

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday June 20, 2023

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 20th day of June 2023 started at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall in the Village of Walnut, IL.

President Rosenthal swore in Melissa Dye as an appointed Trustee.

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

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from June 6, 2023. With none made, a motion made by Johnston and second by Middleton to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$84,864.95. A motion made by Smith and second by Arteberry to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

At this time Carisa Davidson was on the agenda to speak about the food trucks. Davidson stated that her issue is that the food truck doesn't give the town any revenue. President Rosenthal stated that we do not have an ordinance for food trucks yet. The board agrees to allow the food trucks to come in on special events. He considers the Wednesday night Farmers Market a special event. President Rosenthal received from the Health Dept. an expanded application to have a food truck in Bureau County.

President Rosenthal reminded everyone that the regular board meeting for July 4th is pushed back to Wednesday, July 5th at 7:00pm.

Chief wanted to let everyone know about a change in parking during the fireworks has changed. There will be no parking allowed on the West side of Main Street from Heaton to S. Second St. There was an incident last year with cars parked on both sides of the streets with heavy traffic driving through while the ambulance was trying to get through to an emergency call. Chief Cox also mentioned that there are no fireworks allowed especially with it being so dry.

Spt. Minks discussed sidewalks. He was asked by two people if we still help with sidewalk repairs. President Rosenthal spoke with the attorney and we cannot continue doing the 50/50 like we have in the past unless the entire job is paid by prevailing wage. Even if it was done with grant money, it still has to be paid by prevailing wage.

Next thing on the agenda is hydrant flow testing. Spt. Minks spoke with a few of the Fire Dept. board members about their ISO rating and they are so close to moving to the next level. They need fire hydrant flow testing done which is very simple to do. Spt. Minks told them that if the Fire Dept. can get the tool, he will test at the least five hydrants a year. The ISO rating comes around once every five years. Once this is done the Fire Dept. can achieve their next level and it is supposed to lower homeowners insurance by 15-20%. Spt. Minks said kudos to the Fire Dept. for working hard to achieve their next goal.

Spt. Minks discussed the tornado siren. He stated that he verified the cost of repairs for \$12,250.00 parts only, \$110.00 per hour for labor cost, travel time will be billed and overtime after 8 hours. President Rosenthal spoke with the attorney. LeSage said his initial thought was it had to be an all or nothing thing. We either have to test it or decommission it. LeSage is looking into if we can test the siren without the testing voice.

Spt. Minks wanted to give a huge thank you to Sunset Ridge and Bob Pistole for letting us use their water truck. It worked really well on Depot St. and Stephens Ave.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Progress is being made. All of the black top has been done and we are now waiting on Pavement Maintenance.

Water & Sewer – Middleton handed out and reviewed a Summary of Expense spreadsheet to review for the water and sewer rate increases. He also reviewed the competitive rates from other surrounding towns. Last year we did an increase of 25%. A motion made by Smith and second by Dye to increase the water and sewer rates by 20%. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Garbage – Nothing at 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.

With no other business to come before the board, Arteberry made a motion to adjourn, Johnston second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Tiffany Miller, Village Clerk