

## WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES Tuesday, May 7, 2024

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 April 16, 2024. With none made, a motion made by Johnston and second by Arteberry to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$25,938.01. 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 stated every fiscal year we have to appoint the positions of the Attorney, Clerk and Treasurer.

A motion made by Stull and second by Smith to appoint Ward, Murray, Pace and Johnson, P.C. as the Village Attorney. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

A motion made by Stull and second by Smith to appoint Tiffany Miller as Village Clerk. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve Autumn Wolf as Village Treasurer. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal presented a letter that he received from the Bureau County Planning and Zoning Department. The letter was to inform the Village that Jim Shipp has filed an application for CONDITIONAL USE to install and operate a 280' tall, lighted, self-supporting communication tower, equipment shelter and associated ground equipment inside the fenced area at the base of the tower at the following location: SE SW & NE COR SW SW, 40.89 Acres, Section 10, Walnut Township, Parcel #03-10-300-004. The Common Location: South side of IL Rt. 92 approx. 1250' east of 1500 E. Street. The board said they have no objections to the tower. A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the application for the Bureau County Communication Tower. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Next on the agenda, President Rosenthal would like to reschedule the May 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting. The village board decided that May 22 at 7:00 p.m. would work the best. A motion made by Stull and second by Smith to reschedule the next board meeting to May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Chief Cox informed the board that the transfer case went out on squad 1. The estimated cost to have it fixed is around \$3,000. It's going to take about a week to get the part.

Spt. Minks stated that the fire hydrants are getting painted. We have a few young adults from the Sauk Valley Impact Program who need to get community service hours done.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston stated that McDonald Trucking is in town digging and grinding certain streets. They will come back and pave once the ground has settled. They have done Meltzer St., E. Walnut St., Don Marquis Dr. and Whitver St.

Johnston contacted Matt Hansen about the street lights and he is unsure of the exact delivery date.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – President Rosenthal stated that he has heard back from Jim Pozzi with Republic Services. They are still brainstorming on how they can adjust the garbage schedule for the week of our celebration.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Smith passed out the forms that the office uses for when there is a burial. There was a question on changing the responsibility of payment for interment. There was a request that Walnut changes their protocol for receiving payment from the funeral home collecting it to the Village Office

collecting the money directly from the family. The private cemeteries are the only ones by law that have to collect the interment funds directly from the family. As of right now, the interment expense will still go through the funeral home. Smith also received rates for the interment expenses from other towns and Walnut has very reasonable rates.

Local Improvements – Smith reviewed the committee meeting that he just had. They talked about property maintenance. They discussed nuisances such as tall grass and inoperable vehicles. The Committee discussed disciplinary steps to rectify the situations.

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 7:24 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,  
Village Clerk