

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday July 5, 2023

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 5th day of July 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: Bryan Arteberry, Brian Stull, John Middleton, Lee Johnston and Brian Smith. Melissa Dye was absent.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from June 20, 2023. With none made, a motion made by Middleton 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 \$101,794.82. A motion made by Stull and second by Middleton to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Paul from Habitat for Humanity was here to inform the public of what they do. Currently they are building a house in Princeton for a family. People have to apply and submit 18 documents in order to be considered for a new home.

President Rosenthal stated Mike Mudge, from Rock River Energy, emailed him a new comparison sheet for the street lights. A motion made by Smith and second by Arteberry to approve a contract with Constellation for 24 months. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Next on the agenda, President Rosenthal discussed the amendment for the water rate ordinance. The presented ordinance is to increase the rates. A motion made by Middleton and second by Johnston to approve the amended water rate ordinance with the new rates. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal discussed the amendment for the wastewater rate ordinance. The ordinance presented is to increase the wastewater rates. A motion made by Arteberry and second by Johnston to approve the amended wastewater ordinance with the new rates. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Spt. Minks discussed the tornado siren. He verified that we have to test the siren if we are still going to use it. He stated that we need to get the word out to the public about testing it. Spt. Minks is going to continue testing the siren starting in August, on the first Tuesday of every month, at 10:00 am without the voice. Again, there will be no voice.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Johnston wanted to thank Spt. Minks and Austin for all their hard work on the getting the roads done before the Celebration.

Water & Sewer – Middleton handed out a pamphlet for the board to review regarding any questions or concerns with the new water and sewer rates. If a resident comes in with any questions about the new rates we can give them the pamphlet. Middleton is going to make a few changes to it and bring it back to the board.

Smith called around to surrounding towns to get a comparison of what their utility bills are.

Spt. Minks set a Committee meeting for July 18th at 6:00 pm.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law and Order – Stull thanked Chief and his staff for all their hard work during the Celebration.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Smith was in contact with Dan Maloney regarding the solar project. There has been a little change for upgrading the interconnection application. Johnston explained that it's a larger conductor on the primer. Maloney sent Smith a new agreement for the upgrade. Maloney reassured Smith that there will be no expense to the Village for the upgrade. Smith would like LeSage to review the agreement to be on the safe side.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

With no other business to come before the board, Stull made a motion to adjourn, Johnston second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Tiffany Miller, Village Clerk