

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, August 12, 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, absent; Holly Zirkle, Trustee; Sarah Barnett, Trustee; Russ Geisler, Trustee; Christy Fink, Treasurer; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk; Tim Hamilton, Village Supervisor, absent; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; Wendy Davis, Times Republic; Sharon Newman, Gilman Star, Vicki Goldenstein, Becky Morgan, and Dave Fink.

3. Review and approval of Regular Village Board & Executive Session Meeting Minutes of Monday, July 15, 2019 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2019.

Zirkle motioned to approve the regular & executive session meeting minutes of Monday July 15, 2019 and special board meeting minutes of July 29th as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

Geisler 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

Walraven motioned to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$145,893.36, which excluded the Clarage bill in the amount of \$5948. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The finance committee will contact Clarage and get a more detailed bill of his charges.

6. Public comment

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

Vicki Goldenstein was there to ask about the status of the pool and what was being completed. Zirkle stated the pool is getting fixed this week. The concrete had some issues and a new liner is being added. Zirkle stated the pool will be open for next years business. Goldenstein informed the board that they should apply for the Mary Helen Roberts grant again, she stated that the grant just asks for any work that is be completed to be completed before November 15th of this year. Barnett asked when the Village can apply for this grant and Goldenstein was not exactly sure but she stated the Village should apply again.

Dave Fink commended Brenner and the board on the improvements he has seen to the Village already since he was at the meeting two months ago.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

There was a letter from Iroquois West asking permission to add buried fiber optic cable on North Evergreen Street.

Walraven will contact the school and Piggush on this due to the Village planning the Evergreen Street Repair.

8. Review and Possible Action on Ordinances

There were no ordinances.

9. Standing Committee reports

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

Zirkle discussed the pool and that once the old liner was pulled out, there were some problems with the concrete. The committee approved paying Nature Corporation 3 installments to get the pool fixed.

Zirkle motioned to approve the spending of \$53,795 to fix the pool issues and replace the liner. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven informed the board the company he works for Bayan Treatment Center is donating a heater for the Village Pool. Bayan Treatment Center just asked the Board to give a monetary donation to some program or church in the Village.

Becky Morgan was present at this meeting to offer to resume her role as the park coordinator, if the board would like her to. Morgan informed the board that in future they should never hire anyone who is not a certified lifeguard, this is in the Village's best interests.

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

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 The committee reviewed the Evergreen Street Repair expenditure requests and resolutions for the repair of the street.

9.2.3.1 Walraven motioned to approve the Request for Expenditure/Authorization of Motor

Fuel Tax Funds for IDOT in the amount of \$6,886.11. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.2.3.2 Walraven motioned to approve Resolution #2019-03-Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code-Supplemental Resolution as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes, with exception of Rabe who was absent.

9.2.3.3 Walraven motioned to approve Resolution #2019-04-Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for Construction and Material Testing as presented. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes, with exception of Rabe who was absent.

Walraven presented two quotes for the Village clean up days. Fairley Farms and Excavating quote was for \$140 per ton and Central Illinois Disposal & Recycling, Inc. was for \$350 per ton.

Geisler motioned to approve the hiring of Fairley Farms and Excavating to complete the Village clean up days. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$1000 more to remove an additional 20 feet of vaulted sidewalk on Chestnut. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Safety, Security, & Enforcement meeting minutes of July 18th, as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brenner discussed again about the possibility of any fines or tickets issued, that those would be paid at the Village instead of paying through the county. Cultra inquired if an ordinance would need to be changed to complete this process. Brenner stated he spoke with Tungate, and he stated we are under a home rule, so all that would need to be completed would be a policy change. The committee and Brenner will work on getting this implemented.

Brenner discussed the truck routes and the use of Pilot Gas Station in Gilman to weigh trucks that may be over the weight restrictions.

Geisler motioned to approve the addition of a stop sign on Colonial Drive and First Street. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Martinez motioned to approve the purchase of a new police vest for Officer Norton in the approximate amount of \$1400. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the purchase of a new police vest for Chief Brenner, due to his expiring in the approximate amount of \$1400. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cultra stated he spoke with the Mayor of Gilman and together they are interested in hiring a county police officer to work for both towns. The trustees were not interested in this option at the time. Cultra will contact Gilman and make them aware of this.

Geisler motioned to have the police squad car marked. No one seconded this motion.

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

9.4.1 Adoption of Resolution #2019-05-for Federated Bank accounts was tabled until the next meeting.

9.4.2 Adoption of Resolution #2019-06-for First State Bank of Forrest accounts was tabled until the next meeting.

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 spending of \$14,000 to purchase the condemned home located at 208 N Oak. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve paying Nacin Buhrmester/NBC Demolition & Excavating LLC \$12,000 before the job is finalized. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

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

10. Old business

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.

Martinez motioned to open executive session at 8:00pm. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Martinez motioned to close executive session at 8:22pm. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. Possible action on any executive session item

The Finance Committee will meet to discuss the treasurer position. The board will then meet to hear the Finance Committees recommendation and vote on final determination.

The Special Board Meeting will be conducted Thursday, August 22nd at 5:30pm.

14. Adjournment

Martinez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Special Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, August 22, 2019

1. Call to order at 5:30 p.m.

Cultra called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Roll Call

Shane Cultra, Village President; Fred Walraven, Trustee; Holly Zirkle, Trustee; Sarah Barnett, Trustee; Cole Rabe, Trustee; Angie Martinez, Trustee; Russ Geisler, Trustee; Christy Fink, Village Treasurer; Doug Brenner, Village Chief of Police; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk,.

3. Infrastructure (Fred Walraven, Sarah Barnett, Cole Rabe)

3.1 Walraven informed the board that due to the Village using IDOT to complete the Evergreen Street repair it is going to cost an extra \$100,000 then what was originally quoted. Walraven stated that was even without the extra block the board was wanting to do.

Walraven recommended adding a three-cent gas tax to help with money for the Village. Currently, Gilman charges a two-cent gas tax but they have more gas stations and more revenue due to Route 24. Currently Onarga matches the gas prices set in Gilman without the Village making money off of the prices.

Walraven motioned to approve the a three-cent gas tax added to both gas stations in Onarga. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The clerk will contact Tungate on creating an ordinance to on the gas tax to set this motion in action.

4. Finance (Sarah Barnett, Fred Walraven, Cole Rabe)

Barnett motioned to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of August 22nd as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4.1 Barnett motioned to approve the re-hiring of Claudia Ramirez as Treasurer to work remotely at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Barnett stated that herself and the Clerk will work with Claudia remotely to get everything working.

Barnett also stated that office help needed to be hired to be in the office for people to come in and issue permits, work at the water desk, park scheduling, and cleaning the office. This person will be asked to work at least 20 hours Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's with one day, preferably Wednesday's to be available at least to 6 or 7pm. The clerk will run an ad in the newspaper and put info on the Village Website and Facebook.

Barnett informed the board she spoke with Clarage and got a detailed bill of all charges. He discounted his current bill \$2000 and asked the Village to pay him \$3,948 instead of the original \$5,948.

Barnett motioned to approve the paying of Clarage in the amount of \$3,948. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Barnett stated Clarage is charging for every call he receives from the Village, so be wise when you are calling him.

5. Possible Action on Any Other Board Matters

None

5. Adjournment

Walraven moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:56pm. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.