

Village Board Minutes  
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting  
Monday, June 11, 2018

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Cultra called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Shane Cultra, Village President; Fred Walraven, Trustee; Andy McCann, Trustee; Angie Martinez, Trustee; Matt Clark, Trustee, absent; Holly Zirkle, Trustee; Claudia Ramirez, Trustee; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk; Tommy Davis, Village Treasurer; Tim Hamilton, Village Supervisor, Stephanie Wilson, Park Coordinator, absent; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; Wendy Davis, Times Republic; Lyle & Melinda Behrends; Jeff Meyer; Darrin Schumacher; Kevin Barnett; Bob Poole; Meara Tilstra; Ray Ramos; and Yasmin Andrade.

3. Review and approval of minutes of the Village Board Meeting Minutes of Monday May 14, 2018, Executive Session Minutes of Monday May 14, 2018 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday May 23, 2018.

McCann motioned to accept the meeting minutes & executive meeting minutes of Monday May 14, 2018 and Wednesday May 23, 2018 as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

McCann motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Ramirez motioned to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$63,063.71. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

Walraven moved to open public comment. McCann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lyle Behrends addressed the Board on action for demolition and rebuilding of his current business. Behrends disbursed documentation on this. McCann stated the committee would need to meet to discuss this and then they will contact Behrends.

Jeff Meyer addressed the Board on behalf of the Onarga Lions Club. Meyer spoke about the Onarga Digital Sign and asked the board if they would be willing to pay to insure the sign, for electricity, and if they would be willing to donate for the sign. Meyer stated the sign costs \$24,000 and as of right now they have \$14,000 in donations. The committee will meet to discuss this but also told Meyer the Board had approved an amount to donate at a previous meeting. The committee will meet and then contact Meyer.

Darrin Schumacher addressed the board on behalf of the Onarga Firefighters. Schumacher asked for the Board to donate funds for this year's fireworks show. Prices for the fireworks have severely increased and the Firefighters need help with these costs or they may not be able to put on as good of a show as previous years. McCann stated they the Parks and Recreation Committee will meet and discuss the amount of the donation they are going to give.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

8. Standing Committee reports

8.1 Infrastructure (Holly Zirkle, Andy McCann, and Claudia Ramirez)

Zirkle motioned to approve the Infrastructure Meeting minutes of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Zirkle motioned to approve the spending and hiring of Desi Landscaping to landscape Railroad Park for 3 months in the amount of \$800. McCann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

McCann motioned to approve paying Piggush Engineering \$483.60 for the remaining balance owed.

Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8.1.1 There was nothing new at this time for Flooding Relief.

8.1.2 Cultra informed the board that the Village was not awarded the grant for the Evergreen Street. Cultra believes the Village can get back the revolving loan funds that were sent back into the state to repair Evergreen street.

8.1.3 There was nothing new at this time for East Seminary Drainage.

8.2 Safety, Security & Enforcement (Fred Walraven, Matt Clark, and Angie Martinez)

Walraven motioned to approve the Safety, Security & Enforcement meeting minutes of Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brenner suggested to the board making a change to how the Villages fines are being paid.

Instead of having to go through the County, fines would be paid at the Village hall and the Village would

get all the money from the fines instead of paying an attorney.

Brenner presented a list of different items that needed replacing for the Police, which included a mobile data computer, ammunition, a new cell phone that takes better pictures, and car wash tokens.

McCann motioned to approve spending up to \$7,751.01 for the items Brenner included on his list. Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brenner would like to review Boudreau's benefits and asked to board to increase his pay to \$19.00 per hour.

Walraven motioned to approve the increase in Kyle Boudreau's pay from \$16.00 to \$19.00 per hour effective June 17<sup>th</sup>. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### 8.3 Parks and Recreation (Andy McCann, Holly Zirkle, and Angie Martinez)

Cultra recommends decreasing the fees for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July vendors. Non-profit vendors will not be charged and for profits will be charged \$50.

Zirkle motioned to approve the decrease in vendor fees making non-profit organizations free and for profit organizations fee \$50. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried, with McCann opposing.

### 8.4 Finance (Claudia Ramirez, Matt Clark, and Fred Walraven)

#### 8.5 Local and Intergovernmental Communications (Angie Martinez, Andy McCann, and Holly Zirkle)

8.5.1 Martinez will schedule a meeting to discuss the Onarga Digital Sign.

#### 8.6 Building Standards (Matt Clark, Fred Walraven, and Claudia Ramirez)

8.6.1 There was nothing new currently with 131 N. Chestnut Demolition.

#### 8.7 TIF Committee (Matt Clark, Angie Martinez, and Andy McCann)

8.7.1 There was nothing new currently with 131 N. Chestnut Demolition.

#### 8.8 Litigation Committee (Matt Clark, Shane Cultra, Andy McCann, Angie Martinez, and Mike Tilstra)

## 9. Old business

## 10. New business

Clark recommended to have Ikins investigate how many Ash trees in town need to be removed and then find someone to remove them.

There was a discussion on solicitors in town and if any are seen, you should ask to see their permit and if they do not have one, the police should be called or to let Clark know right away.

11. Executive session (if needed) for any lawful purpose including but not limited to: Appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees; Salary schedules for one or more employees; Selection of person to fill a public office or discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office; Purchase or lease of real property or setting of a price for sale or lease of village property; Litigation, pending or probable.

McCann moved to open executive session at 8:20pm. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

McCann moved to close executive session at 8:27pm. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## 12. Possible action on any executive session item

McCann motioned to approve the pay increases as approved by the Finance Committee for Alvarez in the amount of \$.48, putting him at a rate of \$12.50 per hour, for Hurtado in the amount of \$.25, putting him at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, and increasing Hamilton's pay \$700 annually. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## 13. Adjournment

McCann moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.