

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
VILLAGE BOARD

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The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., January 3, 2011 at the Village Hall, 1202 4<sup>th</sup> 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 noted that Trustee Cline was absent due to a conflict with his job as coaching staff for Galva girl's basketball.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 20, 2010. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cline.

Trustee Lawson said the BNSF Railway signals were flashing on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue when there was no train approaching. He will ask Street Superintendent Neil Dahl to contact the railroad.

Trustee Drucker praised the village employees for their snowplowing efforts during the last major storm. He said they did an excellent job.

The Finance Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Stiles said the village might receive grant funds for a mobile data computer to be installed in one squad car. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority recently contacted the village to get additional information for a grant request previously submitted.

Trustee O'Leary reported the failure of the Prairie Knoll lift station. He said one pump failed and was removed and sent away for repairs, and in the meantime the other pump stopped working. A portable pump had to be used to pump down the sewage. Trustee O'Leary said a service technician would be working on the pump tomorrow. The problem did not appear to be electrical in nature. Trustee O'Leary said there was some discussion about changing the system to three-phase to reduce wear and tear on the pumps. However, it was also noted that the lift station pumps had worked well for several years and just recently began having mechanical difficulties. The board discussed investigating the installation of a different system to avoid future problems, especially since the lift station will bear a greater burden as the subdivision develops further. Future TIF funds could be used to purchase larger pumps.

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Trustee O'Leary said John Roegiers from Missman Stanley learned from the IEPA that the process was moving forward in regard to rectifying the violation for which the village was cited. Upon approval of the plan, the village will receive a Compliance Commitment Agreement to sign and return.

It was reported that the fan venting the manhole on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue had become unplugged recently, causing Mr. Darren Brown to complain once again of gasoline odor in his home. Trustee O'Leary said vapor in the home is only detected in one corner of the basement where waterproofing work had been performed and not entirely sealed. He suggested the fan be removed from the manhole when the sewer superintendent could be present to monitor the vapor in the Brown basement to determine how quickly the vapor returns. Trustee Lawson said it was difficult to believe that contamination from a spill at the Orion Mart property would travel to the location of Mr. Brown's property. Since no vapor was detected at the sewer drain in Mr. Brown's basement, it is unknown why turning on the manhole fan eliminates vapor around the foundation. Village attorney John Ames said he would contact the IEPA to find out the status of the LUST action at the Orion Mart property. President Cooper said the village had spent a considerable amount of time and money to try to resolve the problem but the EPA was now responsible for pursuing the issue. Trustee O'Leary will set up a meeting with Mr. Brown to discuss future action. It was noted that someone recently contacted village office staff seeking building permit records for the Orion Mart property as part of an environmental review. It is unknown on whose behalf the review is being performed.

The board granted approval to Street Superintendent Neil Dahl to serve as a volunteer fireman for the Orion Fire District. He will be allowed to respond to calls during his work hours with no penalty.

President Cooper reminded those present that he and Trustee O'Leary would be attending the landscape waste site on January 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-Noon for the drop-off of live Christmas trees.

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

Lori A. Sampson  
Village Clerk



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