

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday November 15, 2022

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

President Rosenthal directed the Clerk to call roll and the following Trustees answered present: Duane Christensen, Brian Stull, Lee Johnston, Brian Smith and Melissa Dye. John Middleton was absent.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from November 1, 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 \$19,298.55. A motion made by Stull 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 stated that need to make a decision on an energy contract. Mike Mudge was present to review the rates. The new contract will includes the sewer plant, water plant and the street lights. Mudge reviewed the Midwest Market Trend which shows the estimated costs from 2022 – 2026. The Village's current rate is 4.762 cents with Dynegy for a three year contract. Mudge stated that all power output is all calculated to the hour over the next five years. Smith asked if other towns are considering solar panels or wind turbines to help with the needs of the energy. Mudge explained if residents wanted to use solar panels they could get a tax credits and other grants from the state. The Village would not be able to receive tax credits or have earned income from the Government. Johnston inquired about moving some of the power load to a solar farm after we have already signed a contract and wanted to know if the Village would be penalized for doing so. Mudge stated that there could be a possibility of being penalized. A motion made by Stull and second by Smith to approve a three year contract with Dynegy. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Spt. Minks stated that he spoke with Ferguson about the water meters. They said if we order them now we don't have to pay for them until our next fiscal year. Ferguson also wanted to inform us that if we are going to order more, the meters won't be in until next August.

Treasurer Wolf reviewed the Tax Levy. A motion made by Christensen and second by Johnston to approve the Tax Levy presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Finance Committee – nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston wants to get with Spt. Minks to discuss chip and seal for next fiscal year. Smith asked with Johnston was happy with the cul-de-sacs. Johnston stated he was happy with the thickness but the finish could've been better.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – Nothing this time.

Law and Order - Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Johnston stated that there is going to be some movement on Main Street with the Peerless building after Thanksgiving.

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 7:40 p.m.

Tiffany Miller
Village Clerk