

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 7:00 p.m., May 3, 2010 at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Stiles, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: Peterson and Cline.

President Cooper led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Stiles to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 19, 2010. Ayes: Stiles, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Peterson and Cline.

Trustee O'Leary reviewed the details of a sewer issue, first brought to the village's attention last year, with Mr. & Mrs. Ken Carlson, Mrs. Robert Rasmussen, and Mr. & Mrs. Guy Carnahan, representing their daughter Destiny Carnahan. The parties live at 1204, 1206, and 1202 13th Street, respectively. The named parties were involved in discussions last fall regarding the fact that the sewer laterals of all three properties are jointly connected, which is in violation of village code. The board recently gave an ultimatum that all properties must be connected legally within 90 days. President Cooper said the village spent money last year to locate all laterals and investigate the possibility of extending a sewer main, which turned out to be unfeasible, and also offered to foot the difference between digging through 12th Avenue and boring underneath to connect to the existing main. The Carlsons and Mrs. Rasmussen said they thought the village was going to get estimates for the work and return to them with the information. President Cooper said the village was not responsible for obtaining estimates for projects on private property. After further discussion, President Cooper said the three property owners needed to confer about the most feasible and cost effective way to make separate connections to the sewer main and obtain easements to do so. He offered an extension of the deadline but said the connections had to be completed in the 2010 construction season. It was noted that the village would not charge any connection fee, which is normally \$950 for each service.

The board tabled a proposed amendment to the sewer code until further discussion could be held with village attorney John Ames.

Trustee Lawson said the street superintendent was busy filling potholes and will be completing ditch work on 14th Avenue A and locating property lines at the storage yard in preparation for fence installation. Clerk Sampson said she contacted MidAmerican Energy Co. about the installation of lights at the storage yard but had not yet heard back from them.

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The minutes of May 7, 2010 continued:

Trustee O'Leary requested that the piles of ash and burned down landscape waste be removed to a landfill. Trustee Lawson said he would check with the street superintendent on the possibility of removing the debris.

Trustee Drucker said hydrant flushing would begin on May 10th. He also reported that the next finance committee meeting would be held May 12th at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

The board tabled a proposed amendment to the water code until further discussion could be held with village attorney John Ames.

Trustee Stiles said the sheriff's department deputies would not change to 10-hour shifts at this time but the shift change might be instituted at some point in the future.

President Cooper said Trustee Peterson was investigating lighting for the small baseball diamond in Love Park. Trustee Peterson was recuperating from surgery and unable to attend the meeting.

President Cooper said he was notified by Hepner Insurance Agency that the employee health insurance premium quoted a few months ago would increase by 17%. The increase will take effect in July. The village will pay about \$2000 more per year with the increase, but the total premium will still be substantially less than the previous health insurance plan.

President Cooper spoke with Chad Scherwinski from BNSF Railroad regarding the \$65,000 owed to the village. He found out that the village needed to submit an invoice for the funds and a check would be forthcoming as soon as the 13th Avenue bridge was removed, which should be by June 1st. Clerk Sampson will submit the invoice.

President Cooper said he is investigating information about the construction of an assisted living facility. He has received some info from Revere Development, Inc. and other companies may be contacted as well.

Mr. Tim Herold contacted President Cooper about the stipulation that all sidewalks in the Prairie Knoll subdivision be completed this construction season. He was unhappy with the ultimatum, but President Cooper informed him the board required the project to be done.

President Cooper announced the installation of signs on Rt. 150 celebrating accomplishments by Orion High School students Thorian Twyner and Amelia Martens. The signs will be erected by the state and will stay in place for one year.

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The minutes of May 7, 2010 continued:

Trustee Cline arrived at 8:30 p.m.

The board briefly discussed the issue of allowing employees to accumulate comp time versus overtime. Due to the small workforce, the difficulty employees currently have using up their existing leave time, and the additional work it would take to keep track of accumulated and used comp time, the board decided against allowing comp time.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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