

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, February 13, 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, absent; Kevin Newman, Village Supervisor; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Molly Clendenen, Village Treasurer; Gilman Star; Marty Tilstra.

3. Review and approval of the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Monday, January 9, 2023.

Walraven motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2023 as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

The full treasurer's report was not disbursed due to all accounts not being balanced. Clendenen and VonDrehle will work on getting the accounts balanced before the next meeting.

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Martinez motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented in the amount of \$89,578.29. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

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

Marty Tilstra addressed the board on behalf of the Onarga Fire Department. The Fire Department is going to purchase the old marathon property but is also asking the Village to deed the Department 8 feet of the right of way back to the Tilstra property.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

Iroquois West Prom Committee asked for a donation of \$200 for Post Prom.

8. Review and Approval of Ordinances

There were no ordinances to be approved.

9. Standing Committee reports

Geisler motioned to approve the Village to deed up to 10 feet of the right away to the Onarga Fire Department.

Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Walraven abstaining from the vote.

Geisler motioned to approve the donation of \$200 to the Iroquois West Post Prom Committee. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.1 Parks and Recreation (Holly Zirkle, Angie Martinez)

Zirkle motioned to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2023 as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to approve the spending of \$8,000 for materials for the updating of the dugouts at Talbert field. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Little League will be completing the repairs. The Village will have a contract drawn up that the Little League will sign to waive any responsibility for accidents.

Morgan made the Board aware that Grand Prairie Seminary donated \$1000 to the pool.

Morgan spoke about fundraisers for the Park. She plans on having the Fall Festival again and Tony Garica will make tacos again. There may be a potential for a wyffel ball tournament on the 4th of July. Last, April 2nd there will be Bingo at Middle School at 1:00pm.

Martinez motioned to hire Kaylen Cote as Assistant Manager for the pool at a rate of \$14.00. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

9.2.1 Evergreen Street Repair

Geisler stated that Piggush said right now there are no funds available to complete the construction of this road.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$123,571.50 to Gray Materials to tar and chip Roosevelt, Poplar, Blue Spruce, Seminary to Cherry, Evergreen to Pine to 54. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cultra appointed William Gerber as the new Village Attorney effective February 13, 2023. Walraven motioned to approve the appointment. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

9.4 Finance (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

Walraven motioned to approve the Finance Meeting minutes of February 7, 2023, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Matt Clark was at the committee meeting from Federated Bank and spoke about the 7 fraudulent checks that were processed on the Village's General Checking Account. Clendenen had contacted the bank when she saw one of the items had posted to the Village's General Account. Clendenen also contacted the police to file a report of the fraudulent items. The account has been restricted at the Bank for all transactions to be reviewed prior to posting to the account and once all items have cleared that were previously issued, this account will be closed.

9.4.1 Farm Lease Discussion & Final Approval

The Farm Lease was not discussed in this meeting.

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.

12. Possible action on any executive session item

13. Adjournment

Walraven motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.