

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., August 16, 2010 at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> 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 and 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 August 2, 2010. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Stiles to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$43,332.23, Recycle Collections-\$1,738.80, Water O&M-\$5,666.27, Water Depreciation-\$205.80, Sewer O&M-\$9,160.32, Sewer Depreciation-\$8,902.37, Sewer Capital Improve.-\$14,324.36, Motor Fuel Tax-\$14,740.10, and Fines-\$1,411.98. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson.

Trustee Cline said a potential tree program has been postponed until next year when there would be more time to digest the material and get something in place.

President Cooper said Shelley Ditzman from the Orion Little League contacted him in regard to meeting with village officials about the use of facilities in Love Park. Trustees Cline and Peterson agreed to meet with her.

Trustee Drucker said quarterly revenue and expenses were reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting along with past due utility accounts. It was determined that revenues and expenses were on target and residents with past due accounts would be disconnected unless payment arrangements were made.

Trustee Stiles said two to three police shifts needed to be filled for Labor Day weekend's Fall Fest event. Officers working for the event charge \$20/hr., and President Cooper said the Festival Committee agreed to pay the difference between the ordinary hourly rate and the premium rate. The village will pay the officers and remit a statement to the Festival Committee for its share.

Work on the Love Park shelter and restrooms has begun, according to Trustee Peterson, and the Lion's Club will provide \$500 toward the project.

President Cooper said he sent an application to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation requesting \$500,000 for a new baseball diamond facility. He said he received a letter of rejection indicating the Foundation was focusing its efforts in other areas.

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Trustee O'Leary said Arkebauer Lawn Care received payment from the village in the amount of \$74.75 for electricity used for the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue manhole exhaust fan. The use began June 13<sup>th</sup> and ended August 1<sup>st</sup>. Trustee O'Leary said the sewer superintendent continues to keep in contact with Hoerr Co. regarding the schedule for lining the 1<sup>st</sup> Street sewer main.

Discussion about Bill Lange's prior proposal to pave 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue near his business, Orion Tool & Die, was tabled for lack of information.

Issues regarding the landscape waste site were discussed and it was decided that in the future the site would be closed and debris would be burned before it becomes unmanageable. The site would also be closed in inclement weather. The board set hours of disposal to be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., manned on a rotating basis by employees. Also, the site will be open on alternating Saturdays from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., manned on a voluntary basis by trustees. The schedule will be in place for the months of September, October, and November, after which the site will be closed until spring. If the person manning the site is not familiar with the user's residency status an I.D. must be shown that proves village residency. No use by non-residents will be permitted. President Cooper said a new padlock would be installed in the near future and keys will be distributed to all trustees and employees.

Trustee Drucker said the broken fire hydrant at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue was replaced, and interrupted water service was restored within 1.5 hours. Satisfactory test results were obtained and the boil order was lifted. In other water business it was noted that Putnam County was waiting for the arrival of special paint so employees could touch up areas on the ground tank and aerator tower. Trustee Drucker said the tank would need to be drained before the work was done.

President Cooper said he contacted Mr. Chad Scherwinski about a schedule for replanking the 7<sup>th</sup> Street bridge and Mr. Scherwinski replied by saying the BNSF Railway intended to honor the agreement previously signed with the village.

President Cooper announced the receipt of documentation from the Illinois Commerce Commission regarding the impending installation of cross arms at the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue railroad crossing.

The board granted approval to Destiny Carnahan for a time extension to get her sewer main legally connected. The time was extended to June 1, 2011.

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The 14<sup>th</sup> Street drainage problem was discussed and the board decided that those living with the situation need relief. President Cooper said he would review a potential solution provided by Missman Stanley.

President Cooper related an incident that occurred at his home last weekend. A resident insinuated that he was receiving special favors because village employees were mowing a street right-of-way area south of his property at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue when others in Orion were required to take care of their own R.O.W. President Cooper informed the resident that the area in question had been mowed by village employees long before he became village president and would continue to be mowed after he left office. The area is on the edge of the village limits and borders a farm field. The resident complained about having to take care of the R.O.W. area on 10<sup>th</sup> Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues, which was full of overgrown bushes and weeds. Trustee Drucker said MidAmerican Energy Co. owned the property years ago and planted the bushes in an attempt to make the fenced area look more attractive. He also said President Cooper overextended himself to the resident by allowing him to use the village's landscape waste site for some trimmings from that area before the site was open to the public. There was a brief discussion about letting those in the business of landscaping utilize the site.

Trustee Peterson asked that police officers check Love Park more frequently due to increased vandalism.

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

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk



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