

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., January 16, 2012 at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Absent: Stiles and Lawson.

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

President Cooper thanked Trustee Drucker for leading the January 4th meeting in his absence.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of January 4, 2012. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Stiles and Lawson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$39,815.81, Debt Retirement-\$40,391.85, Recycle-\$1,880.48, Water O&M-\$4,846.86, Sewer O&M-\$8,992.15, Phase I Loan Retirement-\$38,572.16, and Hanna Trust-\$1,450.00. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman, and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Stiles and Lawson.

Orion Sanitary District annual revenues totaled between \$8,000 and \$11,000, as reported by Trustee O'Leary. The funds could help with the proposed sewer relief main project but would not be sufficient to make loan payments on the expected cost of \$350,000. Though efforts continue through Illinois Representative Rich Morthland's office to find grant funds, the possibility of achieving that goal seems slim. Trustee O'Leary will discuss the funding dilemma with the Finance Committee at its next meeting.

Trustee O'Leary and Sewer Superintendent Chris Lundburg will meet with engineer Scott Kammerman in the near future to discuss the progress of the relief main project. A progress report is due to the IEPA by the end of January.

In Trustee Lawson's absence, President Cooper said the street superintendent was pleased with the snow pusher purchased last year to better remove snow from streets in the business district. Trustee O'Leary said he had received compliments from residents about the snow removal.

Trustee Drucker said the water superintendent had been busy maintaining the auto dialer and some sensor controls at one of the pump houses. The brakes on the department's pickup truck are being repaired by an outside vendor. Also, a generator purchased years ago has outlived its usefulness and needs to be disposed of. Trustee Drucker said the case may be that its value to anyone else is limited, so scraping the equipment may be the

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best method of disposal. President Cooper asked that it first be offered to surrounding community mayors who attend the upcoming Mayors' Meeting in Orion.

Trustee Newman met last week with Missman engineer John Fellman to review improvements to the Central Park band shell. Improvements ranged from replacing rotting boards to painting to structural improvements. Seven options were listed for the board's review. Trustee Newman said an option to excavate under the band shell for additional storage should be considered against the alternative of adding a storage room onto the existing rest room, which could most likely be done at less expense. Trustee Newman requested the public's input on the options presented.

Trustee Newman talked to Scott Kammerman from Missman about the potential for sidewalk installation in conjunction with the sewer relief main project. The proposed sidewalk would run parallel to 15th Avenue, and Mr. Kammerman thought the sidewalk would be feasible.

President Cooper said the Orion Fall Festival agreed to donate \$5,000 toward the security cameras for Central Park. In addition, an anonymous donor will be giving \$1,500. The Veterans' Monument Committee is donating \$500. These donations are in addition to the \$12,000 previously donated for the project. Trustee Newman expressed thanks to all organizations for their generosity. He said he would like to recognize the donors at a public event.

Trustee Drucker reminded the board of the next Finance Committee meeting scheduled for February 18th at 4 p.m. at Village Hall.

President Cooper discussed the importance of acquiring the poles and lights from the City of East Moline before they become unavailable. He said he would pursue a method of transporting the materials to Orion. They will be erected at a Love Park ball diamond.

The proposed franchise extension for Mediacom was tabled.

President Cooper said the February 9th Mayors' Meeting will be hosted by Orion at WoodDog's with finger food provided by the village. An insurance broker will speak about the possibility of creating a health insurance co-op consisting of surrounding municipalities. All board members are invited to the meeting.

The board agreed to lend support to the City of Galesburg's bid to attract Caterpillar to its community. It is one of a few cities in the running for a new facility expected to create 1,000 jobs.

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It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to enter executive session at 8:09 p.m. to discuss possible litigation. Ayes: Peterson, O'Leary, Newman and Drucker. Noes: None. Absent: Stiles and Lawson.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:45 p.m.

Trustee O'Leary said the person plowing at Larson's Body Shop has shoved snow under the picnic table that protects the exhaust fan placed over a sewer manhole. President Cooper said he would speak with Mr. Larson and ask him to refrain from pushing snow near the table.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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