

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2019

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; Angie Martinez, Trustee; Cole Rabe, Trustee; Holly Zirkle, Trustee; Sarah Barnett, Trustee; Russ Geisler, Trustee; Claudia Ramirez, Treasurer; Christy Fink, Treasurer in Training; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk; Tim Hamilton, Village Supervisor; Stephanie Wilson, Park Coordinator; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; James Clarage, Building Inspector; Wendy Davis, Times Republic; Gilman Star, Vicki Goldenstein, Dave Fink, Trixie Pankey, Shelly Herscher, Sarah Stone.

3. Review and approval of Regular Village Board & Executive Session Meeting Minutes of Monday, May 13, 2019.

Zirkle motioned to accept the regular meeting minutes of Monday May 13, 2019 as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to accept the executive session meeting minutes of Monday May 13, 2019 as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

Walraven motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ramirez stated an MFT Certificate of Deposit was closed out at Federated Bank and take to First State Bank of Forrest due to them having better rates.

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Geisler motioned to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$75883.35 as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

Walraven motioned to open public comment. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Trixie Pankey, Vicki Goldenstein, Shelly Herscher, and Sarah Stone, spoke about how important the Village pool is to the community and how it helps get kids so much so they are not always inside playing video games and on their computers. Goldenstein asked what was actually wrong with the pool and how long the Village had known about this problem.

Geisler stated there is a crack in the pool and that they just found out that past Friday, but they are working on getting quotes from companies to get this fixed, however the board is sure this will be a pricey fix. Wilson stated any help from the community for funds to help fix the issue is muchly appreciated.

Dave Fink stated that a lot of fundraisers were conducted when they first put that pool in, and he suggest we do this again.

Goldenstein inquired if there were any grants that the Village could get to fix the pool issues. Wilson stated there are however those are usually applied for in the Spring before pools open, but she will check and see if there are any more.

Walraven suggested a Go Fund Me page and Wilson stated she will get one started.

Cultra stated they will get quotes and try to get it fixed as soon as it can possible be.

Dave Fink spoke on behalf of the town and how townspeople need to take more pride in their homes and surrounding land. Fink said if someone is not following the Villages ordinances the issues should be addressed with that person and if not corrected, citations or such should be issued. The board stated they are working on these issues and will work harder to get the issues addressed. Cultra stated that if there were any properties that Fink thought had issues to make the board aware and they would work to get it take care of.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

There was no correspondence to the Board.

8. Review and Possible Action on Ordinances

Walraven motioned to approve Ordinance #2019-03-Prevailing Wage Ordinance as presented. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes.

Ordinance #2019-04-Annual Appropriation Ordinance-This was tabled until the next meeting.

Ordinance #2019-05- Update to Ordinance Number 2006-008 Authorizing the Village of Onarga, Iroquois County, Illinois to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund-This was tabled until the next meeting.

9. Standing Committee reports

9.1 Parks and Recreation (Holly Zirkle, Russ Geisler, Angie Martinez)

Zirkle motioned to approve the 2 Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes of May 18th as presented.

Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Zirkle motioned to approve the donation of \$500 to Summer in the Park. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried after a roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes.

9.2 Infrastructure (Fred Walraven, Sarah Barnett, Cole Rabe)

Zirkle motioned to approve the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes of May 29th as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to approve the spending of \$30,074 for a new generator for the Water Plant to B & D.

Martinez seconded the motion.

Hamilton was approached by Thawville asking for the Village to spray for mosquitos for them. Cultra stated he did not want the Village employees to do this and make Thawville aware of this.

9.2.1 There was nothing new at this time for flooding relief.

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

9.2.3 Walraven will contact Piggush for a new quote for the Evergreen Street Repair changing the 2 blocks that were quoted down to 1.

9.3 Safety, Security & Enforcement (Russ Geisler, Angie Martinez, Holly Zirkle)

Brenner informed the board his report was in their bins. He stated the police have been working on code violations, properties that are a major problem, and that crime has been increasing and that is really keeping them busy.

Brenner stated they are still looking for part-time officers as well.

Brenner informed the board he has secured the animal control license and is working on golf cart permits as well.

Angie motioned to approve the spending of \$1700 on new lights for the police car. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.4 Finance (Sarah Barnett, Fred Walraven, Cole Rabe)

9.5 Local and Intergovernmental Communications (Angie Martinez, Holly Zirkle, Russ Geisler)

9.6 Building Standards (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle, Angie Martinez)

Geisler motioned to approve the Building Standards Meeting minutes of May 18th. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.7 TIF Committee (Fred Walraven, Sarah Barnett, Cole Rabe)

9.7.1 The demolition of 131 & 139 N. Chestnut should be completed very soon. Geisler is waiting on the utility companies to complete their work.

Clarage stated he has not received a set of plans from Behrends for the rebuild and he really needs to see these.

9.8 Litigation Committee (Shane Cultra, Fred Walraven, Sarah Barnett, Matt Clark, and Mike Tilstra)

10. Old business

There was a discussion on the county assessor and Clarage sending updated information to him to have several properties re-assessed, which was not completed. Clarage recommends the board contacting the assessor's office to make sure this is corrected next year. The committee will look into this.

11. New business

12. 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.

13. Possible action on any executive session item

14. Adjournment

Zirkle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.