

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., March 15, 2010 at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 1, 2010. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$31,238.52, Recycle Collections-\$1,783.94, Water O&M-\$6,786.04, Water Deprec.-\$1,618.74, Water Cap. Impr.-\$1.30, Sewer O&M-\$7,982.48, Sewer Deprec.-\$846.83, Sewer Cap. Impr.-\$1.48, Phase I Loan Retirement-\$33.10, Phase II Loan Retirement-\$97,937.93, and Fines-\$214.99. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Richard Boney, 1601 8th St., was present to complain about the condition of the street in his subdivision. He said residents have problems with oil being tracked into their garages and homes. Mr. Boney stressed the importance of rectifying the problem as soon as the weather allowed. Trustee Lawson said chips would be spread on the street until micropaving could be scheduled later in the year.

Mr. Boney also complained about the stop sign at the southwest corner of 8th Street and 16th Avenue. He said drivers continue to roll through the intersection without stopping and asked that the village newsletter issue a warning about the problem. President Cooper said stop sign violations occur throughout the village. Trustee Stiles said he would remind police officers to patrol the 8th Street area for offenders.

Trustee Drucker said the finance committee meeting would be held March 31st at 4 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict with the date announced at the last meeting. The committee will review the FY2011 budget requests. President Cooper invited all board members to attend.

Trustee Drucker said Aledo's village board was in some hot water because they had allowed some elected officials who owned businesses in the TIF district to discuss and vote on matters involving TIF issues. He said state law prohibits trustees and mayors who own businesses in the TIF district from participating in discussions and voting on TIF matters. Trustee Drucker said the issue was brought up so the village board didn't do anything that would have legal consequences. According to village attorney John Ames,

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the law implies that a trustee can own a home and still participate in TIF matters, but ownership cannot extend to anything else, not even a vacant lot. President Cooper said this law would prohibit Trustee Stiles from participating in TIF district decisions because he owns a business in the TIF district.

Clerk Sampson said Trustee Peterson cleaned out the flower garden in preparation for spring and summer.

President Cooper said the landscape waste site would not be opened until employees had an opportunity to burn down debris accumulated last fall. Trustee Lawson said the weather forecast should allow it to dry out considerably this week and he would talk with the street superintendent about burning it.

President Cooper said agreements had been received from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding signal and cross-arm upgrades to the 10th and 11th Avenue railroad crossings. The agreement for the 12th Avenue upgrade will be available soon. Attorney Ames reviewed the contracts and found the village will be required to install warning signs, paint pavement markings, and supply detour signs. The work will be completed one year from the date of the final signing of documents by all parties. It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Lawson to authorize President Cooper to sign agreements with IDOT and BNSF to improve the 10th and 11th Avenue railroad crossings with new signals and cross-arms. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper said Mrs. Kim Herold and Mr. Jim Massa, owners and developers of the Prairie Knoll subdivision, did not respond to a letter sent by Clerk Sampson requiring a plan for installation of the remainder of sidewalk in the subdivision. The letter was sent February 5th. Attorney Ames was asked to contact the parties by letter and ask for a response.

Trustee Drucker reminded the public to complete and return the cross-connection surveys mailed with the village newsletter. He also said word had been received from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity that the remainder of the ground tank grant would be submitted to the village within 7-10 business days. The remainder of the grant totals \$37,500.

President Cooper said he and Trustee Drucker decided not to attend an annual Springfield trip sponsored by the Henry County Economic Development Partnership to talk to legislators. He expressed disappointment over the lack of results from last year's trip, which garnered nothing but broken promises.

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Trustee O'Leary said one of two pumps at the 10th Avenue lift station failed during a weekend rain event. Also, the manhole near the Catholic Church had to be pumped due to heavy flow. In regard to the failed pump, it will be pulled out, inspected, and repaired, if possible, according to Trustee O'Leary. He said the pump had been in use for about six months, and it is suspected that a seal might have failed. Trustee O'Leary said the second pump would continue to operate the lift station.

Trustee Peterson said the village of Alpha purchased televising equipment for viewing sewer mains. Trustee O'Leary said he was aware of that and could ask them if they would be willing to rent the equipment to Orion, though he was very impressed by the company used last year to televise the village's mains. He said they were very professional. Trustee Cooper said grant funds should be sought for a permanent solution to the problem in the area of the Catholic Church.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Peterson to advise and consent to the appointment of Ron Thompson to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper told the board two people contacted him about starting a business in Orion. He said they were interested in a liquor store, restaurant, bed and breakfast, or grocery store. President Cooper said the two had looked at all vacant buildings in the village and requested information about available incentives, but he expressed doubts that any of the businesses they mentioned would succeed due to other well-established competition. Clerk Sampson said Main Street Orion had a couple of valid business ideas in mind and would be happy to contact the people interested in establishing a business. President Cooper said he would forward MSO the names and contact info.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by O'Leary to enter executive session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss personnel salaries. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: None.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:50 p.m.

It was moved by O'Leary, seconded by Lawson to give the four full-time employees a 1.5% pay increase starting with the new fiscal year, with the proviso that there is to be no employment of summer help, with the exception of Roger Newman, and require all non-emergency overtime to be pre-approved. Ayes: Stiles, Peterson, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: None.

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

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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