

WALNUT VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, December 19, 2023

The meeting with the President and Board of Trustees held on the 19th day of December 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, 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 December 5, 2023. With none made, a motion made by Johnston and second by Smith to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Wolf presented the bills for \$15,583.27. A motion made by Dye and second by Johnston to approve the bills as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

President Rosenthal discussed the PLAWA Act. PLAWA stands for Paid Leave for All Workers Act. This is a legislative action sent to use from Springfield and will require employers including Municipalities to provide 40 hours of paid leave to all employees on an annual basis. It is for full time and part time employees. This PLAWA Act needs to be passed by January 1st. So if a part time employee does accrue enough time and is sick they can now take paid time off in increments of two hours. For every 40 hours worked the employee will accrue one hour of PTO. A motion made by Middleton and second by Johnston to approve the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the Village of Walnut. On roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Next on the agenda is the discussion of golf cart safety. Smith handed out Annawan and Prophetstown's golf cart ordinances. Prophetstown's ordinance is very detailed. This discussion is for the safety of the passengers. Smith stated we should at least explore some type of rule for safety belts. Smith contacted five different towns that are around the same size as Walnut. He contacted Milledgeville, Erie, Tampico, Annawan and Prophetstown. Milledgeville does not allow any ATV and golf carts on their Village streets. Smith spoke with Erie but never received any information back from her. Tampico allows recreational vehicles on all the streets except for the highway. Smith stated that they are required to have seatbelts on their vehicles. Annawan did not require seatbelts. Smith spoke with a company in Fulton about the cost of seatbelt kits. The kits come in groups of four not installed is \$225.00. The install fee is \$50.00. President Rosenthal stated that he spoke with the Attorney regarding seatbelts and inspections. President Rosenthal said the Attorney stated that it has become an individual type case. In the Illinois vehicle code seatbelts are not mentioned. The Attorney said by requiring, inspecting and permitting these seatbelts that it could open a door to liability against us if something were to happen.

Chief Cox wanted to thank the Masonic Lodge for hosting the Chili Cook Off. It was Police vs. Fire Dept. and the Police won. There were around 22 people that came out for it.

Finance Committee – Nothing at this time.

Streets & Alleys – We are still on the list to have the North end of Rodney Ave. to get repaired.

Water & Sewer – Nothing at this time.

Garbage – Nothing at this time.

Law & Order – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery – Nothing at this time.

Local Improvements – Nothing at this time.

Old Business – Middleton thanked Spt. Minks and Austin for sweeping the streets. President Rosenthal also wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

With no other business to come before the board, Middleton made a motion to adjourn, Dye second the motion and on roll call vote, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Tiffany Miller,
Village Clerk