

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., September 8, 2010 at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Absent: None.

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 16, 2010. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Drucker said the next Finance Committee meeting would be held September 15, 2010 at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

President Cooper thanked all who helped make the Orion Fall Festival a success during the past Labor Day weekend, including village employees, volunteers, and those who attended the event. It was noted that ticket sales for the carnival rides set a record.

Trustee Peterson said he heard a lot of compliments about Central Park over the holiday weekend. President Cooper thanked Trustee Peterson for his part in sprucing up the park for the Fall Fest event.

Trustee O'Leary reported on a sewer violation letter received from the Illinois EPA. The letter dated August 30th addressed violations of pumping from manholes to relieve basement backups. The village has 45 days to develop a plan and respond to the letter. Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg said he had spoken to Todd Husen from the EPA about each backup incident and formal letters were also submitted. Supt. Lundburg said the EPA should be informed that the village is continuing to televise, repair, and replace old sewer mains as funding allows. He also said another interceptor sewer might alleviate some of the backups, but the village was still paying for a \$4 million upgrade to the system. Supt. Lundburg asked that Missman-Stanley be involved in formulating a reply to the EPA. The board discussed the problem of storm water infiltration, ways to locate it, and ways to prevent it. Costs to televise mains run about \$1,200 per day. Trustee O'Leary said he would contact Congressman Bill Foster about grant funds. Clerk Sampson was asked to contact Bi-State Regional Commission about the same issue. President Cooper asked Supt. Lundburg to have a response letter drafted and ready to present at the October 4th board meeting. In the meantime, any instances of sewer backup will continue to result in pumping from manholes.

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Trustee O'Leary said no firm dates were available from Hoerr Co. for lining the 1st Street sewer main. Repair of the 10th Avenue main will take place after the 1st Street project is done.

Trustee Lawson said 13th Street would be blacktopped next week. He also said items deposited at the landscape waste site on its first day open had been burned down.

The water department is still waiting for Putnam County Painting to do touch up work on the west tower and ground storage tank, according to Trustee Drucker. If results aren't forthcoming, legal action may be necessary.

Village attorney John Ames was asked to review federal drug and alcohol regulations that may need to be added to the village's personnel policy.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Cline to approve a \$500 payment to Main Street Orion for Saturday with Santa. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper said some complaints were received from those who handled the Fun Run at the Fall Fest. Clerk Sampson responded to the complaints about lack of barricades, but President Cooper will also forward the concerns to the Fall Fest Committee.

President Cooper said Chad Scherwinski was no longer the village's contact for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. The new contact person is French Thompson. President Cooper said a meeting would be held on September 16th at 1:00 p.m. to discuss improvements regarding guardrail installation at BNSF's 7th Street bridge. Since the bridge affects several government agencies including the village, county, and township, officials from each agency will discuss cost sharing for the improvements.

There was general consensus among the board to have President Cooper sign a proclamation asking Air Tran to reconsider the continuation of airline service to Atlanta from the Quad City International Airport.

There was brief discussion regarding U.S. Cellular's need to place a cell phone tower in the village, possibly on village-owned property. The property under consideration by the company is an empty lot north of Orion True Value. Attorney Ames was asked to review zoning regulations.

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President Cooper said notice has been received that all three at-grade railroad crossings have been approved for cross arm upgrades.

Board members were asked to volunteer to man the landscape waste site on scheduled Saturdays. Trustee Drucker said the times of operation for weekdays had been changed from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to 1:00-3:00 p.m.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to enter executive session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:35 p.m.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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