

**Village Board Minutes**  
**Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, April 12, 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, absent; 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; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Samantha Sansone; & Gilman Star.

3. Review and approval of the Regular & Executive Session Village Board Minutes Monday March 8, 2021.

Zirkle motioned to approve the regular & executive meeting minutes of March 8, 2021, as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

Geisler 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

Barnett motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented in the amount of \$617,676.76. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

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

Gilbert Vadeboncoer spoke to the board on cars that are driving fast in town, specifically driving down Pine & Washington. He asked for more speed bumps to be placed to slow these drivers. The board stated they will look into this issue.

Gene May presented his garbage contract for the following year, which the pricing did not increase at all from the previous year. Cultra stated the board is still looking for other quotes from May's competitors. May stated that the current contract was due to expire April 30<sup>th</sup>. May then inquired if he was just supposed to continue working for the Village without a contract. Cultra stated until we find who the Village wants to enter a contract with that would be very helpful to the Village. May exited the meeting.

After May's exit Barnett & Martinez both questioned why the contract was not being signed when the Village's current contract is up at the end of this month. They both stated if the Village is looking for a new company this needs to be completed months prior to the end of the contract and not that month. Cultra said if you want to approve it then go ahead.

Martinez motioned to approve the garbage contract as presented with monthly payments being \$6,587.99 from May 1, 2021-April 30, 2022. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

VonDrehle presented a letter from Summer in the Park asking for a donation.

Barnett motioned to provide 20 swim passes per day for the duration of Summer in the Park. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Review and Possible Action on Ordinances

There were no ordinances to be approved.

9. Standing Committee reports

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

Zirkle motioned to approve the Parks & Recreation Meeting minutes of March 29, 2021, as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hamilton will work on the pool to guarantee everything is working properly.

Morgan asked if the board wanted to keep the rates the same and inquired if anyone knew what other towns, were charging for pool entry. Morgan also informed the board that she spoke with the county and the capacity, for the pool is 150 and if you are in the pool no mask is required however out of the pool you need to wear a mask.

Morgan and the Committee are hoping to open Memorial Day Weekend.

Morgan has applied for 3 grants and wanted to make everyone aware if they needed to rent the pavilion to call her at 815-268-7490.

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

Barnett motioned to approve the Infrastructure Meeting minutes of March 10 & 11, 2021 and April 5, 2021, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Barnett and Hamilton discussed the water tower programs that are available. For the time being however the board decided to table the discussions of the repair of the water tower until it is needed. Two companies that looked at the water tower agreed it was in good shape and repair could wait for a few years.

Hamilton stated there are some drainage issues that need repaired. Hamilton will get pricing on culverts to help with this issues.

#### 9.2.1 Evergreen Street Repair

Hamilton stated that he spoke with Piggush and for the remaining block of Evergreen, the Village will not have information till the second quarter of 2021.

#### 9.2.2 Bore & Jack Project

Hamilton stated all documents have been submitted and the village should find out if the EPA loan was approved for this project anytime.

#### 9.2.3 Sidewalk Project

Hamilton inquired if the sidewalks had to be filled? None of the board was sure on this, however Barnett said she would get a meeting scheduled to find out the answer on this and possibly get new bids, if needed.

#### 9.2.4 Water Meter & Software Update Discussion & Possible Approval

Hamilton stated in May there would be training on the new system.

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

Brenner stated he had received the repayment for Anderson's vest in the amount of \$1,120.40.

Brenner stated that he is now taking applications for the Non-Use Vehicle Permits.

Brenner also stated that he had followed up with the Village Attorney on the Parkway Ordinance information he had sent in last year, however this information was lost, and he will need to send everything back in again.

Last Brenner reminded if anyone in the Village had a non-emergent issue to call the following number for the issue to be handled. 815-432-4918

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

Barnett motioned to approve the Finance Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2021, as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Barnett stated while working on budgets the committee noticed the low funds in the Village's General Account, which is mainly due to the Evergreen Street Repair. Initial when this project was approved Federated Bank had approved the borrowing of \$100,000 for this repair and Barnett is wondering if this is still a possibility, or if the Village could actually borrow more funds to replenish the General Fund. The General fund paid \$177,301.00 for the Evergreen Street Repair.

Walraven, Cultra, Sansone, and VonDrehle met with Neil Piggush to see if it was a possibility of any of the payments made out of the General Account could have been paid improperly and should have been paid out of Motor Fuel Tax. Between Piggush and VonDrehle, they did find one bill in the amount of \$6886.11 that should have been paid from MFT. VonDrehle stated this would be corrected right away. Piggush also stated the possibility of IPC changing one payment to MFT as well in the amount of \$20,000, he will contact them and let the Village know.

#### 9.4.1 Budgets

Barnett stated all budgets would be ready for approval in the May meeting.

#### 9.4.2 Discussion & Possible Approval of Audit Firm

Barnett motioned to approve Fox CPA to complete the Village Audit for the previous fiscal year.

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)

Geisler stated a 90-day occupant permit was issued to Beherns, however Beherns are not sure if that is enough time for them. They will try to get everything completed in that timeframe.

Hamilton inquired on the John Gray issue and Geisler stated Tungate is working on this.

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

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.

13. Possible action on any executive session item

14. Adjournment

Zirkle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Martines seconded the motion. The motion carried.