

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, February 8, 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, via phone; 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, absent; & Gilman Star.

3. Review and approval of the Regular & Executive Village Board Minutes Monday January 11, 2021.

Barnett motioned to approve the regular meeting & executive session minutes of January 11, 2021 with the change of time executive session ending from 8:45 to 7:45. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

The treasurer report was not provided due to a timing issue. The Clerk will get this out to the board once finalized for proper approval.

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Barnett motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented in the amount of \$104,957.23. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

There was on one at the meeting for public comment.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

Cultra spoke about a letter received from Tungate asking if we wanted them to help the Village with any employee contract. Cultra will speak with the Municipal League to see if and what would actually need to be addressed in this.

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)

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

Walraven motioned to approve the Infrastructure Meeting minutes of January 21, 2021 as presented. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.2.1 Evergreen Street Repair

Walraven stated that he spoke with Piggush and for the remaining block of Evergreen, the Village will not have information till after the first quarter.

9.2.2 Bore & Jack Project

Walraven motioned to approve the bid submitted by R & R Inc. for the Bore & Jack Project in the amount of \$164,737.50. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.2.3 Sidewalk Project

Geisler stated for the Sidewalk Project they are putting ads in the newspaper to obtain bids. They should have bids by the next meeting.

9.2.4 Water Tower Project

This discussion on the Water Tower Project was tabled until the next meeting so the committee could discuss with Piggush.

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

9.3.1 Discussion & Possible Approval of Joint Contract with Gilman to Hire Iroquois County Sheriff's Department Patrol

The joint contract was rejected by Gilman and therefore the Village will no longer be looking into this as well. Geisler stated the committee will begin to discuss adding another part time officer and possibly a Code Enforcer as well.

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

9.4.1 Comcast Franchise Agreement Discussion & Possible Approval

Barnett motioned to not sign the contract with Comcast. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.4.2 Discussion of Village of Onarga Credit Card

The Village of Onarga Credit is currently in Claudia Ramirez's name but with her almost job at the Village almost being complete VonDrehle wanted to know if it should be reissued.

Zirkle motioned to approve the order of a new Village Credit in Samantha Sansone's names. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Barnett reminded all committees to work on their budgets so they can be approved in the April Village Board Meeting.

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)

10. Old business

Cultra discussed the TIF Properties and the process for anyone interested in one of these properties, as discussed at the last meeting. Cultra stated the TIF Attorney would create a contract and would address in such contract when the project should be completed.

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

Walraven motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.