

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday July 19, 2022

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 19th day of July 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 July 5, 2022. With none made, a motion made by Christensen 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 \$8,359.96. Smith asked if the labor and repairs to the well was a new motor. Spt. Minks stated no, this cost was just for them to pull it and reinstall it. A motion made by Middleton and second by Johnston to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal asked if any of the visitors would like to speak. Joseph Adams was present and stated that he grew up here and went to high school here. He is now a lawyer in New York for over 30 years. He said he was back visiting home for a little time and thought he would sit in on our meeting. He said these type of things are relatively boring but interesting at the same time.

Kendall Guither was also present. He wanted to thank the board for supporting the celebration. The Village donation was very nice and really helped. The board thanked Guither for all his hard work and all the years he has put into the celebration. It wasn't quite the show Guither was hoping for but the cost of shipping the equipment has gotten high. In the years past the shipping container was around \$15,000 and this year was \$50,000.

President Rosenthal wanted to remind everyone about our next board meeting being moved to August 1st at 7:00 to accommodate our families to go watch the circus.

Also President Rosenthal wanted to give an update on 128 S. Main St. The demolition lien was recorded immediately after the building was demoed. Treasurer Wolf sent a copy of the documents to Matthew Cole, our legal counsel. He is going to begin the petition through the legal system to gain the title to that property. He said there will be some legal and court fees. Cole predicts it to be around \$2,500 for all the filing and there has to be at least two hearings. In regards to the issue with the weeds on that property, we have send a certified letter and post a sign on the property for five days regarding the weeds. We have to try and let the owner know about the weeds. Middleton asked if Harry Guither about putting another load of gravel on the property. Spt. Minks said he hasn't spoken to Harry about that.

Chief spoke with President Rosenthal and said it has been uneventful so he didn't email a report out to anyone.

Finance Committee – They just sat in on a Streets & Alley Committee meeting. More will be discussed under Streets & Alleys.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston reviewed the committee meeting that they just had. Johnston and Spt. Minks sat in on the letting that was done on July 15th with Willett Hofmann. Two asphalt companies put a bid in for our cul-de-sac jobs. The jobs were combined into one project. The first bid was \$150,002.30 and the other was \$156,000. Percentage wise with the product and the economy, from the original bid from McDonald Trucking of 130,000 we are up roughly 15%. Johnston is going to go back to Willett Hofmann and discuss having the two cul-de-sacs projects broken into two separate jobs. There a few areas that need a little work like Rodney to divert rain water and at the Christian Church with a sidewalk issue. Harry Pollock gave Spt. Minks a bid for \$4,400. Spt. Minks stated the Christian Church sidewalk will have to be taken up so he can figure out why it has a void under it.

Water & Sewer – Spt. Minks had to order a chlorine pump for \$3,500 and the old pump will be repaired so we can have a spare. A valve for the waste water plant had to be ordered and the cost of that is \$2,700.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law and Order -Nothing at this time. Smith did hear back from Chief about the semis jake bracking.

Cemetery – Christensen said the cemetery looked great.

Local Improvements – Smith stated the Metropolitan Mayor Caucus Grant that we applied for, we are not eligible for it. NCICG has an economic development summit on September 15th that Smith signed up for. There is still no info on the Main Street Grant.

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 voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Tiffany Pistole
Village Clerk