

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., December 3, 2007 at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Sederquist, O'Leary, Kane, Dunne, and Drucker. Absent: Lawson.

The meeting was called to order by President Cooper. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of former mayor Quentin Stromquist who recently passed away.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Dunne to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 19, 2007. Ayes: Sederquist, O'Leary, Kane, Dunne and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper thanked Ron Thompson for his efforts getting the Christmas tree in the Central Park band shell. Others who helped with the project were President Cooper, Park Superintendent Arnie Sandberg, Denny Cooper, and Trustees Sederquist, Dunne and Drucker.

Trustee Sederquist reminded the board about the tax levy hearing to be held prior to the next regular meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Sederquist said all trustees received an annual TIF report in their meeting packet. Attorney John Ames said the TIF district has realized somewhere near \$100,000 to this point for the village. Additional funds have been paid out to the developer, county and school district. Attorney Ames said the district is doing well in its fifth year, but development needs to continue at a good pace for the village to get the most benefit. Attorney Ames said an increase will be realized next year, however, it won't be as large as this year. About \$35,000 will be available for village infrastructure after impact fees and developer funds are disbursed. Trustee Drucker said the money should help improve infrastructure in the older section of Orion, which is also located in the TIF district.

Trustee Dunne said the weekend ice storm did damage to trees in the parks. The village will have to hire a tree trimmer to take care of some of the damage. Trustee Dunne also said the Christmas ornaments have been erected in Central Park. Thanks were passed on to Teresa Woody for her hard work taking care of and cleaning up the flowerbed in Central Park.

Trustee Drucker said TLC Preschool will be decorating the Christmas tree in Central Park, weather permitting.

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The minutes of December 3, 2007 continued:

It was moved by Kane, seconded by Drucker to adopt Ordinance #2007-12, regulating the parking area near fire stations. Ayes: Sederquist, O'Leary, Kane, Dunne and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Kane, seconded by Drucker to approve payment of \$940 to Phil Thornburg Construction for 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue sidewalk. Ayes: Sederquist, O'Leary, Kane, Dunne and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper said he authorized Christmas bonuses for full-time employees to be the same as last year.

President Cooper said he decided that village employees could pick up branches downed during the ice storm. Residents will need to cut the branches in reasonable 5' lengths and place them at the curb. The pickup will continue through December 14<sup>th</sup>. President Cooper said residents can also haul debris on their own to the landscape waste site.

President Cooper expressed his desire to change the meeting time to 5:30 p.m. on December 17<sup>th</sup>. This would also require the tax levy hearing be changed to 5:00 p.m. He said he would like to attend the Orion Lion's Club Christmas dinner this year, which is scheduled for the same night. It was moved by Dunne, seconded by Kane to change the tax levy hearing to 5:00 p.m. and the regular board meeting to 5:30 p.m. on December 17, 2007. Prior to a vote Trustee Drucker cautioned against changing meetings for personal reasons and setting a precedent. President Cooper said he understands that concern, but he misses all other club meetings because they conflict with village board meetings. He said he has been a longtime club member and wants to be able to participate in the important end-of-year fundraising auction. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Sederquist, O'Leary, Kane, Dunne and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to adjourn. Ayes: Sederquist, O'Leary, Kane, Dunne, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk