

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, February 14, 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, absent; 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, absent; Doug Brenner, Police Chief, absent; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Samantha Sansone, Village Treasurer, absent; Shawna Cantaway; & Gilman Star.

3. Review and approval of the Regular & Executive Session Meeting Board Meeting Minutes of Monday, January 10, 2022.

Zirkle motioned to approve the regular and executive session meeting minutes of January 10, 2022 as presented.

Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

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

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Walraven motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented in the amount of \$99,105.73. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

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

Shawna Cantaway who lives at 404 E Lincoln addressed the board on the issue of 5G towers being added to communities all over the county and asked if there was any plan for such in the Village of Onarga. Cantaway stated there are safety concerns with the additions of such towers and wondered if any were constructed in the Village they could be constructed away from parks and schools, to limit any potential health issues children may incur due to these towers. Cultra stated he was unaware of any safety concerns or if they would be constructed in the Village. Cultra said this is usually something the county or state handles but any information Cantaway could provide to the Village would be reviewed. Geisler asked if Cantaway would like to have to the information on the legislators so she can address the concerns with them. Geisler will get this information to Sansone to give to Cantaway.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

There was no correspondence to the board.

8. Review and Possible Action on Ordinances

Walraven motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-001-Appropriation of Funds for ADA Curb Ramp Improvements and Resurfacing of Parking Lanes; in Conjunction with Milling and Resurfacing of IL Route 54 from Approximately 0.4 Miles West of Interstate 57 to just West of US Route 45 in Onarga as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes.

Walraven motioned to approve Ordinance #2022-002-Regulating Parking along Illinois Route 54 between the West Village Limits (East of Interstate 57) to US Route 45 in the Village of Onarga, Iroquois County, Illinois as presented.

Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes.

9. Standing Committee reports

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

Morgan made the board aware Grand Prairie Seminary donated \$1000 to the Pool.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Infrastructure meeting minutes of January 25, 2022 as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$8,300 to Matt Price to cut down 17 dead trees. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 sidewalk project is completed up to the dentist's office, the remainder will be completed in the spring.

9.2.3 IDOT Route 54-Seminary Avenue Resurfacing & ADA Compliant Project

9.2.3.1 Review and Possible Approval of Agreement 2022-001-IDOT Route 54-Seminary Avenue Resurfacing & ADA Compliant Project

Geisler motioned to approve Agreement 2022-001-IDOT Route 54-Seminary Avenue Resurfacing & ADA Compliant Project as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted with all Aye votes.

Geisler motioned to approve Piggush to begin the loan application process for an engineering contract to correct any sewer plant issues in the amount of 1.7million. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.2.4 Recommendation to award bid in the amount of \$88,831.15 to Iroquois Paving Corp for the 2022 MFT Street Maintenance Program, PEI job number 21135.0301

Walraven motioned to approve the recommendation to award bid in the amount of \$88,831.15 to Iroquois Paving Corp for the 2022 MFT Street Maintenance Program, PEI job number 21135.0301 as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.2.5 Recommendation of payment in the amount of \$33,342.47 to R&R, Inc. for the Jackson Avenue Water Main Bore & Jack Project, PEI job number 19066.0301

Walraven motioned to approve the Recommendation of payment in the amount of \$33,342.47 to R&R, Inc. for the Jackson Avenue Water Main Bore & Jack Project, PEI job number 19066.0301 as presented. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Martinez motioned to approve the spending of \$1500 for Chief Brenner's vest. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to approve the spending of \$200 for Officer Norton, \$100 for flowers for the funeral and \$100 for the benefit. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 25, 2022 as presented.

Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve paying Claudia Ramirez \$50.00 per hour to correct the issues with the Village audit. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 February 10, 2022 as presented.

Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rabe spoke about a safety concern the Village is having with ice and snow falling off the side of the hardware store. Rabe would like a 90 day notice to go out to the business to get the building completed. The board decided they would have a discussion with the hardware store and then have Clarage send out a 90 day notice to have the building finished.

Rabe spoke on behalf of Clarage who believes the Village should have a copy of the Rule and Regulations for building codes at the Village Hall and on the website. Rabe will look into getting a copy of one or the Village may need to buy a copy which will cost \$130. Rabe will check and see if a digital copy can be obtained prior to purchasing a copy.

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

Martinez stated she had a lot of phone calls praising Hamilton and his crew on how they did a great job on snow removal during the snow storm.

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.

Walraven motioned to open Executive session at 7:54pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to close Executive session at 8:17pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. Possible action on any executive session item

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$3200 to Goetting Machine Shop for the ADA railings for the sidewalk project. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Martinez motioned to approve the spending of \$12,000 per year \$1,000 per month to pay Tim Hamilton beginning May 1st for the Water Plant Operations. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The board agreed upon having a special board meeting on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:00pm to discuss Village Properties.

14. Adjournment

Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.