

Village Board Minutes
Village of Onarga, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, April 18, 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, absent; 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; Gilman Star.

3. Review and approval of the Regular Village Board Meeting & Executive Session Meeting Minutes Monday, March 11, 2024.

Zirkle motioned to approve the regular meeting & executive session meeting minutes of March 11, 2024, as presented.

Geisler 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

Geisler motioned to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$67,162.67 as presented. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Zirkle motioned to approve paying Sherwin Williams \$587.40 prior to the next meeting, due to having to pay bill at time of purchase. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Public comment

7. Review of correspondence to the board

Iroquois West Upper Elementary sent a letter asking for a donation for playground equipment.

Onarga American Legion sent a letter asking for sponsors for their Poppy 5k Fundraiser.

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 April 4 as presented. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Morgan stated a taco fundraiser will be held for the Park on September 14th.

Kalen Cote was hired as Pool Manager and will be paid at a rate of \$16.00 per hour as approved by the committee.

Onarga Chamber of Commerce requested a donation to purchase trophies for the 4th of July tractor pull. Russ motioned to approve donating \$700.00 to the Onarga Chamber of Commerce for the 4th of July Tractor Pull trophies. Trumpower seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Soccer League asked if they could have a food truck at the games. The committee decided they could as long as the truck applies for a permit and pays the \$25.00.

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

Geisler motioned to approve the Infrastructure Meeting Minutes of April 4 as presented. Zirkle 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)

The Village Board decided that a background check will be completed for every solicitor's application that is submitted to the Village.

9.4 Finance (Russ Geisler, Holly Zirkle)

Geisler motioned to approve the Finance Meeting Minutes of April 2, as presented. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed raising the debt service fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00 due to the upcoming Sewer upgrade

project. An Ordinance will need to drawn up.

Martinez motioned to approve hiring Russell Leigh to complete the upcoming Village Audit. Trumpower seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Martinez motioned to approve the spending of \$500 as a donation to the Iroquois West Upper Elementary for playground equipment. Geisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Zirkle motioned to approve donating 1 pool pass in each participant's bag for the Onarga American Legion Poppy 5K Fundraiser. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Geisler received the new Garbage Contract. The monthly charge will increase \$200 from last year's pricing, which will now be \$7,560.00 a month. Geisler motioned to approve the new Garbage Contract at a rate of \$7,560.00 a month. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Trumpower motioned to approve the spending of \$2,700.00 to USA Blue Book for a Republic Blower for the Sewer. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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)

Zirkle motioned to approve moving forward requesting the Village Attorney to proceed with appropriate court action for condemnation and demolition of property located at 119 N. Chestnut. 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.

13. Possible action on any executive session item

14. Adjournment

Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.