

## WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES Tuesday September 6, 2022

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 August 16, 2022. With none made, a motion made by Johnston and second by Christensen to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$11,538.59. A motion made by Smith 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 spoke about the residential sidewalk repairs with legal counsel. Attorney Rob LeSage's suggests that we suspend the program temporarily. Residents can still do sidewalk repairs but the Village will not be contributing anything towards the bill. We will get a policy put together for future projects.

Next on the agenda is the electric energy bid comparison. There was a new price sheet handed out. We will need to have a decision by December 2022. President Rosenthal compared the bid sheet from our last meeting to this new one and there is not much of a difference at all. Smith said we should hold off for a little longer. Middleton would like to have it put back onto the agenda.

President Rosenthal introduced Matt Walsh from Nexamp. He discussed the solar project that is going in right outside of town. Matt Walsh talked about the possible opportunities for the Village to participate in and potentially reducing the energy cost for the Village. The layout plan was passed out for everyone to review.

President Rosenthal gave an update on 128 S. Main Street. He spoke with Matt Cole the petition to foreclose on the demolition lien is being finalized. The foreclosure process will most likely take 90 to 120 days before the Village can take title and Matt will have to go before a judge.

We have been chosen for a USDA Rural Development Grant for replacement of sidewalks and street lights for our Main Street. This grant is not to exceed \$107,670.00. There is a matching funds from the Village for \$37,830. This is basically a 70/30 grant. President Rosenthal will be meeting with Matt Hansen next Monday afternoon to discuss the packet. The project time frame for completion is one year from the date of the letter, August 12, 2023.

Chief emailed out his report to everyone.

Spt. Minks discussed the trees at the cemetery. Last year they took out two trees from the Lamb Addition. He would like to purchase some trees for out there. Middleton stated that they budgeted \$1,000 for new trees. A motion made by Stull and second by Johnston to purchase up to \$1,000 for 2-3 trees for the cemetery in the Lamb Addition. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Clerk Pistole informed the board members that she received a call from Kris at the court house regarding Gasoline Alley. They wanted to know how the board feels if they were to deed it back to us for no cost. Gasoline Alley is by the old FS building. The board members would like to see if county has more information.

Finance Committee – nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston received a call from Mike at Willett Hoffman and said Porter Brothers have us on their schedule for 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 – Nothing at this time.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

At 8:02pm a motion made by Stull and second by Smith to go into closed session for 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of

specific employees of the public body of legal counsel for the public body. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

At 8:06pm a motion made by Middleton and second by Stull to go back into open session. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

A motion made by Middleton and second by Johnston to hire Pete Kerr to read meters at the wage that Pete requested. 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