

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, March 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; Angie Martinez, Trustee; Cole Rabe, Trustee; Holly Zirkle, Trustee; Sarah Barnett, Trustee; Russ Geisler, Trustee; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk; Tim Hamilton, Village Supervisor; Doug Brenner, Police Chief, absent; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Samantha Sansone, Village Treasurer; Tim Thorne; Jamie Kozma; & Gilman Star.

3. Review and approval of the Regular & Executive Session Meeting Board Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 14, 2022 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 21, 2022.

Zirkle motioned to approve the regular and executive session meeting minutes of February 14, 2022 and special board meeting minutes of February 21, 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. Barnett 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 \$152,976.03. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

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

Jamie Kozma, Executive Director of Nexus asked the board if they had any questions or concerns that needed addressed at this time. Geisler stated that Nexus had plowed an alley behind the school and once this was completed there are issues with the gravel and it being pushed to the sides of the alley. Kozma stated Nexus would get this issue corrected. Kozma stated the academy was planning on starting up the Christmas in April program again and asked the board if they had any recommendations on what Onarga Resident they could work with. Cultra stated the board would think about this and get back to her.

Tim Thorne addressed the board on behalf the Onarga Legion Post # 551 for a year round liquor license to be issued for up to 15 events that alcohol could be served at. Thorne stated the Legion has insurance and has verified they have everything completed to be able to serve alcohol. Cultra stated the board will discuss and the Clerk will get back to Thorne.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

VonDrehle presented a letter from the Iroquois West Post Prom Committee asking for a donation for Post Prom.

VonDrehle stated the last time a donation was made was in 2019 in the amount of \$200.

Walraven motioned to approve the spending of \$200 to Iroquois West Post Prom Committee. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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)

Morgan stated she had spoken with the lifeguards from last year and most are coming back to work this year.

Morgan also stated she will be looking into different grants to apply for.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Infrastructure meeting minutes of February 21, 2022 as presented. Zirkle 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 he will be working with the remaining businesses to get the remaining portion of sidewalk project completed.

Geisler stated a letter was sent out to all Garbage Companies to have a bid sent back to the Village by March 28th. The committee will have a meeting and make a recommendation to the board on who they believe should receive the garbage contract with the Village.

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

Martinez motioned to approve the Safety, Security, & Enforcement meeting minutes of March 10, 2022. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Martinez spoke about the hiring of a code enforcer for 5 to 10 hours per week at a rate of pay of \$20.00 per hour.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of March 11, 2022 as presented.

Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

All items have been taken care of for the audit. Ramirez is currently training Samsone on several items.

VonDrehle is waiting to hear from Pete on the TIF Audit.

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

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

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

Martinez questioned why the board is no longer getting a copy of past due water bills? Hamilton inquired if this was something that the board wanted? Cultra stated this was not a priority, however Sansone will get with Hamilton to figure out how to print these and get to the board monthly.

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.

Walraven motioned to open Executive session at 7:35pm. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to close Executive session at 7:52pm. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. Possible action on any executive session item

Martinez motioned to approve the hiring of Matthew Pulley at a rate of \$20.00 per hour for 5-10 hours per week for the code enforcer job. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Barnett inquired if the Village was planning on doing something for Hamilton and all his years of service. It was recommended to have a bench and tree put at the park in honor of Hamilton. Cultra stated he would donate a tree for this. The board will discuss the bench idea at the next meeting.

14. Adjournment

Rabe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.