

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday September 20, 2022

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 20th day of September 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 September 6, 2022. With none made, a motion made by Christensen 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 \$9,755.15. A motion made by Middleton and second by Dye to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal reviewed the new electric energy bid comparison. He spoke with Mike Mudge and the prices have been going up and down. The board decided to table this for the next meeting.

Next on the agenda is discussion of Trick-or-Treat hours. Last year it was on Halloween from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. The board members stated that same time frame would be good to go with because it's a school night. A motion made by Smith and second by Johnston to have Trick-or-Treat hours from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Halloween night. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal discussed a letter that he received from the County Zoning Board regarding the Nexamp Solar farm. The Notice to Adjoining Property Owners allows the Village to approve or object to the project. A motion made by Middleton and second by Dye to approve and sign the application. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Next was to discuss Gasoline Alley. Ron Pierson came to the meeting to express his thoughts and concerns to the board. President Rosenthal presented a map of Gasoline Alley and the properties around it. The reason the County has this property is because back in the '40s it was their access to the gravel pit for the highway department. When they stopped using it to access the gravel pit it became an access point for the business around it. The County no longer wants it and would like to deed it back to us. This property has a parcel number so it is not considered a public road. Ron Pierson thanked everyone for taking the time to hear his concerns. Ron stated that it might be just a piece of property to some but for some that is how they can access their fields. President Rosenthal spoke with our attorney. The attorney gave President Rosenthal a couple of options to move forward with. Spt. Minks would like to have the County survey the property so it is clear to everyone where the property lines are.

Chief emailed out his report to everyone. He also informed the board that with his contacts from up north he was able to get into contact with Buffalo Grove Police Department. They donated 14 of their Tasers. Chief Cox explained to them that there are smaller surrounding communities that don't have the money for Tasers. Chief Cox was in contact with surrounding communities to let them know there has been a donation of Tasers. The local police departments will have to sign a waiver for the Tasers to be used for law enforcement only. Chief Cox got a hold of Wyant, Ladd and LaMoille and they are all on board to accept the donations.

Finance Committee – nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Patch work will be done on Rodney and on Red Oak soon. Porter Brothers will be coming in October.

Water & Sewer – nothing at this time.

Garbage – Nothing this time.

Law and Order - Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Smith stated that he and Johnston attended the NCICG Annual Economical Development in Ottawa. Fall Fest is coming up on Saturday, October 1st.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

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 7:44 p.m.

Tiffany Pistole
Village Clerk