

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, November 21, 2023

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 21st day of November 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, Lee Johnston and Brian Smith. Melissa Dye and John Middleton were absent.

President Rosenthal asked if there were any additions or corrections to make to the regular meeting minutes from November 7, 2023. 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 \$18,366.60. A motion made by Stull and second by Arteberry to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President reported that the Masonic Lodge has invited everyone to a chili cook off on December 15th at 7:00 pm. They are starting off small and having the Police vs. Fire.

President Rosenthal discussed the Holiday closing hours for the taverns. The Ordinance states that the taverns must be closed by 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve. However, on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 the board discussed the closing hours and at that time they voted to allow the taverns to set their own hours. Most of the taverns stuck with the ordinance and closed by 6pm on Christmas Eve. The ordinance was not updated at that time. So the question is do we want to stick with the current ordinance or do we want to allow them to set their own hours. Arteberry and Stull said it should be up to the taverns to set their own hours. A motion made by Stull and second by Arteberry to let the taverns set their own Christmas Eve hours. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

It has been brought to the attention of President Rosenthal and Chief about golf cart safety. President Rosenthal discussed seat belts for the rear facing passengers. Chief and President Rosenthal have had discussions about what you would define as a seat belt. President Rosenthal has not talked to the attorney yet to see what our liability would be. Smith likes the idea of having the golf carts he just doesn't want to see a child fall off and get hurt. Smith was going to check with some golf cart dealerships to see what the cost of a seat belt kit would be. Chief said he sees it both ways. He is also concerned with the liability.

Treasurer Wolf handed out the Tax Levy and reviewed it with the board. A motion made by Smith and second by Johnston to approve the Tax Levy. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – Spt. Minks spoke with Willett Hofmann about the sidewalk by The Shed. President Rosenthal asked if the parking will change on Heaton St. and Spt. Minks stated it should not change.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Smith touched base with Dan Malony regarding the solar project. Smith said Main Street looks really nice with all the Holiday décor. Smith stated that the Sale Barn was busy today and that brings a lot of business to town. The Chamber has their Christmas open house this weekend which will bring a lot of people to town too. Spt. Minks thinks it would be in our best interest to have the sewer plant surveyed for the solar project.

Old Business – Nothing at this time.

With no other business to come before the board, Stull made a motion to adjourn, Arteberry second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk