

**Village Board Minutes**  
**Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, July 15, 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, Absent; Doug Brenner, Police Chief, Absent; James Clarage, Building Inspector; Neil Piggush, Piggush Engineering; Wendy Davis, Times Republic; Sharon Newman, Gilman Star, Lyle Behrends, and Vicki Goldenstein.

3. Review and approval of Regular Village Board & Executive Session Meeting Minutes of Monday, June 10, 2019.

Rabe motioned to accept the regular meeting minutes of Monday June 10, 2019 as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

Barnett motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Zirkle motioned to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$107011.03 as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

Rabe motioned to open public comment. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Vicki Goldenstein was there to ask about the status of the pool and what was being completed to get all issues with the pool taken care of, so it can open up again. Cultra stated the pool will not be open this year but the Board plans on fixing the issues for opening up for next years season. Goldenstein also inquired where the funds would come from and Cultra said the Village would apply for grants to get the liner fixed and the purchase of a heater for the pool.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

There was a thank you letter from Summer in the Park for the Village's Donation.

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 special meeting being held June 29th.

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. Geisler motioned to approve the Ordinance Number 2006-008 Authorizing the Village of Onarga, Iroquois County, Illinois to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund was approved as presented. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes.

9. Standing Committee reports

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

Zirkle motioned to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of June 23rd as presented.

Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Zirkle discussed the different quotes the committee had received for the pool liner. Spares quoted the Village at \$130,000 for replacement and Nature Corp quoted the Village with \$4,000 to tear out the liner and \$48,000 to replace the liner.

There was a discussion on whether we could just pay right now to have the liner removed so the Village could assess what the actual problem was. If it was just the liner or if the concrete has problems. Barnett stated the quote from Nature Corp had both jobs as one item and if approved it would be for both jobs. Cultra asked if we could just go ahead and approve this so it could be completed as soon as possible. The Finance Committee will meet and see if this is a possibility.

Hamilton stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event had a big turnout, he thought it was better than previous years. There were the same number of vendors as previous years but more people in the park. Zirkle suggested to get more vendors that maybe the Village should allow more than one vendor sell a certain item. The committee will look into this and make a suggestion for next years celebration.

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 Neil Piggush was at the meeting to discuss the Evergreen Street Repair. Piggush stated the plans were are needing IDOT approval due to the Village using MFT funds to pay for part of this repair. Piggush plans to submit the final plans to IDOT the following week. Once approved the Village can go out for bid which Piggush is thinking will be sometime in January or February, which he says will be a great time.

Walraven motioned to approve the spending of \$16,120 to add in the extra block for the Evergreen Street repair. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 9.2.3.1 Walraven motioned to approve Evergreen Street Road Improvement Project Request for Expenditure Invoice in the amount of \$5,567.65 from MFT Funds. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Piggush stated for the project with railroad survey work is waiting to be completed and he has contacted CN, and he is hoping they will let the Village shorten the width of the right-away.

Geisler spoke about the sidewalk in front of were Behrends used to be and problems with it. Geisler suggests to the board that they pay \$8,800 to NBC Demolition & Excavating LLC to drop the damaged sidewalk and fill with sand. If this isn't completed it will cost \$16,000 more dollars to fix the existing sidewalks. The current vaulted sidewalk is in despair with the structural steel rotting.

Cultra asked Behrends what he would like in the front of his store and Behrends stated either way was fine he just needs to know for his plans.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$8,800 to lower the vaulted sidewalks to NBC Demolition & Excavating LLC. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried however both Barnett & Martinez were undecided on this action.

Clarage informed the board he is applying for a grant to restore the sidewalks on Chestnut as well.

Hamilton set a tentative date for the annual clean-up daus to be the last week in August, specifically the 26<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. East side would be the first 2 days, West side the next 2, and the last day all over town to pick up any remaining items. Hamilton will have bids to present at the next meeting.

Geisler informed the board the Methodist Church had contacted him and there is a large Ash tree that needs to be removed by the church. The Church got a bid from Matt Price, which was rather pricey. Hamilton will speak with Price on this and hopefully get the price lowered.

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

Brenner was absent from this meeting, but his monthly report was in everyone's bin for review.

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

- 9.4.1 Barnett motioned to approve the adoption of Resolution # 2019-01 for Federated Bank removing Ramirez from all accounts and adding Christy Fink to all accounts. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye Votes.

- 9.4.2 Barnett motioned to approve the adoption of Resolution # 2019-01 for First State Bank of Forrest removing Ramirez from all accounts and adding Christy Fink to all accounts. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye Votes.

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

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

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

- 9.7.1 The demolition of 131 & 139 N. Chestnut was conducted. Due to the demolition the building next door had some issues. Geisler has a bid to waterproof the basement on Home Plate's building in the amount of \$1012. Geisler also stated that there are some large holes on the face of the building and to fix those it would be \$1500.

Geisler motioned to approve spending up to \$5000 to fix any demolition issues that may have happened to the Home Plate building. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried with Martinez voting Nay.

### 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.

Barnett motioned to open executive session at 8:15pm. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to close executive session at 8:45pm. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. Possible action on any executive session item

14. Adjournment

Zirkle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Village Board Minutes**  
**Village of Onarga, Special Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, July 29, 2019**

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

Cultra called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

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; Tim Hamilton, Village Supervisor; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk, James Clarage, Building Inspector.

3. Swearing In

Cultra conducting the swearing in of Trustee Barnett.

4. Review and Possible Action on Ordinances

Geisler motioned to approve Ordinance #2019-04-Annual Appropriation Ordinance as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye Votes.

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

- 5.1 Barnett stated the Finance committee had a meeting on the pool modifications. The committee decided that the company should be contacted to see if they would possibly remove just the liner first so the Hamilton and the board could see if there are any other issues with the pool before the new liner is put in. Walraven will contact the company and make everyone aware of what he finds out.

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

Barnett motioned to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of July 25<sup>th</sup> as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 6.1 Barnett motioned to approve the ordering of a new Federated Bank Credit Card in Christy Fink's name to replace Claudia Ramirez's current card. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Possible Action on Any Other Board Matters

Geisler discussed the Home Plate building and how in the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting the board approved spending up to \$5000 to help with any damage the building sustained after the demolition of the adjacent building. Geisler stated the owner is asking for \$1,012 more in funds to help with his building.

Geisler motioned to approve an additional \$1,012 to the earlier approved amount of \$5000, which was approved in the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to help with repairs to the Home Plate building. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cultra discussed the property located at 208 Oak Street which is for sale at this time in the amount of \$15,000. Cultra stated this property has been classified as a condemned property recommends the Village purchasing this property due to it being condemned and the existing liens already on this property. The board discussed this and believe TIF funds could be used to purchase this property.

Barnett asked is there was enough in TIF funds to pay for this, due to a lot of money being spent for demolition costs.

Barnett stated the board needs to be careful at what is being spent and to make sure the funds are actually there before agreeing to anything.

Barnett exited the meeting at 6:00pm.

Geisler motioned to approve the purchase of the 208 Oak Street Property and to waive any existing liens the Village may have on the property. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VonDrehle presented the board with the annual Insurance Bill to McMillan Insurance and asked for approval to pay this since it is due August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Zirkle motioned to approve the annual insurance bill in the amount of \$17,443 to McMillan Insurance as presented.

Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven stated that the equipment Hamilton and his staff is using needs to be replaced, it is in very bad shape. Cultra asked if Hamilton could get him a list of what is needed.

5. Adjournment

Geisler moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.