

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 6th day of August 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 July 16, 2024. With no corrections made, a motion made by Middleton and second by Smith to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$12,285.24. A motion was made by Dye and second by Stull to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal had an update for the Safe Routes to School. On August 1st, Brian Smith and Rosenthal went to an IDOT office in Ottawa and met with the Safe Routes to School group. Also, there were the IDOT representatives and Geoff Smith from Willett Hofmann. They discussed how this grant is going to be constructed and completed. The meeting minutes were passed out to the board members to review. They discussed the limits of the project and it being a larger project. The IDOT representative asked why we chose the portion from Heaton St. to Walnut St. Rosenthal explained the safety concern that they had with the bike path and the sinking of the concrete. The State said maybe the Village could apply for an ITEP grant for the remaining portion of this project. This is a multi-use path and bike trail we could get Federal money and State money and do it all at once. The State representative stated that since you're already receiving the first grant that it would increase the Village's points for an ITEP grant. Kevin Lindeman is going to be assisting with this and it's due by September 30th. Brian Smith stated that the IDOT representative suggested that we put the two projects together. The engineering is already done for the entire thing. Smith's only concern is the financial part of it.

Next, President Rosenthal had an update on the Zoning Ordinance. He has emailed and spoke with Rob LeSage pertaining to our solar project at the wastewater treatment plant. We will be moving forward with an amendment to our ordinance regarding the Village project.

Treasurer Wolf received copies of the audit for the board members.

Clerk Miller informed the board that the water bill program has been bought out by a company called gWorks. If we decide to go with them, we must sign on with them by this October. Clerk Miller stated that she shopped around and called several other towns to see what program they use. She also called TJ, who is our salesman for our water meters, to see if he knew of any other programs to use. We currently pay \$1,022 yearly for our program. The new gWorks is going to cost \$4,260 yearly and the program that TJ suggested was going to cost \$7,200. The consensus is gWorks. Middleton asked if the board could see the agreement before signing on with gWorks.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston talked to Matt Hansen about Phase 1 and 2 for the letting. The letting should happen within the next 2 weeks. Spt. Minks reached out to Porter Brothers trying to get on their schedule for chip and seal.

Water & Sewer – Stull stated that Willett Hofmann is looking into the Forty Project. Spt. Minks is looking at a project at McDonald and W Walnut St.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Smith stated that there are trees coming to the cemetery and will be planted by the end of August.

Local Improvements – Smith stated he spoke with Dan Maloney about the solar project at the wastewater plant. ComEd had to install an extra pole and a transformer. It'll be at least October before they get started on the project.

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 7:25 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk