

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023

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; Holly Zirkle, Trustee; Russ Geisler, Trustee; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk, via phone; Kevin Newman, Village Supervisor; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Molly Clendenen, Village Treasurer; Gilman Star.

3. Review and approval of the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Monday, February 13, 2023.

Walraven motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 13, 2023, as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was incomplete, Dena Hasselbring will be in, in May to help Clendenden with Quickbooks.

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Martinez motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Clendenden asked the board for approval to pay the Quickbooks Annual Bill in the amount of \$1400. Walraven motioned to approve the spending of \$1400 for Quickbooks. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

There was no one at the meeting from the public.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

Summer in the Park asked for a donation. Walraven motioned to approve supplying Summer in the Park with 20 pool passes. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dancepiration-A Dance Team out of Watseka which has girls on it from all over Iroquois County asked for a donation for their team Daughters of Anarchy to travel to New Jersey for the National Dance Competition, to compete against teams all over the World. Geisler motioned to approve the donation of \$200 to go to Dancepiration's Daughters of Anarchy Team. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Martinez discussed a letter sent from the Sherriff's Office on all the Police Calls that are happening at Nexus. The Board discussed what can be done and decided that maybe there should be a meeting with the Board, Nexus, the Sherriff's Office, and possibly the Grand Prairie Seminary Board.

8. Review and Approval of Ordinances

There were no ordinances to be approved.

9. Standing Committee reports

9.1 Parks and Recreation (Holly Zirkle, Angie Martinez)

Zirkle motioned to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2023 as presented.

Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Morgan stated she will be working on grants for the Park.

Morgan stated Bingo brought in \$9,541.00 and that there was a great turn out. The Board decided that after the costs of materials are paid out of the this amount the remaining funds will be given to the Little League to help with labor costs.

Zirkle thanked Morgan for all of her hard work. The Board truly appreciates her.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Infrastructure Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2023, as present. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.2.1 Evergreen Street Repair

There was nothing new at this time for Evergreen Street Repair.

The Board discussed the Garbage Contract which increased \$300 a month from the previous year due to landfill costs. The committee discussed this and due to the increase in fees the committee would like to increase the Garbage Rate by \$1.00. VonDrehle stated an ordinance would have to be drawn up and approved at the next meeting for this increase.

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

Martinez motioned to approve the Safety, Security, & Enforcement Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2023 as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brenner stated all Policies and Procedures needed to be updated for the Village, specifically with the hiring processes. Clendenden and Geisler will work with Terry Schuldt on getting the policies and procedures updated.

9.4 Finance (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

Geisler motioned to approve the Finance Meeting minutes of April 4, 2023, as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.4.1 Water Account Discussion

The water account was not discussed.

9.4.2 Budgets

The Committee reminded all other committees to work on their budgets and get completed.

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

9.6 Building Standards (Cole Rabe, Fred Walraven)

Rabe motioned to approve the Building Standards Committee Meeting Minutes of April 6th as presented.

Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rabe stated there was a request for a building permit to be emailed to someone. The committee discussed this and decided that a permit should never be emailed. They must be obtained in person.

Cultra stated that the building next to the Village Hall needs to be looked at and decided what needs to be done for it. Cultra is afraid with that building's deterioration, that this may cause problems to the Village Hall and that maybe the Board should look into fixing it.

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

9.8 Litigation Committee (Fred Walraven, Angie Martinez)

10. Old business

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 on matters of employee wages at 8:26 pm. Martinez seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to close Executive Session at 8:31pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. Possible action on any executive session item

Geisler motioned to approve the wage increases as of May 1, 2023, Jesse Hertel will become a full-time employee and pay will be raised from \$13.00 to \$15.00. Roy Hurtado will also have a pay increase from \$13.00 to \$15.00. Dustin Martin will have an increase from \$15.00 to \$16.50. Doug Hertel will have an increase of \$15.50 to \$17.50. All raises were discussed in the committee meeting and with Kevin Newman. These increases are due to all the hard work the Village Employees are doing and due to minimum wage increases. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

14. Adjournment

Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.