

**Village Board Minutes**  
**Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, November 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; Anthony Trumpower, Trustee, absent; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk; Kevin Newman, Village Supervisor; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Molly Clendenen, Village Treasurer; Nexus.

3. Review and approval of the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Walraven motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 10, 2023, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

Walraven 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

Martinez motioned to approve the bills to be paid as presented in the amount of \$310,553.07 Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

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

Kozma from Nexus asked for any feedback from the Board on how things are going. Kozma believes things are going better. Rabe stated there are still calls and until there are none and no one in the Village or Nexus are the risk the problem is never ending. Rabe questioned what if something fatal happens? Rabe stated that the Village and Nexus need to get ahead of the situation before something bad does happen, like he stated previously.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

There was no correspondence to the board.

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 2023-005-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, To Add a New Section Titled Section 17.29, of the Municipal Code, Village of Onarga, Illinois, Title "Regulation of All Zones-Shipping Containers"

This Ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

9. Standing Committee reports

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

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Infrastructure Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2023, as presented.

Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$29,700.00 to KS Bull Concrete to add sidewalks to the South Side of West Seminary from Maple to Hickory and 147' at Pine Street on the North Side. Walraven 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)

Martinez motioned to approve the Safety, Security, & Enforcement Minutes of November 2, 2023, as presented.

Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.4 Finance (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

Zirkle motioned to approve the Finance Meeting minutes of November 7, 2023, as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Walraven motioned to approve giving the money from the Wind Tower Company to the Anderson's who farm

the Village's farmland, due to 3 acres of the crop being damaged when the wind tower was installed. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The board discussed the farm contract and instructed VonDrehle to send the same contract as last year and only for a year again.

The board discussed the Metro Contract and the installation of the underground lines. The committee discussed this and does not recommend the Board signing this contract.

Walraven motioned to not sign the Metro Contract pending a discussion with the Village's Attorney on this matter. 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, Anthony Trumpower)

Rabe motioned to approve the Building Standards Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2023, as presented.

Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rabe motioned to approve a flat \$125 building permit fee for any building project up to \$10,000. Any project over \$10,000, the fee will be assessed by the Building Inspector. In the event that someone does not get a building permit and starts a project, that person(s) will be contacted and will need to pay the \$125 flat fee plus an additional \$50 fee for not obtaining a permit. Once the person is contacted, if in 2 business days they have yet to pay for a permit, an additional \$100 fee will be added to permit as well. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rabe discussed the Beherens Building and the completion that still is needed. Rabe will consult with the Village's Attorney and figure out when the consequences can be if not completed this time.

Geisler motioned to approve the current zoning map as presented by Clarage. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### 9.6.1 Metro Communication Discussion

This was discussed under the Finance Committee Section.

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

Martinez motioned to approve the Clerk to schedule the Village Christmas Party on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, and to obtain gift cards for all Village Employees. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 8:40pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.