

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., November 15, 2010 at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: Cline.

President Cooper called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 1, 2010. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cline.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$33,679.30, Recycle Collections-\$1,738.80, Water O&M-\$4,685.93, Sewer O&M-\$7,686.73, Sewer Depreciation-\$351.22, Motor Fuel Tax-\$395.04, and Fines-\$67.43. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cline.

Mr. Tom Engelmann addressed the board regarding the FY2010 audit report. He noted, once again, that the size of the municipality's staff does not allow for proper segregation of duties, which was listed at the lowest level of concern in the report. Mr. Engelmann said monthly finance committee reviews of credit card statements and revenues and expenditures help avoid or identify any misappropriation of funds. He also noted the state of Illinois is behind in the submittal of income tax payments to the village but all other state revenues had been arriving in a timely manner. Mr. Engelmann lauded the board for good management and increasing fund balances but warned that they should continue to be conservative until the economy has proven it's on sure footing.

The board was reminded a Christmas tree would be erected in the Central Park band shell on Sunday, November 21st. Volunteers are needed to cut down the tree, haul it to the park, and add decorations.

Trustee Stiles said a police officer had to put down a deer with two broken legs. A village resident picked up and processed the deer for its meat.

Trustee Peterson said the Love Park rest room and shelter projects had been completed. Also, a survey of Love Park was estimated by Missman Stanley & Assoc. to cost \$2,000. Trustee Peterson will pursue other estimates as well.

President Cooper praised those who organized the veterans' ceremony in Central Park on Sunday, November 14th. He said it was a nice event.

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Trustee O'Leary said gasoline vapors were once again haunting the sewer department. After a lid was placed over the open manhole on 11th Avenue a homeowner up the hill from the site complained of odor in their home. The lid was removed to vent the vapors. Trustee O'Leary said the fumes were not explosive, but grates will be purchased to install over the manhole opening for venting purposes this winter and until the Illinois EPA resolves the issue. After discussion by the board and a suggestion to seek assistance from the congressional district representative to speed up the Illinois EPA's process to rectify the problem, village attorney John Ames told the board the EPA should be given more time to research information provided to them by the village regarding the succession of land owners of the suspected property. Attorney Ames said he could contact the EPA and request a timetable for the process.

Mr. John Roegiers told the board another timeline must be submitted to the Illinois EPA regarding the violation letter about rectifying sewer backups. He said a resolution to the problem must be completed within three years. He presented a schedule to the board, which included an investigation of the problem, submitting a correction plan, obtaining a construction permit, securing financing, and completing construction. The board accepted the schedule with a few minor deadline changes. Mr. Roegiers said the EPA would not accept lack of funding as a reason to delay the project. He will draft a new letter for the EPA. Trustee O'Leary said he intended for the sewer department to continue televising sewer mains next year to locate problem areas.

Trustee Lawson reported that work was being done to ready Christmas decorations and the street department was also getting equipment ready for winter snowplowing. A guardrail is planned for installation at the intersection of 13th Avenue and 3rd Street and a culvert will be installed on 15th Avenue near 8th Street.

Trustee Drucker said he hoped Christmas decorations would be erected by Thanksgiving. Village employees were in the process of checking the Christmas equipment.

Trustee Drucker said the Finance Committee recommended keeping the tax levy request the same as last year. He said those living on an income of only social security received no increase in revenue for 2010 and none was expected in 2011. Trustee Drucker said the board should use good fiscal constraint and only ask for \$183,155 from the levy. The levy hearing was set for 7:00 p.m., December 20th.

Trustee Drucker briefly discussed the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant requirements, which call for the village to spend \$90,000 in order to get an additional \$175,000 for streetscape improvements in the business district. Various financing options were presented and Trustee Drucker asked the board to prepare for discussion at

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the next meeting. Clerk Sampson will investigate details of the grant as it relates to the timing of grant payments. President Cooper reminded the board that the money comes from federal funds that are funneled through state agencies.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to enter executive session at 8:45p.m. to discuss employee compensation issues and hiring a building inspector. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cline.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:10 p.m.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Lawson to advertise for a Building Inspector and an Electrical Inspector at an annual salary of \$2,000 each. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cline.

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, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cline.

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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