

## WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday February 21, 2023

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2023 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, John Middleton, Lee Johnston and Melissa Dye. Brian Smith was attending via phone call.

President Rosenthal read Governor Pritzker's Disaster Proclamation in regards to remote attendance. A remote attendance by an individual member will still be allowed if there is a quorum physically present. Also if the member cannot attend due to personal illness, disability, work, public body business, or other emergency. President Rosenthal stated that Smith is in Springfield representing the Village Board.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from February 7, 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 \$16,872.97. 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.

Next were Reports and Communications. President Rosenthal has 2023 grant for Main St. sidewalks. Matt Hansen and Middleton have been working on this and are presenting Phase 2. This has not as many light poles but more sidewalks. This needs to be submitted by February 28<sup>th</sup> and was told it could be submitted via email. Spt. Minks wanted to remind everyone about the water services that will need to be replaced that runs across Main St. They will need to be replaced before phase 2. A motion made by Middleton and second by Johnston to approve the Grant that is applying for \$107,300, the Village cost would be \$37,700 for the total project costing \$145,000. On roll call, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Spt. Minks discussed the sidewalks. He had a property owner approach him about replacing their sidewalk. It was never determined who pays for what. With the season coming we really need to decide on what to do. President spoke with Rob LeSage and he said if the Village assists on any part of that project it will have to be prevailing wage. The City of Dixon sets aside a certain amount for sidewalk repairs and has their street department do the repairs. The property owners would have to apply for it like a grant to get the help.

Finance Committee – Chairman Middleton stated that Spt. Minks gave him a few things to add to the budget. Middleton asked that the Committees be getting together so Finance can get started. A Finance Committee meeting was set for Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Streets & Alleys – Discussing with Water & Sewer.

Water & Sewer – Hansen handed out a packet of grants and loans that the Village could apply for. He explained what each one was and what it would cover. Hansen also said the Village could apply for an Access Route Program, which would be used for truck routes. This would allow the roads to be 80,000 pound truck loads.

Garbage – Nothing this time.

Law and Order - Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Chairman Smith updated the board about the meeting he had with CEDG Solar regarding the solar project at the sewer plant. Smith stated that the attorney reviewed the contract and did not see any red flags. Smith also confirmed that the Village will not have any out of pocket costs. A motion made by Smith and second by Middleton to approve the CEDG Solar Project contract contingent on the Dynegy contract. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

At 8:15 p.m. a motion made by Christensen and second by Middleton to go into closed session for pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(4) action against, or on behalf of the particular body that has been filed and is pending in court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

At 8:26 a motion made by Johnston and second by Christensen to go into open session. 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, Dye second the motion and on roll call vote, all voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Tiffany Miller  
Village Clerk