

**Village Board Minutes**  
**Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, September 9, 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; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; Wendy Davis, Times Republic; and Dave Fink.

3. Review and approval of Regular Village Board & Executive Session Meeting Minutes of Monday, August 12, 2019.

Walraven motioned to approve the regular & executive session meeting minutes of Monday August 12, 2019 and special meeting minutes of August 22, 2019 as presented. Geisler 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.

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Geisler motioned to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$111,252.60 as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

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

Dave Fink addressed the board on the speed bumps and how he dislikes them and believes they were not needed. Fink stated that he believes people are not very happy about these. Geisler stated that he would discuss the speed bumps in the next committee meeting.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

VonDrehle presented the board with an email on the upcoming litigation hearing on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:15pm in Ottawa for oral arguments at the Appellate Court.

VonDrehle presented the board and asked for approval with the Fiber Optic Network on North Evergreen that Iroquois West is wanting to put in. Neil Piggush has reviewed the plans and had an engineer look to make sure the placement would not be a problem with the Evergreen Street Repair, which it was not but did send a map for their review.

Walraven motioned to approve Iroquois West to add the Fiber Optic Network to North Evergreen. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Review and Possible Action on Ordinances

Ordinance #2019-06-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. Walraven motioned to approve the Ordinance Number 2019-06- 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 was approved as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes with exception of Rabe who was absent.

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 August 27 as presented.

Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler handed out a quote for pool cover from Pool Cover Pros out of Chebanse in the amount of \$16,719.02.

Walraven motioned to approve the purchase of the pool cover in the amount of \$16,719.02 from Pool Cover Pros. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler discussed filling in lights in the pool to eliminate leakage issues as has happened in the past. The lights have never worked and there is no need to keep them.

Geisler motioned to approve to have Hamilton hire someone to remove the lights. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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.

Walraven motioned to approve the Request for Expenditure IDOT Invoice No. 5/PEI Invoice No.

2306 in the amount of \$9770.79. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.2.3.1 Walraven motioned to approve Resolution #2019-05-Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code-Supplemental Resolution as presented. This replaces Resolution #2019-03. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes, with exception of Rabe who was absent.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Safety, Security, & Enforcement meeting minutes of August 22, as presented. Barnett 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. Brenner will get more information on this and make the board aware of what needs to be completed to start this process.

Brenner stated there has been a lot of vandalism throughout the park. Zirkle suggested looking into cameras to possibly prevent this. Brenner stated he had obtained a quote for cameras at a rate of \$110 per month which requires a 3-year lease. The committee will look more into this and make some suggestions at the next meeting. Brenner inquired if residency in Onarga was still a factor in the hiring of police officers, in the past officers have been hired from out of town, but were asked to relocate to Onarga in the next year. The board agreed this still should be a requirement.

Brenner stated the speed bumps had been installed and there have been a lot of complaints since they have been installed.

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

9.4.1 Barnett motioned to approve Adoption of Resolution #2019-06-for Federated Bank accounts to remove Christy Fink from all accounts and add Sarah Barnett in her place. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes with exception of Rabe, who was absent.

9.4.2 Barnett motioned to approve Adoption of Resolution #2019-07-for First State Bank of Forrest accounts to remove Christy Fink from all accounts and add Sarah Barnett in her place. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes with exception of Rabe, who was absent.

Cultra appointed Claudia Ramirez to be the Village Treasurer, remotely from her home in Texas. The clerk and finance committee will work together to make the transition easy.

Walraven motioned to approve the appointment of Claudia Ramirez as Village Treasurer. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### 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)

### 9.8 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 8:03pm. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

## 13. Possible action on any executive session item

Zirkle motioned to approve the hiring of Becky Morgan as the part time Park Coordinator beginning February 1, 2020 until October 1<sup>st</sup> with a salary of \$10,500 per year. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## 14. Adjournment

Martinez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.