

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Barnett 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, absent; Russ Geisler, Trustee; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk; Kevin Newman, Village Supervisor; Doug Brenner, Police Chief, absent; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Samantha Sansone, Village Treasurer, absent; Jamie Kozma.

3. Review and approval of the Regular Village Board & Executive Meeting Minutes Monday May 9, 2022, and Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2022.

Zirkle motioned to approve the regular and executive session meeting minutes of May 13, 2022, and special board meeting minutes of May 23, 2022, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

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

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Martinez motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented in the amount of \$131,083.88. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

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

Jamie Kozma, the Executive Director of Nexus addressed the board on behalf of Nexus and to explain to the Board that any issues the Village is having with Nexus are being taken seriously and addressed as soon as possible.

Rabe asked about the kids running and how this issue could be remedied. Kozma stated the academy is now finally at full staff for the first time for a while and Kozma believes this will help stop the kids running.

Geisler also stated that the kids running and all the other issues the academy has had and is having is severely impairing the Village's Police Staff. Kozma stated the Academy has added \$20,000 to the budget for such costs and is willing to reimburse the Village for these issues. Rabe then inquired why if they have this money budgeted, why they do not just hire their own security? Kozma stated they had investigated that but for the time being would love to help the Village out. Kozma is also hoping with better staff training this will help make the issues the police are having cease.

Geisler also stated that the Nexus foster homes were not being mowed timely. Kozma stated she would get this taken care of right away.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

Kris Kimmel asked to have a sign placed in the Village showing Christian Gaytan winning State Champion for Track. This will cost a total of \$58.00.

Rabe motioned to approve the spending of \$58.00 to Lizzio's for a sign for the State Track Champion, Christian Gaytan. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Standing Committee reports

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

Morgan informed the board that this would be her last year running the park and pool. Morgan did state she has some guards who are interested in the running the pool for her, so the board would just have to find someone for the park.

Morgan stated the Swim-a-Thon is this coming weekend, Saturday the 18th.

Morgan stated so far 4 vendors had contacted her for the 4th of July.

Newman inquired if the board would allow the pool staff to help mowing the park if they were not needed at the pool. The board had no problem with this.

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

8.2.1 Evergreen Street Repair

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

8.2.2 Sidewalk Project

Geisler stated the work on this is moving along, the vault walls and footings have been poured, just having a hard time getting concrete now. They are hoping the project will be completed by the end of

June.

8.2.3 Review and Approval of Pay Request #4 & Final-IPC-North Evergreen Street Road Improvement Project.

Geisler motioned to approve Pay Request #4 & Final-IPC-North Evergreen Street Road Improvement Project as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Martinez stated Brenner is working on properties in town with issues.

8.4 Finance (Sarah Barnett, Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

Cultra informed the board about the quote he obtained from Hasselbring Accounting to complete month end reconciliations for the Village. The quote stated this work would be completed at a fee of \$100 per hour and would begin this current fiscal year if approved.

Geisler motioned to approve the hiring of Hasselbring Accounting to complete month end reconciliations at a rate of \$100 per hour. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cultra stated that the brick streets needed to be worked on as soon as possible.

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

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

Rabe motioned to approve the Building Standards Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2022, as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rabe stated he spoke with Clarage on hiring someone to do the day-to-day jobs, building permit issuance and the whole building permit process. Clarage will continue to work on the zoning work and any other jobs that the board may need him or his input for. Clarage was fine with this.

8.7 TIF Committee (Fred Walraven, Holly Zirkle, Russ Geisler)

8.8 Litigation Committee (Fred Walraven, Sarah Barnett, Angie Martinez)

9. Old business

10. New business

Rabe recommended that the Village maybe have a Fall Fest with a golf cart scavenger hunt and maybe a rib cook-off or something like that to draw people in.

Geisler stated Edward Sanchez is interested in some of the TIF properties.

Rabe inquired if the Casey's Liquor License was changed to what they were asking for in which Cultra stated no, they have the same license as always.

11. 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.

12. Possible action on any executive session item

13. Adjournment

Zirkle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.