

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday October 4, 2022

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 4th day of October 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 20, 2022. With none made, a motion made by Smith 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 \$14,190.47. A motion made by Stull and second by Christensen to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal was going to review the electric bid sheet but did not have the updated prices.

Next on the agenda is the deed for Gasoline Alley. Present at the meeting was Marcus Fisch, Patrick Fisch and Ron Pierson. President Rosenthal stated that the County is waiting on us to make a decision. This is a piece of property with a parcel number and not a legal street/alley. The County had used it for access to the gravel pit. The discussion at the last meeting was this property has many adjacent property owners and this is used as an access point for everyone. There are six separate properties that use it. President Rosenthal spoke with Mike Maynard who is acting on behalf of the Nelson Trust. Mike stated that he would agree to any access as well. President Rosenthal's personal opinion is that the Village should take ownership and grant each adjacent property owner an easement and keep the property as status quo. Patrick was going to put drainage in and was wondering if that will be at his expense or the Village's. President Rosenthal said we cannot control the flow of water. Patrick said, "It's a road so it's got to drain." President Rosenthal reinstated that it is not a road it is a piece of property with a parcel number. Patrick said, "I'm fine with whatever is easier." Patrick was planning on draining it with a tile. Marcus stated that he wants whatever is the easiest and with the least amount of tension. There was a gate put up years ago in the back. Marcus stated that he has no intentions of locking Ron out he has a key to the gate. If the gate is open there are a lot of people that dump their garbage and then Patrick has to clean it up. Ron stated that he doesn't want Fisch's to have garbage dumped in the back of their property. Marcus and Ron both stated that whatever is easiest for the Village.

A motion made by Johnston and second by Smith to approve of taking ownership of Gasoline Alley. On roll call vote, Christensen and Dye voted in favor. Stull and Middleton voted no. With the majority approving the motion carried.

Chief stated that Fall Fest went well with no issues.

Finance Committee – nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston stated that we are still waiting on Harry to get Rodney Ave. done. Spt. Minks stated that Harry has started the forming. Spt. Minks spoke with Matt Porter and he was going to come down and get started in October. The contract says he has to have it done by November 1st.

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 spoke with Kevin Yeppson about power usage and solar projects.

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 7:31 p.m.

Tiffany Miller
Village Clerk