

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, August 14, 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, absent; Russ Geisler, Trustee; Anthony Trumpower, Trustee; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk, absent; Kevin Newman, Village Supervisor; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Molly Clendenen, Village Treasurer; Onarga Firemen-Adam Hamilton, Ernesto Vargas, Tim Thorne, and Tony Garcia; Best Supermarket-Roopi Sharma; Onarga Academy; & Gilman Star.

3. Review and approval of the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Monday, July 10, 2023.

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

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

Martinez 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. Martinez 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.

The Onarga Firemen asked if the Village would donate to help cover the fireworks expense from the most recent 4th of July presentation. The firemen also suggested forming a 4th of July committee with someone from each organization involved in this on the committee.

Roopi Sharma from Best Supermarket introduced himself as the new owner of the store and informed the board of what he is doing to the store to update it. Sharma questioned if he would need a permit to replace windows in the store, in which the board said no he would not.

Jamie Kozma from Onarga Academy handed out an informational sheet explaining their plan to reduce the number of youths leaving campus by implementing a robust run prevention plan. They will continue to provide the Village with updates and their progress toward this effort. She also mentioned they are close to being fully staffed. The board made Kozma aware that they had contacted their attorney and he may be requesting information from them.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

There was no correspondence to the Board.

8. Review and Approval of Ordinances

8.1 Ordinance # 2023-001-Annual Appropriations Ordinance

Walraven motioned to approve the Ordinance # 2023-001-appropriations ordinance as presented. Geisler 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)

Members of the Catholic Church inquired if a permit is needed to sell food for the Mexican Independence Celebration, that will be held at the park. The board determined no permit would be needed. The celebration will be held September 16th.

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

Geisler stated a resident had inquired if they could build living quarters in their place of business. The board discussed this and stated this could not be completed. Geisler will inform the resident of the boards decision.

Simple Joys Club asked if they could set up a free produce cart in Railroad Park. Geisler motioned to approve the

Simple Joys Club to set up a free produce cart in Railroad Park. Martinez 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 Meeting Minutes as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.4 Finance (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

Geisler motioned to approve the Finance Meeting minutes as presented. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$4376 for cameras to be set up at the park and village hall by Kline Enterprises. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9.4.1 Resolution 2023-001 Adding Russ Geisler to Federated Bank Accounts.

Trumpower motioned to approve Resolution 2023-001 Adding Russ Geisler to the Federated Bank Accounts. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A roll call vote was conducted with all aye votes with the exception of Geisler who abstained from the vote.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$2000 to Onarga Firemen for the 2023 4th of July Firework show. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried with Walraven abstaining from the vote.

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 8:22pm. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.