

**Village Board Minutes**  
**Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, March 11, 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, absent; 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; Molly Clendenen, Village Treasurer; Jody Munsterman; Gilman Star.

3. Review and approval of the Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes Monday, February 12, 2024, and Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2024.

Geisler motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 12 and Special Board meeting minutes of February 15, 2024, as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of treasurer's report

Zirkle 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

Martinez motioned to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$66,614.25 as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

Zirkle motioned to open public comment. Trumpower seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jody Munsterman introduced herself, she is running for one of the County Board Seats.

7. Review of correspondence to the board

McTaggart reached out to Zirkle on putting signs up at the park stating no smoking or vaping. The board decided they did not want these signs to be put up.

Geisler motioned to approve the Utility Permit as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Review and Approval of Ordinances

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 February 13 as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

If a pool employee works the whole summer the Village will refund \$100 of their annual training fee that the employee must take prior to being a lifeguard.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Infrastructure Meeting Minutes as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the spending of \$18,837.80 for controls on the water pumps. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler stated the jetter router needed fixed however due to that being very expensive, they are looking for another one.

Newman stated the power gate at the Sewer needed fixed. It is currently with a custom shop to see how much a repair of this will cost.

Geisler discussed the upcoming Sewer Project Loan and how this will be paid. This was calculated and the Village will need to increase the debt service fee from \$15.00 to \$22.50. The Board plans to do this in 2 different stages instead of 1 large increase. This will be determined at a later date.

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 meeting minutes of March 5, 2024 as presented. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Policies and Procedures need to be updated for all of the Village employees and the secure email needs to be finalized as well.

Nexus offered to pay for 2 flock cameras for the Village, the Board just needs to figure out where they want those to go.

Brenner discussed the cameras at the park and body cameras by January 1, 2025.

#### 9.4 Finance (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

Geisler motioned to approve the Finance Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2024, and March 7, 2024, as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the signing of the release of lien the Village had on Karen Gagnon's property. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler motioned to approve the employee pay raises as shown below. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kevin Newman-\$1.00 increase from current pay

Molly Clendenen-From \$17.00 to \$20.00

Jesse Hertel & Roy Hurtado-From \$15.00 to \$15.50

Doug Hertel-From \$17.50 to \$18.50

Dustin Martin-From \$16.50 to \$18.00

##### 9.4.1 Budgets

Zirkle reminded all Committees to work on their budgets so they are approved by the May Meeting.

#### 9.5 Local and Intergovernmental Communications (Cole Rabe, Fred Walraven, Anthony Trumpower)

#### 9.6 Building Standards (Cole Rabe, Fred Walraven, Anthony Trumpower)

Rabe stated that he received information from our Attorney on what the Village can ask a Business to complete on the outside of the building.

#### 9.7 TIF Committee (Fred Walraven, Holly Zirkle, Russ Geisler)

#### 9.8 Litigation Committee (Shane Cultra, Fred Walraven, Angie Martinez)

### 10. Old business

Rabe asked what was decided for the gaming permit for Best's Supermarket. Cultra stated he did issue a permit to them.

### 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 open Executive Session at 8:22 pm. Rabe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Martinez motioned to close Executive Session at 8:34pm. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### 13. Possible action on any executive session item

### 14. Adjournment

Geisler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.