on the agreement to address a drainage issue in the 1400 block of 7th Street. The project can only begin after all signatures are obtained. The village would like to address the problem this construction season.

A heater at the west pump house is in disrepair. Hydrant flushing will begin October 17th, according to Trustee Drucker. In other business, many residents have failed to submit their water survey, as required by the Illinois EPA. Trustee Drucker urged residents to comply with the law and return completed surveys to village hall staff.

Street Supt. Dahl thanked Hillsdale Elevator for donating black dirt to the village. He said streets had been swept, the sidewalk budget expended, and millings used in alleys. One hundred tons of millings were used to improve five alleys. Supt. Dahl will be painting handicap parking spaces and installing signs. In response to a question about painting center lines on streets, Supt. Dahl said he was hesitant to do so during cooler temps.

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It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Mitton to adopt Ordinance #2016-8, establishing a crosswalk in the alley of the 400 block of 12th Avenue. Ayes: Peterson, Newman, Mitton, Lawson, Hancock, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

In regard to the previously approved crosswalk, Supt. Dahl will meet with Orion United Methodist Church pastor, Dave Schultz, to determine the locations of crosswalk signs. The church's activity center doors open directly onto the alley with little room for installation of a sign.

President Cooper thanked Supt. Dahl, Clerk Sampson, Main Street Orion, participating businesses, and all others who had a hand in making the ornamental street light project a success. Trustee Lawson said the banners, provided by other organizations, look great. Pastor Dave Shultz said his wife, the MSO director, appreciates the street supt.'s assistance in hanging banners.

Trustee Peterson said the former sand volleyball pit was seeded.

President Cooper and others met to discuss the need for a grass infield at Love Park's large baseball diamond. Orion High School's head varsity baseball coach, Jeremy Jungwirth, was present and said many games were canceled due to rain. Too much lime had been added to the infield and it gets heavy use by the high school team and others. The field cannot be used for regional events without a grass infield. Mr. Jungwirth agreed to help maintain the field, which would need irrigation, better drainage, and special mowing. President Cooper said the Coulter Trust had a favorable attitude toward funding the improvement. An application to the trust would include the village, high school, and Little League baseball as requestors. President Cooper said the school might pay for the entire project and be reimbursed by Coulter Trust. The contractor expected to do the job has a tight schedule but should be able to complete it this year, if all funding is approved. Trustee Peterson was concerned about the sod surviving through the winter season but agreed to defer to the contractor's judgment. President Cooper said he would bring the project to the board for approval, once the details have been worked out. Trustee Lawson praised Mr. Jungwirth for his dedication to the children and community. He said Mr. Jungwirth is in it for the long haul and always looks out for the Orion kids.

Trustee Newman said the Cops & Kids fundraiser held last weekend was a big success. Henry County Sheriff's Deputy Chad Baze organized the event.

Brief discussion was held about the application forms for off-road recreational vehicles. Those wanting a permit to drive such vehicles on village streets must complete an application, a waiver of liability, and have the vehicle inspected. The police department

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then approves the application packet, after checking for a valid driver's license and insurance, as required by village ordinance. Approval can take one to two days.

Trustee Newman said a group of juveniles did damage to some lights in the Central Park Band Shell. Deputies were able to identify the vandals, using footage from security cameras. The first broken light bulb appeared to be an accident but the event spurred the group to intentionally break other bulbs. President Cooper asked that the offenders not be allowed back in the park for one year. He wanted it to be part of the sentencing. The village will pursue the case to the full extent of the law.

Trustee Drucker asked for police presence in relation to speeding near the intersection of 13th Street and 14th Avenue A and drivers ignoring the stop sign. Trustee Lawson suggested the addition of a stop sign at that intersection, controlling traffic approaching from the north. Trustee Drucker did not think a stop sign was necessary.

Trustee Drucker thanked Trustee Newman for ordering lighted arm bands to give to walkers/runners. The bands light up and flash so drivers can see people from a distance.

Trustee Mitton will get a quote soon to repair some weather damage to the band shell. He also reminded trustees to submit any improvements they felt necessary in the village hall basement. Once all ideas have been submitted, costs estimates will be obtained. Trustee Newman talked with the Orion Area Food Pantry board about possible improvements and the fact the organization might need to relocate its operations, now located in the village hall basement, at least temporarily. The pantry board said there were options available. Trustee Newman said the pantry board was complimentary toward village hall staff for their help. Trustee Newman will attend the board's next quarterly meeting.

Mr. Jeremy Jungwirth, Orion High School varsity baseball coach, presented the village board with a check for the food pantry in the amount of \$720.

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



Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk