

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.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

The Harbor House sent a letter asking for donations.

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 June 8, 2023 as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the fees for permits for 4th of July Vendors and decided to change the fees to the following: Not for Profit Organizations there will be no fee and For Profit will need to pay \$25.00 for a permit.

Zirkle motioned to approve the spending of \$2700.00 for 2 trees to be removed by Price's Tree Service in the park. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Zirkle stated that Morgan will not continue with her position next year.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Infrastructure Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2023, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Steven Engelking is retiring at the end of June. Newman has reached out to Brad Duncan from Fairbury to see if he will continue to do the water testing that needs to be completed monthly. Newman will let us know at the next meeting if Duncan will and the pricing.

9.2.1 Evergreen Street Repair

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

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$5,775.00 for the removal of 11 trees throughout the Village by Price's Tree Service. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$18,262 to Gasvoda & Associates for the engineering and pumps for the water tower. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$28,480 to GA Rich & Sons to install the pumps and re-piping for the water tower. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve hiring Krause Surveying to survey the sidewalks and right of ways from Hickory to Pine. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 June 6, 2023, as presented. Trumpower seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve Russell Leigh to complete the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audit. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to approve the adding of Geisler to sign checks for the Village. Trumpower seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve adding an additional \$50,000 to the budget in the Water fund for Repair and Maintenance, Sewer Payroll up to \$83,000 from \$56,000, Uniforms, Meter Expense, and FICA Taxes for Sewer due to the increase in pay. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Zirkle motioned to approve an increase in the Village Credit Card to \$2500 from \$1000. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

9.6 Building Standards (Cole Rabe, Fred Walraven)

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.

13. Possible action on any executive session item

14. Adjournment

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