

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, August 9, 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, via phone; Russ Geisler, Trustee; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk; Tim Hamilton, Village Supervisor; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Samantha Sansone, Village Treasurer; Gilman Star; & Pam Valdez.

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

Rabe motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 12, 2021 as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

Barnett motioned to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried. VonDrehle informed the board of 2 fraudulent checks that had posted to the Village's General Account. VonDrehle recommended the board open a new account and close out the current account, to stop this issue from happening again.

Martinez motioned to approve the opening of a new checking account with Federated Bank a General Funds Account. Geisler 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 \$40,981.98. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was a discussion on the Clearages bill due to the board setting a limit on how much he would be paid for his services on the sidewalk project, which this amount was exceeded with this newest bill. Geisler stated since the project had to be put out for re-bids he thought this amount should be paid this amount.

Geisler motioned to approve the payment of Clarage's invoice as presented. Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried.

This made the total payment for the bills \$43,889.98.

6. Public comment

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

Pam Valdez addressed the board on the drainage problems that are occurring by her house due to Evergreen Street Repair. Valdez specifically asked when the ditch next to her home would be repaired so there would not be flooding issues. Hamilton stated he is working with the drainage district to get this completed and he will contact them to get completed as soon as possible.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

There was no correspondence to the board.

8. Review and Possible Action on Ordinances

Ordinance 2021-001-Ordinance Amending Garbage Rates-This was tabled until the next meeting.

9. Standing Committee reports

9.1 Parks and Recreation (Holly Zirkle, Angie Martinez, Sarah Barnett)

Zirkle motioned to approve the Parks & Recreation meeting minutes of August 5th as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Morgan stated the pool would be closing Sunday August 15th, due to school being back in session and limited staff. Morgan also informed the board the Fall Festival date has been set, this will be on October 9th, which will be held in the park. There will be tacos, a silent auction, inflatables, bingo, Fairchild's Band will be playing, vendors, and other different things.

Hamilton informed the board that after the pool repairs that were made less water was used in the whole swim season then in one week before the repairs were made.

9.2 Infrastructure (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle, Fred Walraven)

Geisler motioned to approve the Infrastructure Meeting minutes of July 12, 2021 as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.2.1 Evergreen Street Repair

Geisler stated there is nothing new on the Evergreen Street Repair at this time.

9.2.2 Bore & Jack Project

Geisler stated there is nothing new on the Bore & Jack Project at this time.

9.2.3 Sidewalk Project

Geisler stated NBC Demolition might be starting work on the sidewalk project, beginning the following week.

9.3 Safety, Security, & Enforcement (Angie Martinez, Russ Geisler, Cole Rabe)

Martinez motioned to approve the Safety, Security, & Enforcement Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2021. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Martinez stated Chief Brenner was meeting with the Iroquois County Sheriff and the Iroquois County States Attorney on issues the Village & County are having with Onarga Academy. After this meeting Brenner will meet with Onarga Academy on policies and procedures of issues happening at the school.

The committee discussed a possible stop sign or speed bump being placed on Roosevelt at Cherry Street.

Rabe motioned to approve the addition of speed bumps being placed on Roosevelt at Cherry Street. This motion was not seconded.

Geisler motioned to approve the addition of a stop sign being placed on Roosevelt at Cherry Street. This motion was not seconded.

Cultra stated the committee needed to meet and make a recommendation to the board on this issue.

The committee also discussed with the number of accidents on Walnut and Grant Street, the yield sign should be replaced with a stop sign.

Geisler motioned to approve replacing the yield sign at Walnut & Grant Streets with a stop sign. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brenner stated the Village's squad car rear Emergency Light Bar needs repaired or a new one will need to be ordered if repairing is not an option and asked the board to approve the spending of up to \$1500.00 for this.

Martinez motioned to approve the spending up to \$1500 on a new rear emergency light bar for the police squad car if the current one cannot be repaired. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.4 Finance (Shane Cultra, Sarah, Barnett, Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

9.5 Local and Intergovernmental Communications (Sarah Barnett, Fred Walraven, Cole Rabe)

9.6 Building Standards (Cole Rabe, Fred Walraven, Sarah Barnett)

Rabe motioned to approve the Building Standards Meeting Minutes of July 27th as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rabe stated that Clarage sent a letter to Ebert asking them to hold off trying to get anything completed until the Village has everything figured out on the building of the large tool shed.

9.7 TIF Committee (Shane Cultra, Holly Zirkle, Russ Geisler)

Cultra stated he still is unable to get ahold of Schuering the Village's TIF attorney and asked for the board to ask other communities who they are using.

10. Old business

Rabe motioned to approve paying Clarage \$2500 to update the zoning map, ordinance, and access to international zoning database. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 7:54pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.