

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, October 1, 2024

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 1st day of October 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 September 17, 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 \$9,355.68. A motion was made by Stull and second by Arteberry to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal discussed the Halloween Trick or Treat hours for the Village. Last year the hours were from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. President Rosenthal stated that last year he received some feed back from the community and they were saying 4:00 is too early because some parents aren't home from work yet. President Rosenthal thinks 5:00pm to 8:00pm would be a better time. We can leave it up to the parent's discretion if they want to stop before 8:00pm. A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the Trick or Treat hours from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Halloween. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Next President Rosenthal discussed the Ordinance amending the Village of Walnut Zoning Ordinance (Solar Energy Systems). The Planning Commission had a meeting about this on September 24th. President Rosenthal was present at that meeting to help answer any question the Committee had. The Planning Commission passed the Petition for Text Amendment and referred it back to the board to approve. A motion made by Arteberry and second by Middleton to approve the Ordinance amending the Village of Walnut Zoning Ordinance (Solar Energy Systems). On roll call vote, all present voted in favor the motion carried.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Nothing at this time.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Smith wanted to tell Jimmy and Chad they have done a great job with our cemetery.

Local Improvements – Smith is looking into another grant. Smith stated that the solar project at the sewer plant is coming along good.

Johnston stated that the Committee met with Mat Hansen and three different contractors that had sealed bids for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of our Sidewalk and Streetlight Project. The bids that we received were very high. They were high enough that they rejected all the bids that evening. Since then, Johnston has talked with Matt about adjusting Phase 1 and re-bidding both projects. They think if they re-bid it for the Springtime that there would be more contractors interested. Part of Phase 1, two streetlights were removed and repositioned and part of some sidewalk by Liberty Street was removed and there was a water main and piping that Spt. Minks and Austin can do themselves. Phase 1 must be completed by August 12th so Matt will have it in the paperwork that the project has to be completed by June 30th.

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 7:22 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk