

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., February 21, 2011 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.

President Cooper said Trustee Cline was away on vacation and unable to attend the meeting.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 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-\$41,727.41, Recycle Collections-\$1,809.64, Water O&M-\$5,109.50, Sewer O&M-\$9,131.09, Sewer Depreciation-\$1,841.32, Motor Fuel Tax-\$1,349.15, and Fines-\$42.97. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cline.

Mindy Carls was present to introduce Flat Stella, a paper doll shipped to her by 1st graders from Auburn, Kansas. The doll was making its way across the United States, and Mrs. Carls took a photo of Flat Stella with the President and Board of Trustees to document the visit.

Trustee Drucker said FY2012 budget requests were due to the village clerk by March 15th. The Finance Committee will review after requests are compiled and tallied, then a proposed budget will be given to the board on April 4th and voted on April 18th. President Cooper encouraged all departments to be frugal.

President Cooper said he still planned to meet with the Orion Little League and traveling league to work out differences in concession stand use between the two groups.

Trustee Stiles said part-time police salaries were over budget and as a result, he recommended that all part-time hours for March and April be eliminated. Trustee Stiles said more part-time coverage was required this year due to two full-time deputies taking advantage of the Family Leave Act. He also pointed out language in the contract between the village and Henry County which he felt implied the county owed the village 120 hours of coverage regardless of a deputy's leave time. Trustee Drucker said it should be clarified who will pay for expenses if a deputy assigned to Orion is injured or sick, off work for weeks or months at a time with paid leave, and needs to be replaced by another

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deputy. Trustee O'Leary and Orion resident and businessman, Ron Thompson, debated the pros and cons of shifts scheduled for cuts, and Trustee Lawson proclaimed the village was not getting the coverage it paid for in the contract. Trustee Stiles assured the board he would be prudent about the timing of shift cuts, and he and President Cooper decided to meet with Sheriff Padilla to discuss contract language. President Cooper asked that the sheriff's department be notified about Orion's lack of coverage for March and April so they could position a squad nearby.

Trustee O'Leary said Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg was prepared for heavy rains affecting the sewer collections system, and he checked manholes in problem areas frequently but no sewer backups were reported over the weekend.

Trustee Lawson said potholes would be filled when weather permitted. Trustee O'Leary pointed out one sinkhole near the 12th Avenue railroad tracks that needed attention. Trustee Lawson also said the 7th Street bridge deck is about $\frac{3}{4}$ complete but workers had not been at the site for some time. President Cooper said he would contact the railroad to check on the schedule for completion.

It was moved by Lawson, seconded by Drucker to approve the streetscape engineering agreement with Missman, Inc. in the amount of \$35,000. Prior to a vote, Trustee Lawson said he disagreed with paying more than the original \$90,000 approved by the board. Engineering expense increased by \$15,000, which Trustee Lawson thought should be absorbed in the \$90,000 already committed. He said too many other projects required attention, and extra funds should not be spent on the streetscape project. President Cooper reminded the board that Missman representative Mike McCaw felt the cost might be less than anticipated, because some of the work had already been done and billed to the village. The motion was called for a vote. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, and Drucker. Noes: O'Leary and Lawson.

Trustee Drucker said a water leak occurred at 1018 4th Street last Friday and repairs were made to the business owner's lateral on Monday. A small portion of the sidewalk had to be disturbed and will be replaced temporarily until the streetscape project can be completed. Trustee Drucker said the village's water main was not leaking, so the village bore no expense in the repairs.

Trustee Drucker said repairs to the coin machine at the west tower had been made.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the purchase of Main Street Orion gift certificates totaling \$250 for Orion After Prom. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Cline.

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President Cooper reminded the board that the village would be co-hosting the HCEDP MVP meeting at Woo Dog's Pub & Grub on March 1st. He said sponsorships had been secured from BankORION and Orion Mart to assist paying for appetizers and/or drinks for the event. President Cooper encouraged board members to attend.

If legislators are available to meet with them, President Cooper and Trustee Drucker will join an area group in a trip to Springfield in March.

It was noted that the census results showed an 8.6% increase in population for Orion. The increase will translate to an increase in revenue. An additional 148 people were counted in the 2010 census. President Cooper said Orion was one of very few towns in Henry County that could boast an increase.

President Cooper said he would review the plan submitted by the Illinois EPA's contractor, which addresses the gasoline vapor issue. Trustee O'Leary and Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg have already reviewed the plan, and Trustee O'Leary said it contains no timeline for the project to begin. After the EPA began pursuing the issue, Bulk Petroleum indicated they were developing their own plan, and the EPA appeared willing to give them time to do so. Attorney Ames said EPA representative, Neelu Lowder, previously told him Bulk Petroleum would get a 45-day notice and if no response was received, they would move forward. Attorney Ames will contact Ms. Lowder and/or Jody Kershaw, the EPA representative in charge of the remediation plan, to determine a timeline. Trustee O'Leary said Superintendent Lundurg continues to record vapor readings and the fan is still in operation over the manhole.

Trustee Lawson said he received a complaint about the condition of a garage north of the fire station. President Cooper directed Clerk Sampson to write a letter to the owner of the structure.

There being no further business to come before the board, 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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