

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 16th day of July 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: John Middleton, Lee Johnston, Brian Smith and Melissa Dye. Brian Stull and Bryan Arteberry were running a few minutes late to the meeting.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from July 2, 2024. With no corrections 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 \$19,050.99. A motion was made by Dye and second by Arteberry to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Joe and Carol Dietz were at the meeting for public comment to discuss Industrial Drive. Carol stated the road was ground up last fall with the intention of being paved in the future. She said it does get potholes in the road. This road also services the storage unit too. Anytime Dietz Drainage has called the village for more gravel they've had it done quickly. Carol said it seems like it's every 2-3 weeks that they need gravel. With it being rainy out now and Industrial Drive being on a hill, the gravel washes away right down into the storm drain. Carol's question was how soon the board was planning to get Industrial Drive paved.

Johnston said his concern is the weight of the equipment that will be driven on it. Johnston stated we need to figure out how much base we need to have put down and it will probably be chip and sealed. That should take care of the water problem. Johnston asked Joe how heavy the biggest piece of equipment he has, and Joe said 120,000 pounds. Johnston stated that he just wants to make sure the road will hold up under all that weight. Johnston stated that this year's budget is maxed out with what we are already doing. Johnston is going to get some figures put together. President Rosenthal stated that our fiscal year starts May 1st. So, we can budget for it then.

Joe also talked about the waterline project. He has had a few customers ask him about replacing the galvanized waterline. Joe said he can do it but to be within code he can only go up to 5 feet from the house. A plumber must do the rest. Spt. Minks also stated that the homeowner is responsible from the curb box to the house.

Justin DeWaele was also present to discuss a piece of property that he would like to purchase to put a building on so he can use it for storage. The property is currently zoned for B-2. DeWaele was wondering if it can be rezoned. He filled out a building permit application so the board could see what he is looking to do. President Rosenthal stated it is an in-depth process to change zoning. Our current ordinance states that if it's zoned business there has to be a business on the property. And if we change it to residential then there must be living quarters on the property. President Rosenthal stated that he needs to speak with the attorney about what options we have. President Rosenthal said it's been brought up before about zoning. There are a lot of mis-zoned properties in town. President Rosenthal is worried about opening Pandora's Box. If we were to do all of them, his concern with re-zoning is that it will mess up people's property taxes because they are zoned differently.

Chief stated that Walnut Day's Celebration went smooth this year.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston stated that he received an update on the letting for Phase I and Phase II. They are hoping to advertise for bids at the end of July. The USDA must review the plans and the specs. They will also have to separate the contracts for each grant. We can't do Phase I and Phase II as one.

When Quality Redi Mix poured the patio at The Shed they broke a section of our sidewalk. Johnston is going to try and have them pay for Harry Pollock's work that had to be done to fix our sidewalk.

Water & Sewer – Spt. Minks checked in with Matt Hansen about the Forty Project.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Stull wanted to thank the Princeton Chief, the Explorers and Security guys for all their work during our Walnut Day's Celebration. He also thanked Chief Cox and the Walnut Police Dept.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – A Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th at 6:00 pm.

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 7:31 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk