

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2024

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, absent; Kevin Newman, Village Supervisor; Doug Brenner, Police Chief; Becky Morgan, Park Coordinator, absent; Molly Clendenen, Village Treasurer; Kaylen Cote, Pool Manager; Gilman Star, & Nexus.

3. Review and approval of the Village Special Meeting Minutes of Monday May 20, 2024.

Walraven motioned to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of Monday May 20, 2024, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

Geisler motioned to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Trumpower seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Review and approval of bills to be paid

Zirkle motioned to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$148,972.96 as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

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

Nexus presented a handout containing information on run attempts, restraints, and seclusions, discussed the upcoming meeting, stated they did hire security for the facility, and they continue to work on requesting vests with lights.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

There was a letter from Liz Cotter suggesting benches and/or picnic tables at Railroad Park. Jamie from Nexus stated they would be willing to donate benches and/or picnic tables to Railroad Park.

8. Review and Approval of Ordinances

Walraven motioned to approve Ordinance # 2024-005-An Ordinance of the Village of Onarga, Illinois to Amend Prior Ordinance Number 2024-002 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)

Zirkle motioned to approve the Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2024, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kaylen Kote, the Pool Manager reported on how things are at the pool and stated that the pool needs the following items: AED, new chairs, and a new table to replace the broken one.

Geisler motioned to approve the purchase of an AED for the pool. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Walraven motioned to approve paying for the concrete base to put the Chamber of Commerce Sign on. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the hiring of Price's Tree Service to cut down various trees in the Village in the amount of \$5,275.00. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$50,700 to purchase 20 new sewer grinders, half being paid from sewer funds and the other half being paid from TIF funds. Trumpower 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)

9.4 Finance (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

Geisler motioned to approve the Finance Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2024, as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Zirkle motioned to approve adding Geisler's name on the Safe Deposit Box at Federated Bank and all the accounts held at Forrest Bank. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The board discussed the brick streets and them needing repairs. Once they find someone to work on them the person(s) will be paid \$17.50-\$18.50 an hour.

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 June 7, 2024, as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

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.

Martinez motioned to approve opening Executive Session at 8:30pm. Walraven seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Zirkle motioned to close Executive Session at 8:45pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. Possible action on any executive session item

Geisler motioned to approve hiring Bill Stanley as Police Chief on August 1, 2024, or whenever he is qualified to assume the position. Trumpower seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A roll call vote was conducted with all Ayes with the exception of Martinez and Rabe.

14. Adjournment

Walraven motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.