

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, October 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, absent; Molly Clendenen, Village Treasurer; Kevin Hack; Best Supermarket-Roopi Sharma; Dana Tilstra; & Gilman Star.

3. Review and approval of the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Monday, September 11, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2023.

Walraven motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2023, as presented. Trumpower seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

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

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Trumpower motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented in the amount of \$248,738.86. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

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

Kevin Hack, from Riverside addressed the board on the issue of ambulances and staffing. Hack stated that Carle has increased the pay and Riverside does not have enough funds to increase so they are losing staff. Hack also said Insurance Companies are only paying what Medicare would pay for an ambulance ride which is also hurting the staffing. Hack is meeting with the different towns in Iroquois County to see if they could possibly help with funding. Hack stated if the towns would be able to set aside at least \$8300 per year this would be enough to keep staffing. Hack wanted to inform the Board of the issues and hope they have a conversation on helping with the funding of the ambulance service. Dana Tilstra spoke to the board about box truck containers and having them on their property. Cultra and Geisler both stated these were not allowed per Village Ordinance.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

There was a thank you from the Gilman Garage for the donation the Village gave.

8. Review and Approval of Ordinances

Ordinance # 2023-002-An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessments of Taxes for Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024.

This Ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

Ordinance # 2023-003-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Section 10.16, of the Municipal Code, Village of Onarga, Illinois Regarding Stop Signs on Certain Village Streets.

Geisler motioned to approve Ordinance # 2023-003-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Section 10.16, of the Municipal Code, Village of Onarga, Illinois Regarding Stop Signs on Certain Village Streets as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A roll call vote was conducted with all aye votes being recorded except for Rabe, as he would like speed bumps on Cherry Street.

Ordinance # 2023-004-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Section 10.12, of the Municipal Code, Village of Onarga, Illinois Regarding Truck Routes on Certain Village Streets.

Geisler motioned to approve Ordinance # 2023-004-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Section 10.12, of the Municipal Code, Village of Onarga, Illinois Regarding Truck Routes on Certain Village Streets as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A roll call vote was conducted with all aye votes being recorded.

9. Standing Committee reports

9.1 Parks and Recreation (Holly Zirkle, Angie Martinez, Anthony Trumpower)

Newman stated the hydrants would be flushed Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Infrastructure Meeting Minutes of September 14th as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.2.1 Evergreen Street Repair

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

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$21,200 to KS Bull Concrete to complete the sidewalk along Rt. 54 in Onarga. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

9.3.1 Trick or Treat Hours.

Trick or Treating hours will be from 5-7 on Halloween.

9.4 Finance (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

Zirkle motioned to approve the Finance Meeting minutes of October 3, 2023 as presented. Geisler 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)

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

9.8 Litigation Committee (Shane Cultra, Fred Walraven, Angie Martinez)

10. Old business

Rabe inquired about the placement of the bear carving; he feels that it looks out of place by the Onarga Sign.

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 8:10pm. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.