

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., October 4, 2010 at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Stiles, and Drucker. Absent: Lawson and Cline.

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 September 20, 2010 and the emergency meeting held September 21, 2010. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Stiles and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson and Cline.

Trustee Peterson said work was still being done on the bathroom at Love Park. He also stated the \$500 donation from the Lion's Club had been received.

Trustee O'Leary reported that Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg had continued to test lower explosive levels (LEL) at Lela Hawkins home. The levels remained at zero. He also checked with neighbors around Mrs. Hawkins' home, with no complaints. There has been no measurable rainfall since the incident. Trustee Stiles asked if traps in the basement had been examined. Trustee O'Leary said that Plumbing Inspector Dean Larson had capped the traps so they were up to code. Trustee Drucker asked if Missman Stanley had been contacted yet. According to Trustee O'Leary, Missman Stanley will contact the IEPA to check the status of an old case with the Orion gas station that was never rectified or closed. Trustee O'Leary said that Superintendent Lundburg had not heard anything from Missman Stanley as yet. Trustee O'Leary went on to say that he feels the problem could have originated on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Attorney Ames said Bulk Petroleum is in bankruptcy reorganization. President Cooper told the board that Lela Hawkins' daughter had contacted the IEPA. The IEPA spoke with Clerk Sampson. MidAmerican Energy contacted the State Fire Marshall. The State Fire Marshall's office was at Orion Mart recently inspecting records and found all to be in order.

Myers Plumbing & Htg. will repair the sewer main on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue the week of October 18th. The road surface will also be patched after that takes place.

Trustee O'Leary stated that the pump at the Prairie Knoll lift station has been repeatedly blowing fuses. Superintendent Lundburg will have Electric Pump remove the pump next week for repairs.

President Cooper asked for a cost estimate on the installation of relief sewer mains in two different locations. John Roegiers from Missman Stanley will provide the information by October 18<sup>th</sup>.

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The minutes of October 4, 2010 continued:

Trustee Drucker reported that Putnam County Painting was in Orion last week to inspect the interior of the ground storage tank. Water Superintendent Arnie Sandberg advised today that all the chlorine was used up from the tank so it had to be drained. He will send samples to the lab tomorrow for testing.

Trustee Stiles asked how many gallons of water were used for the September 24th fire at Darling International in Lynn Center. Trustee Drucker said approximately 3 million gallons of water was used. There was discussion regarding what legal obligation there might be, if any, for water provided by the village. Trustee Stiles thought the village should have a plan in place for major fires to prevent water levels in the village tanks from getting dangerously low. President Cooper said Orion had never charged for water usage in the past. Henry County Deputy Dirk Wilkinson was present and added that there was concern regarding an explosion with the fire. President Cooper will discuss with the Orion Fire Department regarding a contingency plan.

Trustee Drucker said the next Finance Committee meeting would be held October 20, 2010 at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

Trustee Stiles reported that a door on the older squad car is to be repaired by Orion Collision. The estimated cost will be \$300. He also added that he had attended a Prevailing Wage seminar recently. Trustee Stiles said the village is required to keep certain paperwork on hand. Fines of \$25,000 can be issued if found not to be in compliance. He will discuss this further with Clerk Sampson. President Cooper thanked Trustee Stiles for attending the meeting.

Trustee Stiles expressed interest in the village purchasing polo shirts with its logo for trustees to wear while attending an event or meeting representing the village.

President Cooper advised the board of a meeting with Ben Hach from Iberdrola Renewables regarding wind energy. Mr. Hach showed maps of farmers who have wind farms. Orion has an area of growth potential where some of the towers could be placed. President Cooper said Mr. Hach could attend a board meeting to advise how wind energy could affect our area.

Village attorney John Ames advised the board to amend the drug and alcohol policy to add direct observation inspecting regarding urine specimen collections. It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Stiles to adopt Ordinance #2010-9, amending the drug and alcohol testing policy for village employees. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Stiles, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson and Cline.

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President Cooper accepted the resignation of Building Inspector, Robert Scott, Sr. Mr. Scott had worked for the village in excess of 10 years. Dean Larson, the village's plumbing inspector, is handling all building permits and inspections at this time. President Cooper also stated an advertisement should be placed in the Orion Gazette for the vacancy. Trustee Drucker suggested that any person applying for the position be able to respond to requests within approximately two hours. Trustee Stiles advised with the recent construction at his business he had to wait for 2 days for an inspection.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to set Halloween Trick-or-Treat for October 31, 2010 from 5-7:00 p.m. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Stiles, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Lawson and Cline.

President Cooper said he had received several positive comments from residents since the landscape site has been open on various dates.

Trustee O'Leary asked if any more thought had been given to an assisted living facility in Orion. President Cooper said he had talked with a company that did a facility in Cordova, IL but it would cost \$10,000 to complete a study to see if the village can handle such a site. He felt the village could not spend that much money. President Cooper felt Orion would have plenty of interest in such a facility.

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

Sandra P. Mizen  
Deputy Clerk





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