

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., September 19, 2011 at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Absent: None.

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 September 7, 2011. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$36,779.81, General Depreciation-\$3,025.08, Recycle Collections-\$3,619.28, Water O&M-\$4,880.16, Sewer O&M-\$7,601.23, Sewer Depreciation-\$707.50, Phase II Loan Retirement-\$97,859.69, Motor Fuel Tax-\$14,611.45, Hanna Trust-\$39.02, and Fines-\$881.82. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, Lawson, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Peterson thanked the Orion Fire Department for assisting with cleaning the park shelter and band shell prior to the Orion Fall Festival.

Trustee Peterson said three pine trees in Central Park will be removed soon due to disease. He also noted that a bench in Love Park that was built by an Eagle Scout last year was vandalized. Trustee Peterson said he will attempt to repair the bench.

Trustee Peterson offered to help Trustee Lawson with transportation of light poles from East Moline to Orion for use in Love Park. Trustee Lawson said he would disassemble the poles some evening in the near future and transport them on a weekend.

Trustee O'Leary said sewer mains were televised in the east end of the village near the Catholic Church. He said the mains were in better than expected condition but it was found that some sections were held together only with sealant, which could account for some infiltration. He also said a length of 6" fire hose was found in an 8" main west of 7th Street. The hose belongs to the fire department and it slipped into the main when the department was assisting with pumping during a heavy rain event. Trustee O'Leary said the village of Alpha did the televising for Orion and will return at a later date to do more. Photos will be provided to the village in order to substantiate what was seen during the investigation. A sinkhole near 1418 7th Street was found to be caused by a sewer lateral and is the responsibility of the property owner to repair.

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Trustee Lawson said blacktopping of 14th Street between 14th Avenue A & 15th Avenue is expected to be done by the end of next week. Two other small areas will also be blacktopped.

President Cooper said grading will begin at the 7th Street bridge location this week and guardrails will be installed Monday of next week. Street Superintendent Neil Dahl will remove the existing wood railing.

Trustee Drucker said hydrant flushing will begin September 26th and could take two weeks to complete.

Trustee Newman said the final concrete pour was completed at the east shed and may be slightly over budget due to an extra section that was deemed necessary.

Trustee Newman said he received two bids for security cameras in Central Park. Trustee Newman said two bubble-shaped cameras would be mounted in a symmetrical fashion in the ceiling of the band shell and one outside the band shell, aimed at the restroom. Another camera would replace the existing camera on a pole near the monument. Trustee Newman said methods to pay for the system were discussed at the Finance Committee meeting and an application for funds from the Coulter Trust had already been completed. He also said he observed a demonstration from one vendor and would view the other vendor's system on Thursday morning. All board members were invited to attend the demonstration. Trustee Newman said the system will be expensive and the board needs to make sure it is getting the right equipment for the job. President Cooper felt being able to catch a vandal in the act would send a message to others that vandalism will not be tolerated. Trustee Drucker asked about the extent of vandalism today as compared to the past and how much money had been spent on repairs as a result of vandalism. He wanted to make sure the cost of the security system would justify the benefit. Most board members felt there had been an increase in vandalism but cost/benefit figures were not available. Trustee Newman said there would be a one-year parts and labor warranty on both systems. Trustee Drucker asked that the reliability of the two systems be investigated before recommending one for purchase. Trustee Lawson asked that the monitor be placed in the police office, and Trustee Newman said the system could be linked to a number of computers, though each may require a separate license fee.

The board discussed membership in the National Flood Insurance Program, and President Cooper said the mayors in Cambridge and Colona advised caution when joining any federal program. The ordinance required for NFIP membership appears to place burdensome rules on village personnel. And in addition, those that could benefit from the flood insurance had not indicated they would purchase it if available. It was noted that

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one community in the program was required to move its sewer plant because the floodplain originally in existence was later expanded to include the area of the plant. The board was concerned that a similar situation could affect the village's water and sewer systems. In light of issues that could be detrimental to the village and its residents, the board agreed to not pursue the NFIP.

President Cooper said the Orion Fire District board is moving forward with a building expansion which will include a community room of some sort. The fire district is concerned about off-street parking for those using the facility and has asked permission to use the empty lot owned by the village behind Orion True Value. The lease or sale of the property was briefly discussed. President Cooper asked the board to consider the fire district's request and be prepared to discuss the issue at the next meeting.

It was noted that Congressman Randy Hultgren's representative, Jane Burrs, will be at Village Hall on Tuesday, September 20th from 9:30-10:30 a.m. to meet with the public and hear their concerns.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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