

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES Tuesday, May 28, 2024

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 28th day of May 2024 started at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall in the Village of Walnut, IL.

President Rosenthal directed the Clerk to call roll and the following Trustees answered present: Bryan Arteberry, Brian Stull, John Middleton, Lee Johnston, Brian Smith and Melissa Dye.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from May 7, 2024. With none made, a motion made by Smith and second by Johnston to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$68,890.09. A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal reported on the MFT Compliance Review. This is a report sent out by the Illinois Department of Transportation. This is a compliance review 63 covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds by the Village for the period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023. This report is required to be presented to the President and board of trustees at the first regular meeting after the receipt of the letter and then it is to be filed as a permanent record in our office.

President Rosenthal also reported on the electric aggregation for the residents and small businesses has been renewed. This will begin with the 2024 billing cycle with MC2 Energy for a 24-month period at the rate of 7.65 cents per kwh. There will be letters sent out to the residents. One letter is just an informational letter. The second letter is an opt in letter if you are not already on the program. The third letter is about net metering, and the fourth letter is about opting out if you wish to. The Village is required to provide electricity for the residents. They do not have to take it, but they will automatically be opted into the program. They can personally opt out and go find their own program if they so choose. Be on the lookout for the scammers that will be calling.

The next thing President Rosenthal reported on is the garbage pick up during the Celebration. President Rosenthal received an email back from James Pozzi with Republic Services. Pozzi was able to get the approvals needed to shift things around to accommodate the Village of Walnut during the July Celebration. Republic Services will be servicing the Village on Friday, July 5, 2024, instead of Saturday.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston stated that McDonald Trucking will be in town paving the patches that need to be fixed. They will be paving the areas that they grinded up. Those areas are Meltzer St., E. Walnut St., Don Marquis Dr. and Whitver St. There is also a patch in front of the school and another by the bank. The chip and seal won't take place until after the Fourth of July. Also, after the Fourth is when they will start tearing up sidewalks.

Water & Sewer – Spt. Minks stated that the big holding pond by the water tower has a broken tile. They have tried jetting it and it's not helping. Spt. Minks got a price today to replace the tile for \$3,086.00.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Smith complimented Spt. Minks, Jimmy and Austin about how good the cemetery looked for the Memorial Day Service.

Local Improvements – Smith received a call from Kevin Lindeman about an opportunity for the rebuild Main Street grant. He stated that he talked about it with the committee and his opinion is that it's something that can't be done right now because the grant needs a 25% cash match. Smith said we don't have that kind of money if we were to get the grant.

Smith stated that he received an email from Com Ed regarding the solar project at the sewer plant. Com Ed has received the transformer that was needed. They said that the Village of Walnut has been scheduled for July 8, 2024.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

With no other business to come before the board, Stull made a motion to adjourn, Dye second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk