

**Village Board Minutes**  
**Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, April 11, 2022**

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

3. Review and approval of the Regular & Executive Session Meeting Board Meeting Minutes of Monday, March 14, 2022.

Zirkle motioned to approve the regular and executive session meeting minutes of March 14, 2022, as presented.

Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

There was not one presented due to Sherilyn our auditor wanted some reconciliations re-done.

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Walraven motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented in the amount of \$74,423.45. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was a discussion later in the meeting on Clarage's bill several charges that need to be discussed with him before the bill is paid. The committee will contact Clarage and schedule a meeting to discuss all items on the bill.

6. Public comment

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

Gene May was in attendance to see if the board had any questions with the bid he sent for the garbage contract. Geisler stated he did not and that the committee had decided to stay with May's company-Central Illinois Disposal & Recycling for the next year.

Zirkle informed the board of all the bids that were received for mowing at the park. The committee will review these bids to see if this expense will work in the budget or if it is better for the Village employees to complete the mowing as done in previous years. The committee will meet April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm to address the bids.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

VonDrehle presented a thank you note from the family of Patricia Kemarly for the flowers. Cultra informed the board of a thank you note from the family of Brian Norton for the flowers and donation the board made.

8. Review and Possible Action on Ordinances

There were no ordinances for the board to approve.

9. Standing Committee reports

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

Barnett motioned to approve the Parks & Recreation meeting minutes of March 29, 2022 as presented.

Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Zirkle stated that Morgan is working on three different grants at this time for the Park and Pool. Morgan is planning on having a swim-a-thon fundraiser on June 14<sup>th</sup> and is hoping to have another type of fundraiser later in the summer.

Hamilton stated that the pool liner needs repaired, however will contact the company that installed the liner in as they had stated when the liner was completed that this issue should not happen.

Hamilton also stated that the pool cover needs replaced as well due to the amount of snow we have had this winter.

9.2 Infrastructure (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle, Cole Rabe)

Geisler motioned to approve the Infrastructure meeting minutes of March 29, 2022 as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler informed the board there were only two bids for the garbage contract and the committee had agreed to stay with Gene May, which was discussed in public comment.

Geisler stated due to increase in pricing for the garbage contract due to landfill costs and gas prices, there is no way the Village will be able to have the Fall Clean-Up days. Even with the increase in pricing the board approved

last year to continue the clean-up days, in no way will allow enough money to pay for the clean-up day costs. This increase is just enough to pay the monthly garbage fees beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

The committee reminded the board that villagers can still purchase tags from both local banks and the Village Hall at any time for larger items to be discarded.

Geisler discussed the USDA grant for the sidewalk project and the meeting they had with the USDA. Clarage had put together a packet for this grant with information that was not needed and pertinent information missing.

Clarage stated he does have all the information that is needed and will get this completed right away.

Geisler motioned to approve having Roy Hurtado come back to work as soon as convenient with Hurtado at the same rate as last year. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cultra stated the board will place a tree and plaque of some kind at the park in honor of Hamilton and his years of service. There will also be an open house in honor of Tim May 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

#### 9.2.1 Evergreen Street Repair

There was nothing new at this time for the remaining block of the Evergreen Street Repair.

#### 9.2.2 Sidewalk Project

Geisler stated the contractors will start working in the next week or two to start the finalization of the sidewalk project.

#### 9.2.3 Review and Approval of Engineering Proposal-Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Walraven motioned to approve the Engineering Proposal for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements as presented. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hamilton stated on April 20<sup>th</sup> the EPA will be conducted an inspection on the Bore & Jack Project Completion and the water plant.

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

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

The committee will have a meeting on Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm to discuss budgets.

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

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

Barnett stated that they spoke with Clarage on permit pricing and what he uses to determine the pricing for each person. The committee asked him to write up some guidelines on the pricing and submit to them for review. The committee will be having a meeting to discuss Clarage's bill and some of the items he charged for.

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

#### 9.8 Litigation Committee (Fred Walraven, Sarah Barnett, Angie Martinez, Shane Cultra)

#### 10. Old business

#### 11. New business

VonDrehle discussed the Casey's General Store Liquor License and them asking to be able to sell hard liquor there as well. Cultra does not feel they should sell hard liquor due to so many businesses' already doing so in town. There was a discussion on this matter and Cultra stated he would think about it and let the clerk know what his decision was.

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 7:59pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.