

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday April 18, 2023

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 18th day of April 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 and Lee Johnston. Brian Smith and Melissa Dye were absent.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from April 4, 2023. 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 \$14,374.73. 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 presented a plaque to Christensen for his 16 years of service on the board.

Next on the agenda was Jackie Trujilo from the Library. She came to speak about the Village's history. All of Walnut's history from the 1800's to current time is stored on micro film. The machines for the micro film are no longer made. The micro films are starting to get a vinegar syndrome which causes them to break and deteriorate. The library will need to digitize Walnut's history. The micro films will be sent out and be put onto an external hard drive. A searchable pdf will also be sent to the library so anyone can go to any computer and search the history. It is very costly so a community fund raiser would probably be the best way to raise the money for this project. There are 67 reels of micro film and it'll cost approximately \$12,060. Jackie has been trying to look for grants but unfortunately she hasn't found any. The cost per image is \$0.18.

President Rosenthal spoke with the attorney about a food truck ordinance. Unfortunately Rob was busy with a Supreme Court case and was unable to start on one.

Spt. Minks said he would like to rent a vac truck for a month to clean storm drains out. The cost to rent one is \$5,400 for a month and if it needs to be delivered the company charges \$3 per mile both ways. If Spt. Minks can get it out of East Moline then he will just go get it and save the transportation charges. He said there is some street flooding around town.

A local contractor talked to Spt. Minks about a driveway approach on Heaton St. The homeowner wanted to know what the Village will take care of for the approach. Spt. Minks stated that he thinks they just want some gravel.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Nothing at this time.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law and Order - Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Middleton reviewed a letter that Smith started. He reviewed the FY 24 budget approval, Street repairs in “the 40”, additional street repairs, water treatment plant solar project, Main St. sidewalk/street light replacement, grant submissions and a friendly reminder about keeping properties cleaned up. Middleton reviewed the burn ordinance and the golf cart rules. Spt. Minks also wanted to remind everyone not to blow grass clippings into the street.

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 7:40 p.m.

Tiffany Miller
Village Clerk