

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., September 7, 2011 at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Stiles, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Absent: Peterson and Lawson.

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

It was moved by Newman, seconded by Drucker to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 15, 2011 and August 29, 2011. Ayes: Stiles, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Peterson and Lawson.

The board reviewed a recommendation from the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to approve a pre-annexation agreement with Mr. Bill Lange of Orion Tool, Die & Machine Co., 1400 16th Street, subject to an amendment indicating the dedication of the extensions of 16th Street and 14th Avenue. President Cooper said Mr. Lange had previously requested that 16th Street be vacated on the east side of his existing property; however, legal counsel for the village did not feel it would be wise to take that action and instead, a license giving Mr. Lange use of the street was suggested. The license would allow the village to take back the use of the street at any time with a proper 30-day notice. After further discussion the board agreed the notice should be changed to 90 days. The license would allow Mr. Lange to erect fencing to prevent vehicle trespass, since a fence would not be considered a permanent structure, according to Village Attorney John Ames. Upon review of the description of the dedication of 16th Street, it was agreed the description would be amended to show the 125' length of the dedicated area. There was also brief discussion about the village providing off-street parking for Love Park patrons in order to lessen the burden on Orion Tool & Die. It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to adopt Ordinance #2011-5, approving a pre-annexation agreement with Bill Lange of Orion Tool, Die & Machine Co., 1400 16th Street, subject to an amended description for the extension of 16th Street and changing the 30-day notice to a 90-day notice in the license for the use of 16th Street. Ayes: Stiles, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Peterson and Lawson.

The Finance Committee was set for September 14, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to approve the Motor Fuel Tax audit for calendar years 2009 and 2010. Ayes: Stiles, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Peterson and Lawson.

Trustee O'Leary thanked Clerk Sampson and Deputy Clerk Mizen for their efforts to keep excellent accounting records.

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It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Newman to adopt Ordinance #2011-6, approving the annexation of property owned by Bill Lange of Orion, Tool, Die & Machine Co. Ayes: Stiles, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Peterson and Lawson.

President Cooper praised the work of Trustee Peterson for helping with park duties in the summer.

Trustee Stiles said Deputy Joe Femali wrote a letter of thanks to the Henry County auxiliary officers who assisted during the Orion Fall Festival. President Cooper said the OFF board will pay the difference in cost between regular pay and holiday pay for the other deputies who worked the holiday weekend.

Trustee O'Leary said televising of sewer mains will be performed this week. Two or three sinkholes will be investigated at the locations of 1328 7th St., 1518 8th St., and 1418 7th St. Also, Trustee O'Leary said a pump will be installed in the near future at the 10th Avenue lift station. The village is still waiting for a pump to arrive for the Prairie Knoll lift station.

Trustee O'Leary said letters were forwarded to the appropriate legislators as requested at the special meeting of August 29th. The letters requested funding for infrastructure improvements.

President Cooper thanked Trustee O'Leary for all of his assistance during current and past Fall Festival events. He said Trustee O'Leary had been involved in many aspects of the festival throughout a number of years.

It was noted that the bid had been awarded to a contractor for the installation of guard rails at the 7th Street bridge, and Henry County Highway Department Superintendent Steve Brandau was hopeful the rails would be installed by the end of the month.

Blacktop is scheduled for installation on 14th Street between 14th Ave. A and 15th Avenue toward the end of September.

Trustee Drucker said he hoped to be able to announce a hydrant flushing schedule in the near future.

Trustee Newman gave a report on band shell vandalism and noted the failure of the village's security camera system. He said security system vendors indicated the village's system had become outdated and should be replaced with new technology. In an effort to

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determine replacement costs, Trustee Newman is requesting bids from two vendors (a third vendor declined to bid) and he hopes to receive those bids by September 12th. The system would be used to protect the band shell and the veterans' monument and possibly the exterior of the bathrooms. Trustee Newman said the project would have to be approved by the board as it is not in the current budget. He also said Deputy Femali would like to see the equipment and be involved in the decision-making process. President Cooper said those responsible for the monument might also want to be involved and could be a source of shared funding for the project. Trustee Drucker asked about the clarity of the picture that would be captured by the camera and if it required a light source. It was felt the camera would be motion activated and provide its own light, and regarding clarity, Henry County Deputy Pat Coppejans said Henry County doesn't have photo enhancing capability. The state police lab, however, does have that capability. Trustee Newman felt it was important to protect structures that are difficult or impossible to replace.

Because one individual recently purchased a kennel license it was discovered that the only regulation for such license is a \$15 fee. No other stipulations apply as long as the applicant has the kennel in a properly zoned area. President Cooper asked board members to give the issue some thought and see how other communities handle licensing for kennels.

President Cooper said the purchasing system for pet food for the animal control department will be reviewed.

The board set the landscape waste schedule as such: the first and third Mondays of each month beginning September 19th and ending November 21st from 1:00-3:00 p.m., and Saturdays of alternating weeks from 8:00-10:00 a.m. beginning Oct 1st and ending November 19th. Ayes: Stiles, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Peterson and Lawson.

Clerk Sampson briefly reviewed some information she sent to board members via email regarding the National Flood Insurance Program. Discussion at a prior meeting had elicited two questions from the board: How much would an average premium cost and what would trigger the federal government to establish a floodplain? Clerk Sampson said Mr. Frank Shockey from FEMA Region V indicated an average premium for a house that would cost \$100,000 to rebuild would be \$250-\$300 per year. He also seemed to indicate that the chance of any area within the village limits being reevaluated and mapped as a floodplain would be slim. Clerk Sampson said she would forward copies of a sample resolution and ordinance to board members for review and consideration.

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President Cooper said a report issued by a Henry County agency regarding drainage and flooding near the railroad tracks touched on a cattle panel used to stop debris from entering a culvert, the fact that storm water at one point has to make a 90 degree turn, and a 42' drain pipe on private property, and all three may all play a part in flooding near the tracks. President Cooper met with Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Burson of 1206 3rd St., Melissa Wauer of 208 12th Avenue, and Mr. Keith Weaver of 1204 3rd St. on August 31st at Mr. Burson's request. The group of homeowners discussed the flooding issue and suggested the size of the tube on private property be increased or removed to prevent storm water from backing up onto their properties. President Cooper said he sympathized with the group but informed them that no tube would handle a rain event similar to the one that occurred in May. He told the board he would like to have village engineers review the issue. The group of homeowners had indicated to President Cooper that they might be willing to sue the village in order to get the problem resolved.

President Cooper thanked all who helped in any way with making the 2011 Orion Fall Fest a success. He said he is happy to be a part of the festival and told the board it doesn't take a backseat to any other festivals in the area.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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