

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES Tuesday April 5, 2022

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 5th day of April 2022 started at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall in the Village of Walnut, IL.

President Rosenthal then directed the Clerk to call roll and the following Trustees answered present: Duane Christensen, 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 March 15, 2022. With none made, a motion made by Middleton 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 \$17,216.68 A motion made by Smith and second by Stull to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

At this time President Rosenthal let Kris Pilling who is a representative for Sauk Valley Impact Program present her information. She is the Executive Director at Sauk Valley Community College. The program offers tuition to eligible students, who graduate within the Sauk District, the opportunity to earn tuition and fees for up to three years at SVCC, or until they earn their certificate or degree-whichever come's first.

Students can qualify by registering for the program by September 1 of their freshman year. They need to participate in 100 hours of community service before high school graduation. They must graduate from high school or home school within the SVCC district. They need to apply for at least one other local/state/national scholarship and complete the FAFSA.

The expenses covered are tuition and all fees.

To remain in the program the student must maintain a 2.0 GPA per semester. They must be enrolled in a certificate, degree or transfer program and complete 25 hours of community service per year.

Students can sign up starting April 29, 2022.

Next on the agenda is to discuss the Water and Sewer rates. The Water and Sewer Committee had met previously to discuss increasing the water and sewer rates. Matt Hansen had met with them to discuss the options of increases. The Committee presented to the board a 25% increase for both water and sewer. The current cost for minimum usage is \$15.25 for water and \$26.55 for sewer. Stull said at their Committee meeting they agreed that raising it 25% would be good. A motion made by Stull and second by Smith to increase the water and sewer rates by 25% starting for May 2022 usage and they are to be looked at every year. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Chief emailed out his report to all the board members

Finance Committee – Middleton stated they made good progress on the appropriations. The finance set up another meeting on April 12th at 6:00pm and a tentative meeting on April 14th at 6:00pm with closed session to discuss salaries.

Streets & Alleys – Due to using MFT money on the cul-de-sacs, Spt. Minks met with Willett Hofmann to get them engineered. Both Johnston and Spt. Minks spoke with McDonald Trucking about the process and to get pricing. The project will have to go out for bid because we are using MFT money.

Water & Sewer – Spt. Minks had the sewer application updated.

Garbage – Christensen stated that there are a lot of complaints about the garbage not getting picked up like it should. He said Depot Street keeps getting missed.

Law and Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Smith reported that Spt. Minks is working on another notice for property clean up. Smith also had good contact with Mr. Wright again.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

At 7:50 p.m. a motion made by Stull and second by Johnston to go into closed session for 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

At 8:04 p.m. a motion made by Stull and second by Johnston to go back into open session. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

A motion made by Stull and second by Dye to approve the compensation packages for the seasonal employees. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

With no other business to come before the board, Stull made a motion to adjourn, Christensen second the motion and on roll call vote, all voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Tiffany Pistole
Village Clerk