

**Village Board Minutes**  
**Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, May 10, 2021**

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; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk; Tim Hamilton, Village Supervisor; Doug Brenner, Police Chief, absent; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Samantha Sansone; & Gilman Star.

3. Review and approval of the Regular Village Board Minutes Monday April 12, 2021.

Zirkle motioned to approve the regular & executive meeting minutes of April 12, 2021, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

Barnett motioned to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Geisler motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented in the amount of \$135,806.78. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Swearing in of New Officials

Barnett conducted the swearing in of the elected officials for their respective offices. Shane Cultra was sworn in as Village President for a 4-year term, Fred Walraven was sworn in as Village Trustee for a 4-year term, Holly Zirkle was sworn in as Village Trustee for a 4-year term, Cole Rabe was sworn in for an additional 4-year term, and Stephanie VonDrehle was sworn in as Village Clerk for a 4-year term.

7. Appointments

Annual Village President Appointees-May 2021-April 2022

Supervisor of Public Works: Tim Hamilton

Chief of Police: Acting, Doug Brenner

Village Counsel: Susan Tungate

Interim Village Treasurer: Samantha Sansone

Building Code Administrator: James Clarage

Animal Control Officer: Doug Brenner

Park & Recreation Coordinator: Becky Morgan

FOIA Officer: Stephanie VonDrehle

Chairman, Economic Development Commission & Tourism: Shane Cultra

Walraven motioned to consent to the appointments as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Public comment

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

Rick Gerdes addressed the board on all the cornstalks in his yard and the ditch due to the flooding. The cornstalks are clogging the tile and not letting the water drain correctly. Gerdes asked the board what could be done about this.

Hamilton stated he will come and take a look and see what the issues are and get these cleaned up.

9. Review of correspondence to the board

There was no correspondence to the board.

10. Standing Committee reports

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

Zirkle motioned to approve the Parks & Recreation Meeting minutes of May 6, 2021, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Zirkle stated the pool hours will be from 1-5 & 6-7:30 daily, \$5.00 for all people, with exception of anyone 60 and older is free and 2 years and under are also free.

Season passes are \$75 per person & \$20 for each additional person.

Pool Parties will be offered for up to 25 people for \$75 per hour.

Morgan is looking into golf cart pricing for a golf cart raffle for the pool and there will be a swimathon held June 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### 10.2 Infrastructure (Fred Walraven, Sarah Barnett, Cole Rabe)

Walraven motioned to approve the Infrastructure Meeting minutes of April 22, 2021, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

##### 10.2.1 Evergreen Street Repair

The Village will not have information on the remaining Evergreen block repair until the second quarter of 2021.

##### 10.2.2 Bore & Jack Project

Cultra signed the EPA loan documents for this project. Piggush believes this project will start the end of June and take 3 to 4 weeks.

##### 10.2.3 Sidewalk Project

The committee at this time is unsure of how this project will be paid for due to the high expenses and are asking for suggestions to cut costs on this.

Geisler recommended filling the vaulted sidewalks with sand and Walraven thought possibly millings from road repairs. The board thinks the project should go out to be re-bid with these above-mentioned options to see if this would be less of a cost.

Walraven made the board aware of the many issues the Village is having with the sewer system.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Safety, Security, & Enforcement Meeting minutes of April 22, 2021, as presented. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler made the board aware Gilman, and the County are still trying to work on a joint police contract together and would still like to work with Onarga as well.

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

Barnett motioned to approve the Finance Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2021, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Barnett discussed the general account and fees that were paid from that account for the Evergreen Street Repair. \$13,200 came out of the General Fund for tree removal that should have been paid from the TIF fund. This will be corrected by the treasurer after the meeting.

Rabe motioned to approve the borrowing of \$178,275.00 from Federated Bank for 15 years with a rate of 2.95%. \$150,000 of this will go to replenish the general fund from the Evergreen Street Repair and the remaining \$28,275 will be for the Water Meter Software Update. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

##### 10.4.1 Budgets

Barnett motioned to approve the budgets as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

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

Geisler informed the board of the Beherns ribbon cutting and how they are all moved in now. Geisler also stated Home Plate will be doing more work on their building.

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

### 11. Old business

Rabe motioned to approve the removal of the north speed bump on Blue Spruce due to have the speed bump missing. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rabe also stated he has had a lot of people ask for more speed bumps to be placed throughout the Village. The committee will look into this and come back with some suggestions for placement.

### 12. New business

13. 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.

Walraven motioned to open executive session on matters of employment at 8:10 pm. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to close executive session at 8:17pm. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

14. Possible action on any executive session item

Walraven motioned to approve the following pay increases for this fiscal year:

Doug Hertel \$15.00 per hour

Kevin Newman \$19.50 per hour

Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to approve the hiring of Dan Sullivan at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Annual Board President Committee Appointments- May 2021-April 2022

Committee on Finance: Chair-Shane Cultra, Committee Persons: Russ Geisler & Holly Zirkle

Committee on Infrastructure: Chair-Russ Geisler, Committee Persons: Holly Zirkle & Cole Rabe

Committee on Building Standards: Chair-Cole Rabe, Committee Persons: Fred Walraven & Angie Martinez

Committee for Local & Intergovernmental Communications: Chair-Sarah Barnett, Committee Persons: Fred Walraven & Cole Rabe

Committee for Parks & Recreational Activities: Chair-Holly Zirkle, Committee Persons: Angie Martinez & Sarah Barnett

Committee for Safety, Security, & Enforcement: Chair-Angie Martinez, Committee Persons: Russ Geisler & Cole Rabe

TIF Committee: Chair-Shane Cultra, Committee Persons: Holly Zirkle & Russ Geisler

Litigation Committee- Fred Walraven, Sarah Barnett, & Angie Martinez

15. Adjournment

Barnett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.