

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
VILLAGE BOARD

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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 p.m., April 19, 2010 at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper called the meeting to order. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to enter executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel performance. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 7:30 p.m.

President Cooper led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 5, 2010. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$40,612.14, Recycle Collections-\$1,739.44, Water O&M-\$5,483.64, Sewer O&M-\$10,179.50, Sewer Depreciation-\$1,203.00, Sewer Capital Improvements-\$3,624.88, Phase I Loan-\$47, Phase II Loan-\$1.11, and Special Tax Allotment-\$39.98. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

Trustee Peterson said he met with an Art-O-Lite representative at Love Park to look at lighting the small baseball diamond. He will also obtain another quote from Rock River Electric. President Cooper said the village is obtaining estimates to see if the project is feasible, and if the estimates exceed \$20,000 the project will be put out for bid.

President Cooper said Carlyle Grundstrom's home at 1207 11th Avenue is not connected to the sewer system; however, Mr. Grundstrom would like to connect at this time. It was moved by Cline, seconded by Peterson to allow Mr. Carlyle Grundstrom, 1207 11th Avenue, Orion, to connect to the sewer system without paying the normal connection fee of \$950 due to the fact that he had been paying village sewer user fees the entire time he was using a private septic system. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper asked the board to set a deadline for Mr. & Mrs. Ken Carlson, 1204 13th St., Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rasmussen, 1206 13th St., and Ms. Destiny Carnahan, 1202 13th St., to make legal connections to the sewer system. The connections were found to be illegal more than a year ago and discussions were held with all property owners about coming into compliance with current code, but the property owners have taken no steps to rectify the issue. It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Drucker to require the sewer

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connections at 1202, 1204, and 1206 13th Street be brought into compliance with current code in 90 days. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

Trustee O'Leary said he intended to submit an application to the Wyman Coulter Trust for funds to purchase a \$15,000 Flyght pump for the 10th Avenue sewer lift station. He said the station pumps a high volume of flow and he would like to replace the existing maintenance-prone Homa pump. The Flyght pump has a five-year warranty versus the one-year warranty on Homa brand pumps. The board had no objection to the submission of an application for funding.

President Cooper asked the board to consider blacktopping 8th Street and 16th Avenue in the Wilson's Addition in lieu of micropaving. The cost difference would be around \$12,000. President Cooper said blacktop would be a better product and provide a longer lasting surface. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Cline to approve a blacktop overlay to 8th Street and 16th Avenue in the Wilson's Addition with the work being performed by the Henry County Highway Department at an estimated cost of \$40,500. Prior to a vote Street Superintendent Neil Dahl asked the board to not eliminate seal coating for future village projects. He said the seal coat method was the most economical; however, when asked by Trustee Drucker how much the 8th Street seal coat process cost last year, the street superintendent said he didn't have the figures at hand. Trustee Drucker said the village might need more engineering input to make sure street projects are completed in the most economical and fiscally responsible manner and the lifespan is appropriate to the cost. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to adopt a resolution appropriating \$100,000 in Motor Fuel Tax funds for street improvements. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Cline to approve an agreement for installation of cross-arms and light signals at the 12th Avenue railroad crossing. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

President Cooper said the new pharmacy is expected to open by the end of April. Plans to blacktop the parking lot included a portion of the alley, but the pharmacy owner requested the village pay the cost of paving the alley. The cost was estimated at \$2,400. The board discussed the pros and cons of participating in the cost of the project and decided if TIF funds were used it would be acceptable. Street Superintendent Dahl was charged with the task of making sure the blacktop project did not impede proper drainage

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in the area. It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Peterson to approve payment not to exceed \$2,400 and using TIF funds for blacktopping a portion of the alley adjacent to the new pharmacy building at 201 11th Avenue. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson. Trustee Stiles abstained from voting.

President Cooper asked the board to make a decision on requiring the Prairie Knoll developers to live up to the agreement signed between them and the village regarding the installation of sidewalks in the subdivision. Village attorney John Ames said the board could acquiesce for the time being without waiving the right to make them comply in the future. Trustee Drucker felt this would be a viable option as long as the issue was addressed prior to the end of the TIF district term, but other board members felt the developers should stick to the agreement they originally signed, which required them to install the remainder of the sidewalks after a period of four years. That period has passed. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by O'Leary to require the developers of Prairie Knoll to install the remainder of sidewalk in the subdivision prior to the end of the 2010 construction season. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, and Cline. Noes: Drucker. Absent: Lawson. Trustee Stiles abstained from voting.

Trustee Drucker said the west well aerator structure and ground tank needed some touch up work and the contractor who originally performed the work will do repairs this summer. In other water business he said there had been a 33% return rate in the cross-connection surveys mailed out in March. Trustee Drucker said state law requires completion of the survey and he urged residents and businesses to complete the form and submit it to Village Hall.

Mr. John Roegiers, an engineer for Missman, Stanley & Assoc., presented the board with a preliminary site plan for extension of water and sewer mains servicing the parcel of land owned by Augie DeMay and Earl Papini just south of the existing car wash. Mr. Roegiers said an Illinois EPA permit would not be obtained at this time because there are a variety of options available for the placement of water and sewer utilities depending upon how the parcel is subdivided. Because of the topography of the land, a sewer lift station might be required. Mr. Roegiers suggested waiting until a developer purchased the property before proceeding with any further plans. However, he recommended that the village pursue acquisition of easements from the current owners to allow utilities to be extended onto the property at the time it is sold. Mr. Roegiers said construction costs for the extensions could total \$175,000. There was some discussion about a requirement to extend the utilities across the entire parcel; however, it was noted that those requirements are contained in the subdivision ordinance and if the parcel was used as one piece and not subdivided those regulations would not apply. It was also noted that under

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certain unique circumstances some who subdivided property were not required to do the full extension.

The board asked that a reminder be put in the paper informing the public that the landscape waste site is closed and residents are not allowed to burn grass.

President Cooper said several bids were obtained for fencing around the storage yard/landscape waste site and those bids will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was noted that a generator for the Village Hall has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to approve the FY2011 budget totaling \$1,556,489. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

Trustee Drucker said the next finance meeting would be held Wednesday, April 21st at 4 p.m.

President Cooper said he contacted a company that is putting together a senior housing plan for the villages of Cambridge and Cordova. He will gather more information to present to the board at a later date. President Cooper said few options exist if the elderly want to give up the maintenance and responsibilities of owning their home but remain in Orion.

President Cooper said Main Street Orion was entertaining the idea of serving liquor at one of its concerts this summer. Executive Director Deb Ford said MSO asked two of its member businesses if they would be interested in providing the liquor service in Central Park on July 31st, and both expressed an interest in participation but gave no final answer yet.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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