

**Village Board Minutes**  
**Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, July 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; Anthony Trumpower, Trustee; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk; Kevin Newman, Village Supervisor; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Molly Clendenen, Village Treasurer; Brad Duncan; Araceli and Rafael Espinosa; Ed Ronna; Onarga Academy; & Gilman Star.

3. Review and approval of the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Monday, June 12, 2023.

Martinez motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 12, 2023, as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

Geisler 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 \$73,729.06. Trumpower seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VonDrehle informed the board the May bills to be paid were not approved for the correct amount, there was a \$20.00 difference. Zirkle motioned to approve the updated correct amount of the May bills to be paid in the amount of \$91,424.27. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

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

Araceli and Rafael Espinosa addressed the board on the incident that took place outside their home on June 13, 2023, at 10:53am. On this day, one of the Nexus students stole Araceli's van out of her driveway with 5 Nexus employees standing around not trying to stop the juvenile. Espinosa asked what is it going to take to make this stop, a child or adult being hurt? Espinosa asked the board to work with Nexus and Grand Prairie to make changes so these issues do not continue.

Ed Ronna addressed the board on the same subject as Espinosa's. Ronna stated that the Nexus juvenile tried to take his truck first however it was stick shift and the juvenile could not drive it. The 5 Nexus Employees were just walking behind him when he tried this also. This is when the juvenile went to the Espinosa's home.

Nexus staff was at this meeting and apologized to the Espinosa Family and stated there was no excuse for this. It was stated that Nexus employees are trained and told to restrain these juveniles, but most employees are not.

The board discussed this with spoke more about the subject and decided to contact the Village Attorney to find out what options the Board may have.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

There was no correspondence to the 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, Anthony Trumpower)

Morgan asked the Board if she could refund fees to people who paid for water aerobics in the morning due to the heater not working and the water being so cold in the morning. All board members agreed to this. Morgan will contact the people and offer them to come to a later class or the funds back.

Newman informed the board that there is a problem with the pool liner again, technically it is the actual construction of the pool that causes the liner to have issues.

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

Newman introduced Brad Duncan to the Board. Duncan presented the board with a contract to complete all tasks to keep the Village in Compliance with all EPA Wastewater Rules. The contract is set with a \$1000 monthly flat fee for services rendered. Anything the Village may need him to do such as complete grant applications and

any other items that he may be able to do will have a \$40 per hour fee added. Newman added by hiring Duncan the Village will no longer have to send water samples to PDC as done before due to Duncan being able to complete the testing himself. This will save the Village quite a bit of money.

Geisler motioned to approve the hiring of Brad Duncan at a flat rate fee of \$1000 per month. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Newman informed the board that the water tower needs another pump from what was additionally approved. This will cost another \$9000.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$9000 to Gasvoda for another replacement pump. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### 9.2.1 Evergreen Street Repair

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

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

#### 9.4 Finance (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

Geisler motioned to approve the Finance Meeting minutes of July 5, 2023, as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

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

Rabe motioned to approve the Building Standards Committee Meeting minutes of June 8, 2023, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rabe motioned to approve adding cameras to the front and back of Village Hall and to the Equipment Shed. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The board discussed building permits and the time they are issued for, which is currently 6 months.

Rabe motioned to approve all building permits being issued today and going forward to be valid for 1 year.

Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

#### 9.8 Litigation Committee (Shane Cultra, 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.

#### 13. Possible action on any executive session item

#### 14. Adjournment

Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.