

Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, May 8th, 2023

1. Call to order

Cultra called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Roll Call

Shane Cultra, Village President; Fred Walraven, Trustee; Angie Martinez, Trustee; Cole Rabe, Trustee; Holly Zirkle, Trustee; Russ Geisler, Trustee; Molly Clendenden, Treasurer; Stephanie VonDrehle, Village Clerk; Kevin Newman, Village Supervisor; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; Onarga Academy; Gilman Star.

3. Swearing in of New Officials

Cultra conducted the swearing in of the elected officials for their respective offices. Angela Martinez was sworn in as Village Trustee for an additional 4-year term, Russ Geisler was sworn in as Village Trustee Village Trustee for an additional 4-year term.

4. Appointments

Annual board President Committee Appointments- May 2023-April 2024

Committee on Finance: Chair-Shane Cultra, Committee Persons: Russ Geisler & Holly Zirkle

Committee on Infrastructure: Chair-Russ Geisler, Committee Persons: Holly Zirkle & Fred Walraven

Committee on Building Standards: Chair-Cole Rabe, Committee Persons: Fred Walraven

Committee for Local & Intergovernmental Communications: Chair-Angie Martinez, Committee Persons: Cole Rabe

Committee for Parks & Recreational Activities: Chair-Holly Zirkle, Committee Persons: Angie Martinez

Committee for Safety, Security, & Enforcement: Chair-Angie Martinez, Committee Persons: Holly Zirkle & Russ Geisler

TIF Committee: Chair-Fred Walraven, Committee Persons: Holly Zirkle & Russ Geisler

Litigation Committee-Shane Cultra, Fred Walraven, & Angie Martinez

Annual Village President Appointees-May 2023-April 2024

Supervisor of Public Works: Kevin Newman

Chief of Police: Doug Brenner

Village Counsel: William J. Gerber

Village Treasurer: Molly Clendenden

Building Code Administrator: James Clarage

Building Permit Administrator/Code Enforcer: Jeff Meyer

Animal Control Officer: Doug Brenner

Park & Recreation Coordinator: Becky Morgan

FOIA Officer: Stephanie VonDrehle

Chairman, Economic Development Commission & Tourism: Shane Cultra

Walraven motioned to consent to the appointments as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Public comment

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

Onarga Academy addressed the board on the matter of the inappropriate police calls. The Director and two Clinical Directors are addressing these issues and are now meeting monthly with the Iroquois County Sheriff's Department, Brenner, and Russ to talk about any issues that are happening and to remedy the inappropriate calls.

6. Review of correspondence to the board

Summer in the Park sent a Thank You note for the pool passes donated to them.

7. Review and Possible Action on Ordinances

7.1 Review and Approval of Ordinance #2023-001-An Ordinance Approving an Increase to Garbage Rates

This ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

8. Standing Committee reports

8.1 Parks & Recreation (Holly Zirkle & Angie Martinez)

Zirkle motioned to approve the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting minutes of May 6, 2023, with two changes being made. 9 Lifeguards responded from last year and the pool will be available on weekend for pool parties. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Morgan stated that the pool will open June 3rd. The hours will be 1-5 and 6-7:30 daily. Water Aerobics will be

held Monday, Wednesday, & Fridays from 8-9am and 5-6pm. The pricing will now be \$6.00 per person, under 2 and over 60 are free. Season Passes will be \$75.00 per person, \$100 per family of 2, \$125 per family of 3, and \$25.00 for each individual after 3. Private Parties will be \$100 per hour, and you can have up to 25 people. Water aerobics will be \$50 for the season.

4th of July Weekend-Food Vendors will pay \$25 for non-profit and \$50 for profit licenses. Flea Market Vendors, there will be no fee if the vendor was there last year and if not, there is a \$25 fee for all others.

8.2 Infrastructure (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle, and Fred Walraven)

8.2.1 There was nothing new for the last block of Evergreen Street Repair.

Geisler spoke about sign repair and how the sign coming into Onarga on Route 54 needs a new sign. To get a new sign it will be \$450. Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$450 for a new Onarga sign.

Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

8.4 Finance (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

Zirkle motioned to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of May 2nd, 2023, as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee discussed raises for Clendenden and Newman. The committee recommends increasing Newman to \$22.00 per hour and Clendenden to \$17.00 per hour.

Geisler motioned to approve an increase in pay for Newman whose new hourly rate will be \$22.00 and Clendenden whose new hourly rate will be \$17.00. Both increases will be effective immediately. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee also recommended for any permits being issued for roofing should cost \$125. Geisler motioned to approve a roofing permit to now cost \$125. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the transfer of funds from the general account to the TIF account in the amounts of \$69,000 for the Rural Business Grant and \$13,869 for ARPA Expenses. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8.4.1 Walraven motioned to approve the budgets as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8.4.2 Geisler motioned to approve the garbage contract as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed increasing the amount that is currently being deposited each month for water and sewer. Currently the board is saving \$1000 each month for both water and sewer but they would like to increase this to \$4000 with \$3000 going to water and \$1000 going to sewer.

Walraven motioned to approve the increase of funds being saved for water and sewer, which will now be \$4000, a month with \$3000 going to water and \$1000 to sewer. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

8.6 Building Standards (Cole Rabe, Fred Walraven)

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

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

8. Old business

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Rabe inquired about Casey's liquor license and if they would be able to sell hard liquor. All the trustees believe they should be able to sell hard liquor due to them being one of the biggest businesses in town. Cultra state he would look into it and speak with Casey's himself and reach out to VonDrehle and let her know his decision so the license can get issued.

10. New business

11. 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

Martinez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.